

10/01/08 Town Board Minutes

A regular meeting of the Elma Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at 8:00 PM, Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, New York, with the following members present:

Supervisor Michael Nolan
Councilwoman Susan Glownia
Councilman David Polak
Councilman Dennis Powers
Councilman Dean Puleo

Also: Town Attorney Phyllis Todoro
Building Inspector Joseph Colern
Highway Superintendent Wayne Clark
Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson
Town Engineer James Wyzykiewicz

Approximately 14 people attended the meeting.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2008 meeting.
Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Department Reports

Town Engineer James Wyzykiewicz has obtained quotes for two of the drainage district problems, new Elma Meadows and Sigman Lane. Mr. Wyzykiewicz is still working on the old Elma Meadows quote.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to add the two drainage districts to the Agenda.
Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to

approve the repair of new Elma Meadows drainage district to Pat Roberts at the cost of \$9900. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to approve the repair of Sigman Lane drainage district to Aurora Plumbing at the cost of \$1500. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson noted that the new motor is in service at the Transit Road shop and the roof at Jamison Road pump station has been removed and replaced in house.

Highway Superintendent Wayne Clark noted rubbish pickup starts on Monday the 6th and brush on the 20th.

Town Attorney Phyllis Todoro thanked all who worked on the commercial zoning codes.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve a negative declaration on a short form SEQR for Subway at 2324 Bowen Road. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve a Business Use Permit for Subway at 2324 Bowen Road. Building Inspector notes a fire inspection within 30 days of occupancy and a sign permit required for advertising. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to approve a negative declaration on a short form SEQR for the Gawron Agency at 2151 Transit Road #B. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve a Business Use Permit for the Gawron Agency at 2151 Transit Road Suite B for an insurance agency. Building Inspector notes a fire inspection within 30 days of occupancy and a sign permit required for advertising. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve the negative declaration for revisions to the commercial zoning code. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve Local Law #5-2008 amending zoning codes for the Town of Elma with the addition to §144 Prohibited Uses A. Principal to add: 5. Any outside storage of construction vehicles, building equipment or building contractor supplies. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilwoman Glownia made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to approve the new Zoning Map. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan presented the 2009 Tentative Budget. To the Town Board, Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Elma: The Town of Elma, New York's proposed budget for the year 2009 is hereby submitted. As required by Town Law, this version of the budget has been prepared by me as Town Supervisor and is known as the "Tentative Budget" for 2009. It is respectfully submitted to the Town Board, citizens and Town taxpayers for review, consideration, resident input and potential adjustment prior to adoption by the Town Board. The annual budget process is an important undertaking. We, as management of the Town, must take many factors into effect, including: The services which are vital for the health and safety of our residents. Service that provide quality of life to our residents. The cost of these services and the ability of taxpayers to pay for these services. I am happy to present a budget that provides services for health, safety and quality of life, while also controlling costs. As with each year, the Town faces many challenges, we have always acted responsibly and looked for the long-term benefit of our community. We consider the 2009 budget not to be a one year spending plan, but as the beginning of a long-term blue print for the Town's future. Some highlights include: The Town will greet 2009 with no bond or bond anticipation note debt to burden future taxpayers. In 2009, the Town will continue to focus attention on our infrastructure and will dedicate additional funding to road projects. In 2009, we will see significant improvements at Creek Road Park. Additionally, the Town has allocated funding in the 2009 budget for this great project. This combination of using grant funds and funding of the Town's share of cost on a current basis will result in a vastly improved park with no future debt. The Town in 2008 has added additional services to the residents by providing space for a Department of Motor Vehicles Satellite Office with operating hours of every Tuesday from 10am until 3pm. The Town will continue to work collaboratively with other Governmental Agencies to create ideas of enhanced services at lower costs. The Town will continue to House both the Erie County Sheriff's and the New York State Police in the Elma Town Hall. In 2008 the Town added a new Emergency Notification

system to better communicate with residents. A complete detail budget and summary of estimated tax rates can be found in the Tentative Budget located in the Town Clerks office or on our web site www.elmanewyork.com There is once again no real property tax within the General Fund, which is an accomplishment that we ask you compare to our neighboring towns. In addition, taxes in the Highway, Lighting and Water Funds are decreasing during 2009. These decreases are the result of: Maximizing and protecting our revenue sources. We continue to seek grants, have fought to maintain our share of traffic fines, and have secured an additional allocation of sales tax. Revenues from plowing County roads within the Town have increased and we continue to monitor other revenue sources. Continual monitoring of our financial controls, policies and procedures. We have and will continue to act with the best interest of our taxpayers in mind. Continuing a salary cap of no more than a fifty cent an hour raise. A three percent wage increase is included for all town employees with cap guidelines instituted. In summary, I believe this budget proposal provides for continued high quality services to our residents at an extremely fair price. It also provides for the future by funding for additional road and park improvements. All of which comes at a cost that is less than the prior year. In closing, I wish to thank all the employees and department heads for their dedicated service to the Town, and the Town Board for their leadership and support. Additionally, thanks to the Elma residents who volunteer their time in many different ways to make Elma the great community that we call home.

Michael Nolan, Supervisor

All have received the Planning, Zoning, Conservation Board and Code Review Committee minutes that apply.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia King
Town Clerk