

10/03/07 Town Board Minutes

A regular meeting of the Elma Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at 8:00 PM, Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, New York, with the following members present:

Supervisor Michael Nolan
Councilwoman Susan Glowina
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 40 people attended the meeting.

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

Making the Legal Notice for the Public Hearing on a commercial variance for Blossom Homes Inc at Transit and Bullis Roads part of the minutes Supervisor Nolan opened the Public Hearing at 8:01PM.

Speaking for the variance was Mr. Petri owner of the property. Speaking against the variance S. Sobczak, B. Koch who also read a letter from G. Nottingham, D.Rohl, S. Nichter and J. Aroune.

Supervisor Nolan closed the Public Hearing at 8:15PM.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glowina seconded the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:15PM to discuss the variance presented in the Public Hearing and make a determination.

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glowina seconded the motion to

exit Executive Session at 8:17PM. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to deny the variance for Blossom Homes Inc at Transit and Bullis Roads after considering Section 7A, B subsection a thru e of Local Law #1-2007. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan presented Robert Gyergyek with a Certificate of Achievement for his accomplishment to be an Eagle Scout.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2007 meeting. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Department Reports

Town Engineer James Wyzykiewicz noted that the Water Quality Forum on Storm Water Regulations was not well attended. The Town Board will need to approve two (2) Ordinances regarding Storm Water by January, 2008.

Building Inspector Joseph Colern presented his monthly report for September with 42 permits issued; fees collected of \$18,705.21 with an estimated value of construction of \$6,272,080. Also concerns regarding Knabb Road will be addressed.

Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson stated that the Elma Water Departments email address has changed to elmawater@roadrunner.com and summer projects are just about complete.

Highway Superintendent Wayne Clark noted that Billington and Chairfactory Roads are completed and the road sweeper will be cleaning up the shoulders. Rubbish pick up is in progress.

Attorney Phyllis Todoro was asked by Councilman Polak regarding her response to his letter and this will be discussed at the next Work Session.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Susan J Derr from the Elma Public Library Board of Trustees. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Julie Aroune to the Elma Public Library Board of Trustees to

fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Derr.
Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan set a Public Hearing date of October 17, 2007 at 8:00PM for a commercial variance for Gorman Enterprise at 691 Bullis Road and for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Supervisor Nolan presented the 2008 Tentative Budget as follows:
The Town of Elma's proposed budget for the year 2008 is hereby submitted. As required by Town Law, this version of the budget has been prepared by the Supervisor and is known as the "Tentative Budget" for 2008. 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. 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. The cost of these services and the ability of taxpayers to pay for these services. As with each year, the Town faces many challenges, we have always acted responsibly and looked for the long-term benefit of our community. Some highlights include: In 2007, the Town will be making the final payments on Town Hall and on all existing sewer debt. In essence the Town will greet 2008 with no bond or bond anticipation note debt to burden future taxpayers. We are particularly proud of the New Town Hall project, with a total cost approximating \$3.5 million dollars. By using short term financing and accelerating the payment period we saved in excess of \$1.6 million dollars in interest costs over a traditional 20 year bond. In 2008, the Town will continue to focus attention on our infrastructure and will dedicate additional funding to road projects. In 2008, we will see significant improvements at Creek Road Park. The Town, with the assistance of Senator Volker and Assemblymen Cole, has secured grants from NYS to assist the Town with these improvements. Additionally, the Town has allocated funding in the 2008 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 a vastly improved park with no future debt. The 2008 budget also includes new funding for fireworks for enjoyment of our residents. 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 both the Highway and Water Funds are decreasing during 2008. These decreases are the result of careful control and monitoring of Town expenses. Town management acts in a conservative manner and we do not have any excess employees or employee costs. During 2007, we reduced employee cost by eliminating one position (tax

receiver) and all elected officials have begun contributing towards the cost of health insurance. 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. We have and will continue to act with the best interest of our taxpayers in mind. 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 Agenda and Minutes that apply.

Councilwoman Glowina made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:37PM to discuss a personnel matter regarding part time employment of our Building Inspector. Town Board will adjourn immediately following Executive Session.
Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glowina seconded the motion to exit Executive Session at 9:15PM.

Adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia King
Town Clerk

