

## **03/02/05 Town Board Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Elma Town Board was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at 8:00 PM, Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, New York, with the following members present:

Supervisor Michael Nolan  
Councilman Bill Cirocco  
Councilwoman Susan Glownia  
Councilman Dennis Powers  
Councilman Dean Puleo

Also: Town Attorney Robert Pierce  
Building Inspector Joseph Colern  
Highway Superintendent Wayne Clark-Absent  
Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson  
Town Engineer James Wzykiewicz-Absent

Approximately 25 people attended the meeting.

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

Councilman Cirocco made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2005 meeting.  
Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

### **Department Reports**

Building Inspector Joseph Colern presented his monthly reports for January and February with 18 permits issued, \$6,841.85 in fees collected with an estimated value of construction of \$1,350,140.

Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson noted that the Water Department is doing general maintenance, hydrant cleaning and snow removal at the Town Hall.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilman Puleo seconded the motion to add to the Agenda and approve Patricia Jakubowski attending the 2005 Spectrum Conference, May 11th, 2005 in Syracuse at an approximate cost of \$300. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Cirocco made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve the Board of Supervisor's Resolution as follows:

the most part, ran the day-to-day functions of their local municipality in addition to County governance; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Erie County Governments has formed an Inter-Community

Committee to explore the best ways to municipalities of Erie County can cooperate and coordinate their functions of government; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Erie County Governments is leading discussions with the Towns, Cities and Villages to explore ways to use regional thinking to better serve the residents of these municipalities; and

WHEREAS, page 49 of the New York State Department of State's Local Government Handbook, sets forth:

County governments in New York have had to adapt so that they can provide and finance these services for all the cities, towns and villages within their jurisdiction.

County governments has been strengthened as a unit between the cities, towns and villages on the one hand and the state government on the other. The people of the state have made it possible for the counties to restructure themselves to provide the executive and administrative leadership, the administrative organization and the operational procedures to meet new demands. and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie has neither been strengthened sufficiently nor has it provided

the leadership, organization, or procedures to meet new demands;

NEW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that the Association's Inter-Community Committee

explore methods in which the County of Erie's current structure of government can be dissolved and re-establish a Board of Supervisors and report back with their findings to the Association of Erie County Governments within sixty (60) days; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Association of Erie County Governments actively explore what it will

take to re-establish a Board of Supervisors to govern the County of Erie; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Association of Erie County Governments forward

a copy  
of this resolution to all elected local, County, State and Federal officials who  
represent residents within Erie County.  
Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers being the delegate for the Town of Elma at the Association of Towns  
in New York City informed the public of 19 resolutions presented with 17 passed at this  
meeting. Resolutions pertained to Medicaid reform, highway aid, wicks & prevailing  
wage reform, health insurance, disability benefits, charge-backs, (HAVA) help America  
vote verification and centralized equipment, maintenance of roads, volunteer fire &  
emergency reform, arbitration, tort reform, collateral source legislation, exemption  
reform, condo assessments, police accident report fees, ATV use, speed limits and  
pension reform.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to  
approve and proceed with the following letter:

ATT: Honorable Joel Giambra

Due to the Erie County fiscal crisis, the Town of Elma is willing to step forward for the  
people of our Community. Located in the center of our Town is Elma Meadows Park and  
Public Golf Course. It is vital to our Town that the Park and Course remain open. The  
closing will have an economic impact as well as a great loss to our families for  
recreational use. Elma Meadows has been a great asset to the Town as well as the  
County.

Therefore, the Town of Elma Boards finds it unacceptable for Elma Meadows to remain  
closed indefinitely and wish to enter into discussions with the County for the Town of  
Elma to take ownership of the park and the Golf Course. It is our obligation as Town and  
County Government to work as diligently as possible to open the Park.

I look forward to engaging in discussion on ways to open the Park and Course. Michael P  
Nolan Supervisor of the Town of Elma.

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan stated that the next Work Session will be on March 9, 2005 at 6:00PM.

Supervisor Nolan will be holding a Farmland & Open Space Protection Workshop on  
March 7th, 2005 from 7-9PM at the Elma Town Hall.

All have received the Zoning Board agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44PM. All in favor.

Supervisor Nolan re-opened the meeting at 8:46PM to add to the Agenda Executive Session for a personnel matter and to adjourn immediately after the session.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:49PM. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilman Puleo seconded the motion to exit Executive Session at 9:25PM Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. King  
Elma Town Clerk