

12/15/04 Town Board Minutes

A regular meeting of the Elma Town Board was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2004, 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
Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson
Town Engineer James Wzykiewicz

Approximately 15 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 December 1, 2004 meeting.

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried

Department Reports

Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson presented the County of Erie Department of Health inspection report for the Water Department which passed successfully. Also the annual valve testing program is in progress and the annual hydrant flushing project will be starting December 22, 2004.

Building Inspector Joseph Colern presented his monthly report for the month of November with 18 permits issued, \$2,912.39 in fees collected and an estimated value of construction of \$926,177.

Highway Superintendent Wayne Clark noted that the winter parking ban is in effect and winter plowing shifts have started. Also Mr. Clark is looking into purchasing a new

loader for the Highway Department.

Wastewater Operator Timothy Walczyk informed the Town Board that he will be attending school for Ethics Training and receive a laboratory certification on January 11, 2005.

Supervisor Nolan presented a Proclamation to Deputy William G. Gourlay on his retirement and for all his distinguished services to the Town of Elma for the past twenty years.

Supervisor Nolan also read a Proclamation to the Honorable Jack Quinn on his retirement.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilwoman Glowonia seconded the motion to approve the bid for the installation of handicap doors at the Elma Library. Supervisor Nolan is authorized to sign the contract with Allgaier Construction Corp, with a base bid of \$49,200 and an alternate bid for new plastic laminate counters at the circulation desk for \$2,200. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Cirocco made the motion and Councilwoman Glowonia seconded the motion to approve the following resolution for the Elma Cemetery Association.

Be It Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Elma, New York hereby consents to the Elma Cemetery Associate, Inc purchase of real property approximately on hundred feet by three hundred and fifty feet which real property is contiguous to current cemetery lands on Cemetery Road in the Town of Elma, New York from its current owner, William Pomerhn, in order to provide future expansion of the cemetery.

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan set the date of January 19th, 2005 for a Public Hearing on the Blossom Volunteer Fire Co Inc, Elma Volunteer Fire Co Inc and Jamison Road Volunteer Co Inc Agreements with the Town of Elma.

Councilwoman Glowonia made the motion and Councilman Puleo seconded the motion to extend the agreements with Blossom Volunteer Fire Co Inc, Elma Volunteer Fire Co Inc and Jamison Road Volunteer Fire Co Inc until the January 19th, 2005 Town Board meeting when a Public Hearing is scheduled. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilwoman Glowonia seconded the motion to

approve the 2% water rate increase and the water tapping fees as follows:

Two inch & under-quarterly billing Larger than 2GĨ monthly billing
Minimum 0-5,000 gals 16.78 15.10 Minimum 0-5,000 gals 16.78 15.10
First 99,000 gals 3.60 3.24 First 33,000 gals 3.60 3.24
Next 180,000 gals 3.43 3.08 Next 100,000 gals 3.43 3.08
Over 279,000 gals 3.12 2.81 Over 134,000 gals 3.12 2.81

OUT OF District-quarterly billing Tapping fee increase
Minimum 0-5,000 gals 19.28 17.35 --GĨ water taps \$625.00
First 99,000 gals 4.14 3.73 1GĨ water taps \$750.00
Next 180,000 gals 3.95 3.56 1 --GĨ water taps \$960.00
Over 279,000 gals 3.63 3.27 2GĨ water taps \$1,350.00
Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Cirocco made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve Aurora Consulting Group Inc as the web site host for the Town of Elma at a cost of \$215.40 a year and to move the website for \$720.00. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve as policy and procedure for Supervisor Nolan to file employee pay rates for 2005 with the Town Clerk. Ayes-5.Noes-0.Carried.

Councilman Powers requested to table the policy and procedure for new hire pay rates until the next meeting.

Councilwoman Glownia made the motion and Councilman Puleo seconded the motion to approve the following resolution:
Whereas, the massive expansion in the mandated cost of Medicaid from \$143.1 million in 2002 to a projected \$198 million in 2005, is bankrupting Erie County; and
Whereas, Erie County has no choice, but to fund approximately one-quarter of the Medicaid programs; and
Whereas, every city, town and village has felt and will continue to suffer from the effects of raising Medicaid costs if New York State does not supply relief: and
Whereas, if New York State does not cut the countG!+s local share contribution, the impact on city, town and village residents will be devastating endangering their health,

safety and welfare with the loss of essential services, by the elimination of sheriff, district attorneys, probation officers, road repair units, snow plows, cultural and public benefit agencies: and

Whereas, without Medicaid relief, cities, towns and villages, as we know them will cease to exist, given that many programs and services will be eliminated or severely curtailed; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Elma Town Board joins all city, town and village leaders in supporting the GlúAlbany Can You Hear Us Now?G|Ñ campaign which is demanding that New York State provide vital Medicaid reform that will provide needed mandated relief to local municipalities to provide public safety and quality of life programs and initiatives. Copies to be sent to all Government Officials.

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made to motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve Warrant #12 as follows: claim #1515 to #1658

General Fund \$45,881.47 Water District \$86,481.41

Highway Fund \$26,522.23 Special District \$83,292.25

New Town Hall \$10,769.52

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Assemblywoman Sandra Lee Wirth presented the Elma Senior Center with a \$25,000 Grant for the expansion of the Senior Center.

All have received the Zoning Board agenda and the Planning Board minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. King
Elma Town Clerk