

02/04/09 Town Board Minutes

A regular meeting of the Elma Town Board was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, 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-Absent
Councilman Dean Puleo

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

Approximately 10 people attended the meeting.

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

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilwoman Glowina seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2009 meeting.

Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Department Reports

Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson informed the Town Board of the inner connection with the Village of East Aurora to supply water to each other Town in time of need. This project has been in the works for the past six years. Also training for the automatic meter reading data collector has been completed and is now up and working.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glowina seconded the motion to issue a negative declaration on a short form SEQR for Sakowski & Markello LLP at 6861 Seneca Street. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve the Business Use Permit for Sakowski & Markello LLP at 6861 Seneca Street. Building Inspector notes a fire inspection within 30 days of occupancy and a permit for any advertising sign. Also the backflow preventer needs to be inspected. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to approve the handicap access doors for the Town Hall to be installed by Grosso Door & Hardware at the cost of \$4960 which includes both sets of doors. Door Specialties, Inc bid \$5995 and All Doors & Glass Incorporated bid \$6095.44. Trudy Weber presented the Town Board with signed petitions for the access doors. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a 2000 Peterbuilt dump truck with plow at the cost of \$25,000 for the Town of Aurora that will replace the 1988 International dump truck at the Water Department. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to deny the GIS Consultant request of \$1200 from the Conservation Board. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to add an item to the Agenda. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilman Puleo seconded the motion to approve the Water Department assisting the Elma Fire Company to install a fire hydrant in the back of the new truck garage on Girdle Road for training purposes. No material cost only labor. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilwoman Glownia made the motion and Councilman Puleo seconded the motion to approve the following resolution for recognizing March 12th, 2009 as "World Kidney Day". WHEREAS, healthy kidneys are essential to regulate the water and other chemicals in your blood; remove fluids, waste, toxins and drugs introduced to the body; release hormones that regulate blood pressure, make red blood cells and promote strong

bones, and, WHEREAS, more the 26 million Americans, about one in nine adults, suffer from chronic kidney disease and, WHEREAS, 170,000 Western New Yorkers have Chronic Kidney Disease and another 170,000 are at risk and don't know it, Whereas, 1,600 Western New Yorkers are on dialysis, Whereas nearly 500 Western New Yorkers are awaiting a kidney transplant, Whereas approximately 40 percent are African American and 16 percent are Hispanic, and, WHEREAS, the two main causes of chronic kidney disease are diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible for up to two-thirds of the cases, WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of WNY has a free health screening program to identify people in the early stages of kidney disease, and, WHEREAS, the mission of the National Kidney Foundation of WNY is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation,

WHEREAS, early detection including regular reporting of the GFR calculation through a simple blood test, currently the best indication of kidney disease staging, can help prevent the progression of kidney disease to kidney failure, which requires continual dialysis or kidney transplant to maintain life, and, WHEREAS, the cost of treatment for kidney disease patients is disproportionately higher than any other chronic disease, and, WHEREAS, most patients who have end-stage renal disease rely primarily on Medicare and Medicaid to cover the costs of their life-sustaining care, which includes dialysis treatment, medications, laboratory testing, and as necessary, transportation services to the dialysis facility, and as a consequence, any changes in Medicare and Medicaid eligibility, significantly put them at risk, NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by: That March 12th is recognized as "World Kidney Day" in New York State and the Town of Elma in the hope that all possible support will continue to be extended to Chronic Kidney Disease patients in New York and throughout the country and the world.
Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to approve the following resolution for the 2008-2009 Local Government Efficiency Grant Proposal as follows:

Project Title: Western New York Stormwater Coalition: Outfall Inspection and Illicit Discharge Track Down Project Proposal

Project Description: The proposed project will consolidate 44 municipal illicit discharge detection and elimination programs into a single initiative that will fulfill NYS's Phase II

Stormwater requirements pertaining to outfall inspections, sampling, trackdown and source identification.

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (ECDEP) coordinates the activities of the Western New York Stormwater Coalition (WNYSC); and WHEREAS, the ECDEP has assumed the role of lead agency and has pursued grant funding to support the work of the WNYSC since its inception; and WHEREAS, the Town of Elma is a member of the WNYSC; and WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State solicited applications for projects that target shared services through its 2008-2009 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program; and WHEREAS, the ECDEP, in cooperation with the WNYSC, has prepared a grant application for an Outfall Inspection and Illicit Discharge Track Down Project Proposal; and WHEREAS, the required local match of 10% will be provided by the WNYSC members' annual membership fees; and WHEREAS, the Co-Applicants to this application are the members of the WNYSC: Village of Alden, Town of Alden, Town of Amherst, Village of Angola, Town of Aurora, Village of Blasdell, Town of Boston, Buffalo Sewer Authority, Town of Cheektowaga, Town of Clarence, Village of Depew, Village of East Aurora, Town of Eden, Town of Elma, Town of Evans, Town of Grand Island, Town of Hamburg, Village of Hamburg, Village of Kenmore, City of Lackawanna, Village of Lancaster, Town of Lancaster, Village of Orchard Park, Town of Orchard Park, Village of Sloan, City of Tonawanda, Town of Tonawanda, Town of West Seneca, Village of Williamsville, Town of Cambria, Village of Lewiston, Town of Lewiston, Town of Niagara, Niagara Falls Water Board, City of North Tonawanda, Town of Pendleton, Town of Porter, Town of Wheatfield, Village of Youngstown, County of Erie, County of Erie - Sewer District #6, County of Niagara, Buffalo and Fort Erie Peace Bridge Authority, State University of New York at Buffalo; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Elma authorizes the ECDEP to submit an application to the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program for the 2008-2009 funding year; and be it further RESOLVED, that Chris Collins, Erie County Executive is the Lead Applicant Contact Person and is authorized to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the grant program; and be it further RESOLVED, that the required local match of 10% to be provided by the Town of Elma will come from its membership in the WNYSC and the annual membership fee it pays; and RESOLVED, that upon approval of said grant request, the Town of Elma will enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement, where the shared services of the proposed project are listed in detail, with the co-applicants. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

All have received the Planning, Zoning and Conservation Board, Design Guidelines

Committee minutes that apply.

Supervisor Nolan announced that the next Work Session will be on February 11, 2009 at 6:00PM. Also the next Town Board meeting will be on February 25, 2009 at 8:00PM due the NYC Association of Towns meeting.

Councilman Polak made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to enter Executive Session regarding the Janiga property conservation easement grant at 8:35PM. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan stated that the Town Board will adjourn immediately following this session.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Polak seconded the motion to exit Executive Session at 8:55PM. Ayes-4. Noes-0. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia King
Town Clerk