

10/20/04 Town Board Minutes

A regular meeting of the Elma Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 20, 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-Absent
Highway Superintendent Wayne Clark
Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson
Town Engineer James Wyzykiewicz

Approximately 22 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 the Community Block Development Grant part of the minutes. Supervisor Nolan opened the public hearing at 8:05PM. Paul Buckely suggested improving road entrances into the Town of Elma. Trudy Weber suggested a much needed addition to the Senior Center. Wayne Clark suggested paving of the Blossom Road area. Supervisor Nolan closed the public hearing at 8:08PM.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Cirocco seconded the motion authorize Supervisor Nolan to submit and sign the Community Block Development Grant for the following projects:

1. Senior CitizenG|+s Center Expansion Project, requesting \$90,000 in CDBG funds, with a match not to exceed \$172,400 in cash from the TownG|+s General Fund and \$10,000 in Highway Department force account labor.
2. South Blossom Area Street Paving, requesting an amount not to exceed \$90,000, with

a cash match not to exceed \$44,000.

3. Rural Transit

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilwoman Glowonia seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2004 meeting.

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Department Reports

Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson noted that a small leak has been repaired on Chairfactory Road and the Water Department has been helping the Highway Department with a drainage problem on Schultz Road. Mr. Stevenson has also attended a two day LEPC Disaster Seminar with Disaster Coordinator Edward Sauer.

Highway Superintendent Wayne Clark informed the Town Board that the Highway Department is still picking up rubbish, black topping roads and working on the Salt Shed with a load of salt ordered.

Town Attorney Robert Pierce informed the Town Board that the sale of 1910 Bowen Road (Old Town Hall) went to Rosemary Bapst for \$75,000 with a possible closing date of November 19, 2004.

Supervisor Nolan noted the Building Inspectors monthly report for September with 33 permits issued, fees collected of \$15,820.66 with an estimated value of construction \$3,633,419.

Building Inspector Joseph Colern and Deputy Town Attorney Rosemary Bapst are in Albany with the NYS Code Council regarding the Hem Fir Code.

Chief Michael Benson from the Erie County Sheriffs Department spoke in support of keeping the Sheriffs Patrol in Elma.

Supervisor Nolan read a Proclamation for Matthew J Prokop for his Eagle Scout achievement.

Supervisor Nolan opened the bids for the Highway Department 2005 pick-up truck. Bids are as follows: McCarthy Ford \$15,364, Bison Truck Center Inc \$17,344.65 and DeLacy Ford \$15,677.65, bids will be referred to the Town Attorney and Highway Superintendent for review and will be awarded at the next Town Board meeting.

Councilwoman Glowonia made the motion and Councilman Cirocco seconded the motion

to issue a Preliminary Business Use Permit to Brian Page for PageG+ Entertainment Center at 4701 Transit Road. Mr. Page was referred to the Planning Board for a site plan review and a permit is required for any advertising sign. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Supervisor Nolan read the following Resolution to be presented to County Executive Giambra and the Legislature of Erie County:

Whereas while the Town of Elma recognizes the need for the County Executive and the County Legislature to create a responsible budget, the recent attempt by the Office of County Executive to create such a budget by reducing or cutting expenditures for such crucial public safety services as snow plowing and police protection is not a reasonable approach to a budgetary dilemma;

While we recognize the possible need to reduce some services, such reductions should not come from these vital areas because they affect every community to varying degrees and have the effect of exposing all citizens of Erie County to a degree of risk especially since no municipality has been given adequate time to plan or budget for such contingencies,

Furthermore, the assumption of public safety costs by individual municipalities will force many into financial hardships that they did not create and will further burden taxpayers at a time when unusual stresses are already being placed on town and village budgets,

Be it therefore resolved that the Town of Elma opposes any efforts by the County Executive of Erie County or the Erie County Legislature to balance a budget based on reductions in police protection or snow plowing services.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilwoman Glownia seconded the motion to forward the above Resolution to County Executive Giambra.

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Cirocco made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to approve the Towns of Elma and Marilla Notice To Bidders Disposal of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste, Trash and Bulky items be accepted and opened by the Town of Marilla.

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Puleo made the motion and Councilman Cirocco seconded the motion to approve the bid notice for the Elma Library Handicap Accessible Doors to be opened on November 10, 2004, 2:00PM at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma New York. Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilwoman Glownia made the motion and Councilman Powers seconded the motion to approve the budget transfers as follows:

A9950.9 transfer out-Town Hall Capital Project \$401,000 into A599 appropriated fund balance \$401,000.

A9950.900 transfer out-Town Hall Capital Project \$49,000 into A1630.201 New Town Hall Furniture & Equipment \$49,000.

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Councilman Powers made the motion and Councilman Cirocco seconded the motion to approve Warrant #10 as follows: claim #1180 thru 1343

General Fund \$ 60,527.84 Water District \$128,793.84

Highway Fund \$ 81,824.27 Special District \$ 8,152.26

New Town Hall \$119,993.66 with exceptions.

Ayes-5. Noes-0. Carried.

Next Work Session will be Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 6:00PM.

All have received the Planning Board Agenda and the Zoning Board. Minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. King
Elma Town Clerk