

Edwards Town Board Meeting, November 14, 2018
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Supervisor Lennox called the Public Hearing on the 2019 Town Budget to order at 7:00. Those present were Councilors Michele Robillard, Dianne Hurley, Mark Rice, Jeff Shippee, Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes and Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear. In attendance from the public was Justice Fred Finley, Rachael Hunter, Gouverneur Tribune Press, and Rich Anson, Edwards Fire Chief.

Supervisor Lennox asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Donna Soper, prior Town Assessor for 5 decades.

Supervisor Lennox turned the Budget Hearing over to Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear. She went over all items on the budget, explaining changes & answering questions.

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:20. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

Supervisor Lennox called the Regular meeting to or at 7:21.

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve the 2019 Town Budget as presented. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Bond Resolution authorizing the acquisition of a plow truck; stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is not to exceed \$211,134.00, appropriating said amount for such purpose, including grant funds in the amount of \$31,000.00, expected to be received from USDA and available funds of the town in the amount of \$134.00 to pay a portion of said appropriation, and authorizing the issuance of bonds of said Town in the principal amount of not to exceed \$180,000.00 to finance the balance of said appropriation. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

Superintendent Sykes advised discussed with the Board that St. Lawrence County department of Highways posted a 5 ton limit effective immediately on the 2 span Talcville Bridge on Talcville road on Tuesday, October 20, 2018. Highway will have to plow bridge this with a pickup truck, will also need to keep turn arounds clean for the snow plows. Will have to look into a sander for his pickup truck. Had sewer plug up on Main Street, cleaned with help from Gouverneur, lots of rags & grease. Also had to repair sewer line on corner of Pleasant & New Streets.

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Shippee to approve Resolution to levy all unpaid water & sewer bills onto the January 1, 2019 Town & County Tax Bill. The amount of water is \$11,432.40 & sewer is \$22,292.33 for a total levy of \$33,724.71. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve the Town of Edwards Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy as required by NYS. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice,

Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve appointment of Michelle Whitford as the Library Technician/director effective January 1, 2019. As per approval by the Edwards Hepburn Library Board of Trustees on November 6, 2018. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee, & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's balance reports for October 2018. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to accept Clerk Davis' Monthly Town Clerk Report & bank statements for October 2018. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to accept the Justice Court Report for October 2018. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Hurley to accept the October 2018 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to approve Budget Modification for Highway fund items DA5140.2 to DA5142.1, DA5110.1 to DA5142.1, DA5110.1 to DA45130.1 and General Fund item A5132.4 to A8989.4 to balance. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to pay all General Fund abstract #11 of 2018, vouchers #180 - #213. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Shippee to pay all Highway Fund abstract #11 of 2018, vouchers #158 - #176. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Water District abstract #11 of 2018, vouchers #40 - #44 Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to pay all Sewer District abstract #11 of 2018, vouchers #66 - #72 Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

Fred Finley advised Board that it's the 50 year anniversary for the Christmas street lights in the old Village of Edwards limits, first year was 1968. He thanked Duane for the work done on the cemetery.

Rich spoke regarding the reports on the three prior late night empty building fires in the Town of Edwards

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to adjourn the meeting at 7:52PM.

Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nay 0

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on December 12, 2018

Submitted by: Patricia Davis, Edwards Town Clerk, November 27, 2018