

Edwards Town Board Meeting, November 11, 2020
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Covid-19 – Meeting held at Fire Hall

Recorder not working

Supervisor Lennox called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 7:00PM. Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Jeff Shippee & Highway Superintendent Duan Sykes. Additional attending Budget Officer Sharee Lanphear, Edwards Fire Chief Rich Anson, from the public Frank Wagner.

Supervisor Lennox turned the meeting over to Town Budget Officer Sharee Lanphear. She went over the 2021 Tentative Budget by page & advised reasons for change or increases.

Frank Wagner left meeting at 7:05.

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to adjourn the Budget Public Hearing at 7:23. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

Budget Office Sharee Lanphear left the meeting at 7:23PM.

Supervisor Lennox called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:24 PM

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to accept the 2021 Town Budget as presented. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 1 Hurley

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to authorize & direct supervisor Lennox to sign an agreement to extend Snow & Ice Control Between St. Lawrence County & the Town of Edwards. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to approve sending the Edwards Fire District a 2020 – 2021 snow plowing contract at a price of \$1.00 for the winter season. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve sending the Edwards-Knox Central School 2020-2021 sand contract as a price of \$500 for the winter season. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Rice for public notice of posting no parking on streets or highways within the boundaries of the former village of Edwards between the hours of 2AM to 7AM from November 1st to May 1st. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard for public notice of posting of Seasonal Roads, no winter maintenance on the following: Ames Rd, Bingo Rd, Stammerville Rd & Thomlinson Rd, December 1st to April 1st. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Shippee to approve a Resolution for unpaid water & unpaid sewer bills. Resolution & list to be sent to St. Lawrence County Real Property to be levied on the 2021 Town & county Tax Bill. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice for approval of the Edwards Hepburn Library selection of Victoria Day as the new Library Technician/Director effective December 1st, 2020. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Resolution to support the City of Ogdensburg's proposed changes in the County Sales Tax Apportionment to local municipalities. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Robillard for Resolution to extend the State of Emergency effective 8/12/2020 done by prior Resolutions per Governor's orders. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's balance reports & bank statements for October 2020. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to accept Clerk Davis' bank statements & clerk report for October 2020. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to approved town of Edwards Justice Court report & bank statement for October 2020. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Robillard to accept the October 2020 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 Robillard to pay all General Fund abstract #11 of 2020, vouchers #166 - #186 Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Highway Fund abstract #11 of 2020, vouchers #131 - #150. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Shippee to pay all Water District abstract #11 of 2020, vouchers #35 - #38 Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to pay all Sewer District abstract #11 of 2020, vouchers #66 - #72 Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve town of Edwards Budget Modification request form & Resolution. General A1990.4 to A1670.4 Highway DA5110.4 to DA5142.4, DA5142.1 to DA9050.8to balance. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to enter into executive session @ 7:49PM for Town Assessor & Code Officer applications. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to adjourn executive session at 8:06. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion as made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to ask James Snyder to attend the December 9th Board meeting for second interview by all members. Adopted. Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A Motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice that interviews for the Code Officers position would be done by Councilors Hurley & Shippee. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on December 9, 2020

Submitted by:
Patricia Davis, Edwards Town Clerk
November 18, 2020