

**Edwards Town Board Meeting, August 12, 2020**  
**Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York**

**Covid-19 Meeting closed to the public**

Recorder not working

Supervisor Lennox called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Jeff Shippee, & Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes. Representatives for the Solar Farm, Cory McCandless from Omni Navitas, LLC, Paul Toohey & Mike Toohey representative land owners.

Cory McCandless from Omni Navitas, LLC, Boston, MA did an on the process to the Board regarding a Solar Farm on property owned by Laurie Toohey Payne & Robert Payne, CA. Waiting on impact information sent to National Grid & their approval. Needs the Town to pass resolution to be the lead agency on the project, as per her discussions with Supervisor Lennox this past week. Supervisor Lennox to complete parts 2 & 3 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act forms (SEQRA). Also, forms from St. Lawrence County Planning Board & NYS DEC.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Shippee to hold a public hearing in regards to the proposed solar farm at 1889 CR 24, to be held at 7PM on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Due to Covid-19 This will be held at the Edwards Fire Hall with the regular board meeting to follow. Please follow all Covid-19 guidelines. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard for Resolution to approve the Edwards Town board will be the Lead Agency for the solar farm project at 1889 CR 24, Edwards, St. Lawrence County, NY with Omni Navitas, LLC, Boston, MA. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to amend the February 2020, minutes of the meeting to allow for the discussion & motion to declare surplus equipment list be sent to Auction International for sale. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

Highway Superintendent Sykes advised the Board the highway crew repaired the culvert on Old Rte 58. Steven Smith will be retiring October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Jim Mullaney will be out for surgery in September until December, 2020. Edie Mackin will be back for winter plowing, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to place an advertisement for a Highway employee. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard for Resolution that the Town Assessor is authorized and directed to do a full town wide assessment review (land & buildings) for the 2021 tax year. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice 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 Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to open the playground. Clerk & Superintendent to make & post signs. Enter at your own risk, no disinfecting or cleaning maintenance will be done at location. Please adhere to hygiene & sanitation requirements for covid-19 from the CDC & DOH. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Shippee to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's balance reports for June & July 2020. Bank Statements for June & July 2020. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Rice to accept Clerk Davis' July 2020 Monthly Town Clerk Report & bank statements for June & July 2020. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Tax Collectors bank statement for June & July, discharge of collector statement received from St. Lawrence County Treasurer. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to accept the July 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 Hurley and seconded by Councilor Shippee to approve the Board signing just the Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers at this time due to the Covid-19. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all General Fund abstract #8 of 2020, vouchers #113 - #127 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 Highway Fund abstract #8 of 2020, vouchers #84 - #94. 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 Water District abstract #8 of 2020, vouchers #22 - #24 Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Hurley to pay all Sewer District abstract #8 of 2020, vouchers #46 - #51. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

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

Submitted by:  
Patricia Davis, Edwards Town Clerk  
August 20, 2020