

Edwards Town Board Meeting, October 14, 2020
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Covid-19

Recorder not working

Omni Navitas employees came out of Planning Board meeting at 6:30. Town Board members agreed to let them speak at 6:35. Those present were Deputy Supervisor Mark Rice, Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, & Jeff Shippee. Planning Board members Dawn Mullaney, Nancy Whitford & Dawn Zacharek. Joe Mendelsohn, Omni Navitas, Richard Scheutzow & Sam Doubleday, Omni Renewables. Supervisor Jan Lennox & Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes were absent.

Joe Mendelsohn advised the Board that the solar project in Edwards has been cancelled due to the high cost estimate from National Grid to log solar into National Grid station. Richard Scheutzow & Sam Doubleday, Omni Renewables spoke on the program being offered for a discount in power charges for commercial & residential customers. The Edwards area can still apply for this discount through the other solar project in our area. (Gouverneur, Richville) They will be contacting people through the list we provided prior. Hoping to get this program running by the 1st quarter of 2021.

Omin employees & planning board members left the meeting at 6:58.

Deputy Supervisor Mark Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Deputy Supervisor Rice advised the Board about the need in the highway department for a new hire. Plans to close the playground on November 1st.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Shippee to approve hiring a new highway employee to start the 2nd week of November, giving time for training prior to working snowplow season. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

Deputy Supervisor Rice advised the Board that Supervisor Lennox received verbal notice from Code Enforcement Office Rick Whitford of his plans to retire effect December 31, 2020.

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Robillard to place public notice for new Code Enforcement Office, applications by next board meeting of November 11, 2020. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Shippee for Resolution to extend the State of Emergency effective 8/12/2020 done by prior Resolutions per Governor's orders. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

Board members requested we table the review of Local Law #12 of the year 2014 until next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Robillard to hold a Town budget Public Hearing at next meeting, November 11, 2020 at the Edwards Fire Hall. Due to Covid-19. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's balance reports & bank statements for September 2020.

Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Shippee to accept Clerk Davis' September 2020 bank statements. Clerk Report for August & September 2020 . Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approved town of Edwards Justice Court report & bank statement for September 2020. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to accept the September 2020 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all General Fund abstract #10 of 2020, vouchers #147 - #165 Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Highway Fund abstract #10 of 2020, vouchers #117 - #130. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Water District abstract #10 of 2020, vouchers #30 - #34 Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Shippee to pay all Sewer District abstract #10 of 2020, vouchers #58 - #65 Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve town of Edwards Budget Modification request form & Resolution. Highway DA9040.8 to DA5140.1, DA5112.1 to DA9050.8 to balance. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

There was no need to enter into executive session as no one from public in attendance.

A Motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard that interviews for the Assessor position would be done by Councilors Robillard & Shippee. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee Nays 0

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on November 11, 2020

Submitted by:
Patricia Davis, Edwards Town Clerk
October 21, 2020