

Edwards Town Board Meeting September 14, 2022
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Recorder not working

Supervisor Jeffrey Shippee called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those presents were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Jan Lennox, Clerk Deborah Bullock, & Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes. Also present was Kathleen Huber representing the Arts Council and the Historical Association and Vicki Day Representing the Library.

Superintendent Sykes reported that a binder will be put on the Campbell Road the week of 9/19/22. Work continues on Grant Street and should be finished next week also. The shoulders on the Talcville road are slated to be finished next week. The Town is in negotiations with the County to receive an increase in pay for plowing and sanding County roads. The State truck with plow is ready to go for winter.

A motion was made Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to declare the following list of Highway Departments surplus equipment & that it be listed with Auctions International. Surplus list attached. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve the Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request and Resolution Highway Fund DA5110.1 Repairs and Maintenance Salary to DA95112.0 Permanent Improvements Salary. \$4896.00 Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve the Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request and Resolution Highway Funds DA909 Unappropriated to DA95142.4 Snow Removal \$40,000.00. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve the Town of Edwards Budget Modification request and Resolution General Funds A1990.4 Continency to A9060.8 Health Insurance. \$4700.00. Adopted Ayes: 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox and Shippee.

A Summer Recreation summary has been reviewed and is on file at the Town Hall.

A motion to approve or disapprove an increase of James Snyder's salary and moving the Labor for Assessment Rolls from the County to the Town was tabled until the October Board meeting and asking James Snyder to be present at October Meeting to answer some questions.

A motion to approve or disapprove a pay increase for Shari Barnhart of Rainbowtech Designs (Town Webmaster) was tabled until the October Board Meeting for research to be done.

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and Seconded by Councilor Rice to approve declaring the Week of September 17th as Constitution week. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee

DANC has provided the Town with five (5) proposals for the Town Water System Upgrade. All five proposals were present at this Board Meeting and are available for review.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to accept Barton and Loguidice firm for the Water System project at a cost of \$6400.00 and approve a Resolution. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox and Shippee. Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve the Town of Edwards Resolution in support of a 2022 St. Lawrence County Centralized Biosolid Composting Facility Feasibility Study. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve the updated New York State sexual Harassment Policy. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's reports for August 2022 and August bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Clerk Bullock's clerk report for August 2022 and August bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve Clerk Bullock's tax report for August 2022 and August bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Town of Edwards Justice Court Reports for August and August bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox to accept the August 2022 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all General Fund abstract #9 of 2022, vouchers #189-205. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox to pay all Highway Fund abstract #9 of 2022, vouchers #534-557. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Water District abstract #9 of 2022, vouchers #39-45. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Hurley to pay all Sewer District

abstract #9 of 2022, vouchers #56-64. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

Kathleen Huber spoke on behalf of the Historical Association. They need to hire HVAC person. She asked if the Town had a preference and we do not.

New lights have been professionally installed in the Opera House and the piano was moved to the Historical Center. Kathleen also spoke of the need to upgrade the electric to the Opera House and the whole building.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to allot \$20,000.00 for electrical upgrades with generator capability to the building contingent upon actual costs at time of upgrade. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox and Shippee. Nays 0

Councilor Lennox stated we have at least 8 window that need replacing and should be looked into before winter.

July 8, 2023 has been set as the date for Edwards Community Day.

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, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on October 11, 2022.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Edwards Town Clerk
September 14, 2022