

Edwards Town Board Meeting, September 9, 2020
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Covid-19 Meeting help at the Edwards Fire Station

Recorder not working

Supervisor Lennox called the Public Hearing 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. From the public Rich Anson, Edwards Fire Chief, Marcus Robillard, Kassandra Robillard, Irene Mazzoochi, Emery Webb, Dawn Zacharek & Marjorie Davis, Edwards Planning Board & William Sheridan, St. Lawrence County Legislator.

Supervisor Lennox turned the meeting over to Cory McCandless from Omni Navitas, LLC, Boston, MA provided information on Solar Farm on property owned by Laurie Toohey Payne & Robert Payne, CA. Answered questions asked.

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Hurley to adjourn the public hearing @ 7:39. Adopted: ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox. Some left the meeting at this time. (McCandless, Toohey's, Robillard's, Mazzoochi, Webb, Zacharek, & Davis)

Highway Superintendent Sykes advised the Board have received the grader back from repairs, grading side of roads. Jim Mullaney off starting 9/10/20, Steve Smith to cover for him on as call basis. Getting State truck ready. Camera's all installed & working good at the town barn & playground.

Legislator William Sheridan reviewed the Board SLC Government reports, financial items, such as increases in fund balances. Spoke on sales tax negotiations with towns & city of Ogdensburg. He then left the meeting at 7:59

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to accept Clerk Davis' August 2020 bank statements. Clerk report on hold, computer down. 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 August 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 Shippee and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Town of Edwards Justice Court report for August 2020. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to approve NYS Ag & Markets inspection report for Dan Moyer & Shelter report for August 2020. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 9

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard 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 Robillard and seconded by Councilor Shippee to pay all General Fund abstract #9 of 2020, vouchers #128 - #146 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 Highway Fund abstract #9 of 2020, vouchers #95 - #116. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Water District abstract #9 of 2020, vouchers #25 - #29 Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Sewer District abstract #9 of 2020, vouchers #52 - #57 Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox 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 DA5130.1 to DA5110.1, General A1990.4 to A1220.4, Sewer SS8130.4 to SS9710.7 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 enter into executive session in regards to Town of Edwards Assessor @ 8:02 Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Shippee to place a public notice to hire a new assessor. Request that present assessor Amy Hunt mail the Town Board a letter of resignation for November 1, 2020. Adopted: ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Shippee to adjourn the meeting at 8:07PM. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Shippee & Lennox Nays 0

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on October 14, 2020

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