

**Edwards Town Board Meeting October 12, 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 Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Jan Lennox, Clerk Deborah Bullock, & Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes. Councilor Dianne Hurley was absent. Also present was Vicki Day from the Library and Michael Webb.

Superintendent Sykes reported that the auction on the surplus equipment has been finalized and needs Board approval so the Town can be paid.

Grant and Court Street work is almost complete. Possibly paving on Tuesday 10/18/2022 weather permitting.

St. Lawrence County is behind with the shoulder machine, hoping to get the shoulder complete on the Campbell Road before winter.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve the results of the sale of the surplus equipment through Auctions International. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to send the Edwards Fire District a 2022-2023 snow plowing contract at the price of \$1.00 for the winter season. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to send the Edwards-Knox Central School a 2022-2023 sand contract for the winter season with invoice. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard for public notice 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 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Lennox for public notice posting seasonal roads, no winter maintenance on the following: Ames Rd, Bingo Rd, Stammerville Rd, & Thomlinson Rd, December 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve the Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request and Resolution, Highway Fund DA599 Fund Balance - \$15,696.99 to DA5130.4 Machinery + \$15,696.99. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and 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 Funds DA5140.2 Equipment -\$72.86 to DA5140.4 Misc. +\$72.86. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

James Snyder answered questions about the Fischer Act. There is still some confusion on how this exemption is interpreted.

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve a 4% pay increase for James Snyder the Town Assessor for the year 2023 and to keep the assessment roll at the County. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to not approve a requested pay increase for Shari Barnhart of Rainbowtech Designs (Town Webmaster) and to terminate her services on December 31 2022 and appoint Vicki Day as Webmaster on January 1, 2023. Adopted: 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve an increase to Supervisor Shippee's yearly salary by \$1900.00 be added to the 2023 budget. Adopted: 3 Robillard, Rice, and Lennox. Nays 0 Supervisor Shippee abstained.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve NTC's Proposal of \$8,500.00 for improving 14 windows at the Town Hall to be paid by Covid Money Adopted: 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox ,and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's reports for September 2022 and September bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Clerk Bullock's clerk report for September 2022 and September bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

I did not have the September Tax Bank statement available for this Board meeting. September Tax bank statement and report will be available at November's Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Town of Edwards Justice Court Reports for September and September bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to accept the September 2022 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all General Fund abstract #10 of 2022, vouchers #206-221. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Lennox to pay all Highway Fund abstract #10 of 2022, vouchers #558-579. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Water District abstract #10 of 2022, vouchers #46-52. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Sewer District abstract #10 of 2022, vouchers #65-74. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to post Public Notice for Public Hearing prior to the next meeting of November 9, 2022 Town Budget. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to enter in to executive session at 7:45PM to discuss Teamsters contract negotiations. Adopted: 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to come out of executive session at 8:00PM. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox, and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve modifications to Teamsters contract proposal. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox and Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Supervisor Shippee, and seconded by Councilor Lennox to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on November 9, 2022.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Edwards Town Clerk  
October 12, 2022