

Edwards Town Board Meeting September 11, 2024
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Meeting recorded

Supervisor Shippee called the Public Hearing on Local Law #2 to order at 7:00 PM Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Jan Lennox, Clerk Debbie Bullock & Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes. Also present were Vicki Day from the Library, Angie Skeldon and Elizabeth Saucier Town residents. Mark Rice was absent.

Local Law #2 2024: Duane stated we will probably have to raise the tax levy. We have been at 2% since 2011. Possibly looking at 4%.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nay 0.

Supervisor Shippee called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Highway Matters:

Duane reported on the road conditions after last months storm. Ames Road is back together Campbell Road is open but still needs work.

Emergency services were here with Assemblyman Ken Blackenbush to see the damage on the Campbell Road. Hopefully FEMA will pay for the repairs.

Bids came in for the salt at \$67.56/ton from American Rock Salt, this is down from last year.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve passage of Local Law #2 of 2024 and Resolution pertaining to overriding the Tax Levy Limit. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nay 0

Opening of sealed bids for mowing properties was tabled due to lack of bids.

Opening of sealed bids for trash removal on properties was tabled due to lack of bids.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Resolution Proclaiming the week of September 17 through September 23 as Constitution week. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve reappointment of Carole Hawn to another 5-year term on the Board of Assessment Review beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029 Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

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

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's reports for August and August 2024 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve Clerk Bullock's clerk report for August and August 2024 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

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

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve Town of Edwards Justice Court Reports for August 2024 and August bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to accept the August 2024 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Lennox to pay all General Fund abstract #9 of 2024, vouchers #155 - 171. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Highway Fund abstract #9 of 2024, vouchers #123 - 138. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee . Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Water District abstract #9 of 2024, vouchers #42 - 46. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Sewer District abstract #9 of 2024, vouchers #49 - 55. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Vicki Day gave an update on the library improvements. The Grant will cover 75% of cost of renovations. Final approval will be next summer.

Results of the environmental study found asbestos in the tar around the foundation of the library.

Angie Skeldon has complaints about the mess across the road from her house.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM was presented by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on October 9, 2024.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Clerk
September 11, 2024