

Edwards Town Board Meeting May 8, 2024
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Meeting recorded

Supervisor Shippee called the meeting to order at 7:01PM Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Clerk Debbie Bullock & Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes, CEO Larry Atkinson, Librarian Vicki Day, Justice Fred Finley, and Town Resident Lura Hughes, Councilor Rice was absent.

Highway Matters:

Grinding of Main Street is now to begin the week of May 20th, weather permitting with paving being done in June.

The inspection of the water tank was good. Last inspection was 7 years ago.

We need to place order for a new truck before end of June for the 2026 Mack truck.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shippee and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Resolution for purchase of 2026 Mack Truck. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Budget Modification Request & Resolution Highway Fund DA9730.7 Debt Service $\$1,345.78 - \$1,244.00 = \$101.78$ to DA9010.8 Retirement $\$3,4075.00 + \$1,244.00 = \$35,319.00$. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request & Resolution General Fund A1990.4 Contingency $\$41,000.00 - \$4,250.00 = \$36,750.00$ to A8810.4 Cemetery $\$10,000.00 + \$4,250.00 = \$14,250.00$ Sullivan Contract difference. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A Motion to approve Insect Control Agreement with Duflo Chemicals to spray for mosquitos in late June for an amount of \$3,150.00. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Resolution for Standard Work Day & Reporting for Elected & Appointed Officials. Adopted: Ayes Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0.

A motion to approve Resolution providing Sheriff escort to properties deemed hostile

For any and all Town Officials. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to accept the April 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 #5 of 2024, vouchers #76 - 91. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Highway Fund abstract #5 of 2024, vouchers #67 - 78. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee . Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Lennox to pay all Water District abstract #5 of 2024, vouchers #22 - 28. 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 #5 of 2024, vouchers #28 - 34. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Fred stated that the security system will be installed next week.

Larry met with Sheriff Engle about hostile residents with unkept yards. The Town of Edwards passed a Resolution allowing for Sheriff escort to these properties. The Town will be pursuing harsher laws for these who refuse to comply.

Lura Hughes spoke about the unkept property on the River Road. The situation is frustrating and dangerous to all.

Vicki Day spoke about proceeding with writing a grant for the library improvement. June 4th will be an site visit with Dawn Vincent of N.C.L.S.

Vicki submitted an estimate from John Clark for work that needs to be done.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve the library proceeding with seeking a Grant for these needed improvements. Adopted: Ayes Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nay 0

Architectural designs were submitted by John Clark for the pavilion.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28PM was presented by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on June 12, 2024.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Clerk
May 8, 2024