

Edwards Town Board Meeting December 13, 2023
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Meeting recorded

Deputy Supervisor Lennox called Meeting to order at 7:00PM Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Clerk Debbie Bullock, Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes, and Residents Scott Burnet and Linda Shankweiler. Supervisor Jeff Shippee was absent.

Mr. Burnet spoke about the possibility of the Town plowing and sanding the Bingo Road. Duane stated the Bingo Road is a seasonal use only road and a plow truck would not be able to go on the road. Duane did however offer to assist if there was a need. Duane also stated Mr. Burnet could come and get as much sand as he needed from the Town.

Highway Matters:

The State raised the equipment rates on State Roads for the first time since 2017.

A resident on the Blackburn Road complained that the Town did not plow the Blackburn Road. The Blackburn Road was in the process of being abandoned per Resolution on September 13, 2023 and paperwork was in the Lawyers hands. The Town has decided to amend that resolution. It was stated that a school bus could not go on the Blackburn Road as there is no safe place to turn around.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to amend Resolution for Plowing and Maintenance on the Blackburn Road. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox
Nays 0

Duane stated that the 1997 tractor will need replacing soon. The 1983 air compressor needs replacing and the tandem axle plow truck needs to be ordered as new trucks are 2 – 3 years out.

The Village of Gouverneur came in on Friday December 15, 2023 to again clean out the mess of flushable wipes. Duane will check with Kari Tremper to see what there is available to protect the motors from this mess.

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request & Resolution Highway DA5142.1 Salary -\$36,981.33 to DA5142.4 Contractual +\$36,981.33 Year-end Balance. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request & Resolution Highway DA5110.4 Contractual -\$2211.90 to DA9060.8 Medical Ins. (Mullaney) +\$2211.90 Year-end Balance. Adopted Ayes: 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request & Resolution Highway DA5110.4 Contractual -\$630.93 to DA5140.4 +\$ 630.93 Year-end Balance. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox

MISCELLANEOUS:

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request & Resolution General Fund A1670.4 Contractual -\$78.80 to A1920.4 Dues +\$78.80 Year-end Balance. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve one year lease for Dog Pound/Shelter service for six hundred dollars (\$600.00). Lease ending December 31, 2024. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to accept the resignation of Dawn Mullaney as Edwards Historian and Thank her for her many years of service to the Town of Edwards effective December 31, 2023. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve the Library Board of Trustees appointment of Carole Hawn to fill the five-year term from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's reports for November 2023 and November bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Clerk Bullock's clerk report for November and November 2023 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox Nays 0

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Town of Edwards Justice Court Reports for November 2023 and November bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to accept the November 2023 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all General Fund abstract #12 of 2023, vouchers #484-505. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to pay all Highway Fund abstract #12 of 2023, vouchers #819-834. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox . Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Water District abstract #12 of 2023, vouchers #69-77. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Sewer District abstract #12 of 2023, vouchers #80-86. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox.
Nays 0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM was presented by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Lennox. Nays 0.

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on January 10, 2024.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Clerk
December 13, 2023