

Edwards Town Board Meeting June 12, 2024
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Meeting recorded

Supervisor Shippee called the meeting to order at 7:00PM Those present were Councilors Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Jan Lennox, Clerk Debbie Bullock & Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes, Kari Tremper from DANC, Kathleen Huber, Arts Council, Town Resident Erica Hughes & Ellen Bacon, Councilor Hurley was absent.

Highway Matters:

Duane reported Grinding has been complete from the Bridge to the substation, Court and Island streets with paving to be complete the end of June weather permitting.

The playground has been reopened with additional wood chips added.

The plans for the pavilion are progressing.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Sewer Plan exterior and interior door replacement at a quoted price of five thousand nine hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$5,997.00). Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve Resolution for Highway Revenue Increase modifying the 2024 Budget Highway Revenue DA3501 CHIPS, in the amount of fifty-four thousand four hundred thirteen dollars and zero cents (\$54,413.00) for a total revenue of two hundred twenty-nine thousand four hundred thirteen dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$229,413.39). Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

MISCELLANEOUS:

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request & Resolution A1990.4 Contingency $\$36,750.00 - \$1,500.00 = \$35,250.00$ to A 3510.4 Dog Control $\$600.00 + \$1,500.00 = \$2,100.00$ NYS Reg. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A Motion was made by Councilor rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Resolution Justice Grant in the amount of \$11,447.76 to be appropriated to 2024 annual Budget A1110.4 Contractual. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve a one-time \$1,500.00 payment to Dan Moyer for kennel, runs, and flooring, he has secured an ADA grant for the HVAC

system. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Resolution Authorizing submission of Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

An e-mail was received from Matt Van Brocklin concerning Climate Change. This letter was available for all to read.

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve scheduling and posting for a Public Hearing for Local Law #1 2024 pertaining to Brush, Grass, weeds and Dumping prior to July Town Board Meeting. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to proceed with the building of the pavilion near the playground. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

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

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

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve Town of Edwards Justice Court Reports for May 2024 and May 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 May 2024 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 #6 of 2024, vouchers #92 - 120. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Highway Fund abstract #6 of 2024, vouchers #79 - 90. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee . Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Water District abstract #6 of 2024, vouchers #29 - 33. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Sewer District abstract #6 of 2024, vouchers #35 - 39. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

Kari Tremper gave us an update on the water project. The WIIA grant will be applied for tomorrow as the dead line is very near. An email will be sent confirming all submissions. No one on Grant Street or Cross Street responded to our survey about pipe coming into the house.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Kathleen Huber discussed the possibility of an elevator or a chair lift for the Opera House, both will be costly.

Erica Hughes discussed what could be done about many, many cats residing at 5 Cross Street and the unkept lawn. I will call Dan Moyer but usually dog control can do nothing about cats. Possibly an unlicensed dog resides there too. A letter was sent to owner of 5 Cross Street stating lawn needed to be mowed.

Ellen Bacon has an ongoing issue with Richard Thayer about encroachment on her property at Jones Pond. This issue has been going on for some time. I will contact Justice Finley and CEO Atkinson on what has been done and what is the next step.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46PM was presented by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

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

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Clerk
June 12, 2024