

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

Meeting recorded

Supervisor Shippee called the meeting to order at 7:00. Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Jan Lennox, Clerk Debbie Bullock, Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes, , Justice Fred Finley Kari Tremper from DANC and Erica Hughes.

Kari Tremper discussed the next steps in the proses of upgrading the water system. Papers were signed and scanned to Kari on 9/14/2023 We are waiting on clarification on a letter from Henry Leader.

Highway Matters:

A letter that was sent to the Department of Transportation requesting the lowering of the speed limit on the Bancroft Road has been granted. The speed limit on the Bancroft Road will now be 45 MPH.

Lines have been painted on the roads.

Shaw Road , Old Rt 58, Court & Grant Streets are being prepared for paving on September 25 weather permitting.

Again, there is a problem with flushable wipes. They gum up the system. PLEASE refrain from flushing Flushable wipes.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to accept Michels Power extending lease on the lay yard until September 30, 2023. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve a Resolution to no longer plow, maintain or otherwise work on the Ruslo, Watson & Blackburn Roads. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

MISCELLANEOUS:

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve a Resolution determining that the proposed Town of Edwards Water System Upgrade Project is a Type 1 action and will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion to approve DANC Lead Line Service Inventory Budget at a total cost of \$20,000.00 was tabled

until October Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve formally declaring the week of September 17th as Constitution week. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion to approve a one-time fee to the Gouverneur Pound in the amount of \$1,500.00 for necessary upgrades. was Tabled until October Board Meeting and a request for Dan Moyer to come in to explain.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve a letter of support and authorization drafted by Kathleen Huber for the Edwards Arts Council, Inc. to file an application for funds from Rock Charitable Fund for the purpose of replacing fire exit door and for a historical study for the future replacement of windows in the Town Hall Building. This motion was passed on September 7, 2023 by email vote due to the deadline for this letter being September 8, 2023. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee 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 August 2023 no bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve Clerk Bullock's clerk report for August and July & August 2023 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Clerk Bullock's tax report for August and July & August July bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee.
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Town of Edwards Justice Court Reports for August no August 2023 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox to accept the August 2023 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all General Fund abstract #9 of 2023, vouchers #431-449. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee.
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Highway Fund abstract #9 of 2023, vouchers #764-782. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee.
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Water District abstract #9 of 2023, vouchers #48-53. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to pay all Sewer District abstract #9 of 2023, vouchers #56-65. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

Fred Finley reported on the security system upgrade. The estimate is \$13,625.69 and they are securing a JCAP Grant

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve a Resolution authorizing the Edwards Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-2024 grant cycle. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Erica Hughes an Island Street resident has complaints about neighboring properties not being taken care of. She states that wild animals are living in the unkept yard and buildings, she was given Larry Atkinsons phone number and the Town Clerk also placed a call to Mr. Atkinson on Thursday 9/14/2023.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM was presented by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on October 11, 2023.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Clerk
September 13, 2023