

Edwards Town Board Meeting March 13, 2024
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Meeting recorded

Supervisor Shippee called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00PM Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Jan Lennox, Clerk Debbie Bullock, and Residents Kathleen Huber, Arts Council, Patricia Lennox, Fred Finley, Phil Soper from the Cemetery Committee, Vicki Day Library & Rich Ansen Fire Chief

Public Hearing: The public hearing was called to consider the increase and improvement of the Town of Edwards Water District. Improvements include replacement of water treatment facilities at well site No. 2, removal of decommissioned water tank, instillation of a new SCADA system and various improvements to create enhanced system redundancy and any and all necessary furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, installations, appurtenances, accessories and related engineering and other costs in connection with the foregoing, all as further described in the report entitled "Water Systems Upgrade" dated May 2023 prepared for the Town by Barton & Loguidice, P.P.C. Watertown NY, at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,000,000, including preliminary costs and cost incidental thereto and financing thereof, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law. The Town Clerk presented affidavits showing that the Notice of said public hearing had been duly published and posted pursuant to provisions of Article 12 of the Town Law;

The Supervisor stated that the hearing in said matter was now open and asked if there were any interested persons present who desired to be heard. No one spoke for or against.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:10. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

Supervisor Shippee called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:10

Highway Matters:

Duane was absent but Councilor Lennox supplied a report.

Main street is scheduled to be ground beginning in May as weather permits.

A drain needs replacing near Holly's

Michels submitted an environmental plan that was not approved by the Power Authority so the stone at the lay yard next to the Town Barn must be piled up. The Town can use as they please.

Very little plowing has needed to be done this year.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Resolution and Order after Public Hearing. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Bond Resolution. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

Two (2) sealed bids were submitted for the Cemetery Maintenance Contract. Both bids were open at the Board Meeting by Supervisor Shippee and read out loud by Clerk Bullock, the three Cemetery Members then took the two bids to the back room to make a decision. The Cemetery Committee chose Sean Sullivan due to his location and accessibility to equipment.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve the Cemetery Committee's choice of Sean Sullivan for the Cemetery Maintenance Contract with a bid of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve Court and Justice audit and Resolution. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's reports for February and February 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 approve Clerk Bullock's clerk report for February and February 2024 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Clerk Bullock's tax report for February and February bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, 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 February 2024 and February 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 accept the February 2024 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox to pay all General Fund abstract #3 of 2024, vouchers #39 - 57. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Highway Fund abstract #3 of 2024, vouchers #40 - 54. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Water District abstract #3 of 2024, vouchers #12 - 15. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox to pay all Sewer District abstract #3 of 2024, vouchers #14 - 21. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Rich Anson gave a Fire Department annual report; 158 total calls, 121 rescue calls and 37 fire & mutual aid.

The County is switching to a new radio system in 2025. Old radios will still work but will not be repaired.

Vicki Day Stated the Library is moving forward with renovations. Renovation construction Grants will be pursued. A new boiler is needed, mold needs to be removed and insulation need installing.

Kathleen Huber stated a need to replace corner light on the ramp at the Historical Center because the end of the ramp is dark.

The Electric is complete in the Opera House.

The History Center and Library will be doing events for Community Days on July 27th and July 28th 2024. Yard sales will be July 27th and the Library will have a book sale that day also. "The Bad Husbands Club" will be playing in the Opera House on July 27 2024 at 7:00PM and there will be a parade on Main Street on July 28th. Other events to be announced.

We need to pursue Grants for improvements for Main Street. Several Buildings are in disrepair and are in danger of falling down.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM was presented by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

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

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Clerk
March 13, 2024