

Edwards Town Board Meeting February 14, 2024
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Meeting recorded

Supervisor Shippee called Meeting to order at 7:00PM Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Jan Lennox, Clerk Debbie Bullock, Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes, and Residents Kathleen Huber, Arts Council, Fred Finley Cemetery Committee, Jill Alguire, Asa Hamilton, & Corey Blandin Town Residents

Highway Matters:

Duane supplied an inventory list.

Duane stated we need to put an order in for a new truck, this would make delivery mid-2026 to early 2027.

Main Street is scheduled to be ground 1st week in May weather permitting.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve Posting an ad in the Watertown Daily Times to accept bids for Cemetery Care Taker Bids due by March 12, 2024 and will be opened on March 13, 2024 at the Regular Board Meeting. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve posting for a Public Hearing & Resolution concerning the increase and improvement of facilities of the Water District at 7:00PM on March 13, 2024 prior to the Regular Board Meeting. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Resolution in support for the continued operation of New York State Correctional Facilities in St. Lawrence County. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to do Court Justice Audit on February 22, 2024 by Supervisor Shippee and Councilor Lennox. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to perform Clerk and Tax Collector audit on March 1, 2024 by Councilor Rice and Councilor Hurley. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve Secretary to the

Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's reports for January and January 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 clerk report for January and January 2024 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, 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 January and January 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 Town of Edwards Justice Court Reports for January 2024 and January 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 January 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 Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all General Fund abstract #2 of 2024, vouchers #22 - 38. 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 Highway Fund abstract #2 of 2024, vouchers #24 - 39. 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 #2 of 2024, vouchers #8 - 11. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Sewer District abstract #2 of 2024, vouchers #8 - 13. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Fred Finley was here representing the Cemetery Committee. He stated there is a need to find someone to mow cemeteries this summer. An ad will be posted accepting bids.

Kathleen Huber stated the outside electric work is finished on the Opera House, hopefully the inside will be done by the end of February.

Jill Alguire & Asa Hamilton are concerned about the sidewalks in front of Main Street Market. Duane stated the sidewalks are the owner's responsibility.

A discussion was had about writing a letter to Governor Hochul about moving back the mandate on electric

vehicles. A letter will be written after some research is done.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM was presented by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on March 13, 2024.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Clerk
February 14, 2024