

Edwards Town Board Meeting October 11, 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 Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Jan Lennox, Clerk Debbie Bullock, Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes, County Highway Superintendent Don Chambers and Legislator William Sheridan. Councilor Hurley was absent.

Highway Matters:

Don Chambers and William Sheridan answered some questions we had about the 3-year plow contract between the County and the Town of Edwards.

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to accept Michels Power extending lease on the lay yard until October 31, 2023. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Michels Power Plan for return of the lay yard to the Town of Edwards. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to sign a three- year (3) Contract and Resolution for Winter maintenance agreement between St. Lawrence County and the Town of Edwards on County Route 24. This vote was passed by phone/email vote on September 25, 2023 due to time constraints. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Lennox & Shippee Nays 1 Rice

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve sending the Edwards Fire District a 2023-2024 snow plow contract at a price of \$1.00 for the winter season. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve sending Edwards-Knox Central School a 2023-2024 sand contract at a price of \$500.00 for the winter season. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve public notice posting no parking on streets or highways within the boundaries of the former Village of Edwards between the hours of 2AM to 7PM from November 1st to May 1st. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox for posting a public notice of seasonal roads no winter maintenance on the following roads: Ames Road, Bingo Road, Stammerville Road & Thomlinson Road. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve the Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request & Resolution HWY Fund DA9060.8 Medical \$41,582.50-\$7,296.00=\$34,286.50 to DA5112.1 Salary \$38,400.00+\$7296.00=\$45,696.00 to balance. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve a Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request and Resolution Hwy Fund DA9060.8 Medical \$34,286.50-\$599.68=\$33,686.82 to DA5140.4 Misc. \$6,000.00+\$599.68=\$6,599.68 to balance. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve a Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request & Resolution Hwy DA9060.8 Medical \$33,686.82-\$10,422.91=\$23,263.91 to DA5142.4 Contractual \$230,000.00+\$10,422.91=\$240,422.91 to balance . Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

The Edwards -Knox School purchased water from the Town to fill the pool. Volunteers from the Fire Department spent 4 days hauling 160,000 gallons of water to the pool.

Paving is complete on Shawville Road and Old 58.

DANC flushed hydrants

The State plow truck is ready to go.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request & Resolution General Fund A1990.4 Contingency \$28,244.94-\$2,873.57=\$25,371.37 to A8989.4 2nd Spray \$16,000.00+\$2,873.57=\$18,873.57 to balance. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nay 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve and sign Agreement for Bond Council completing the Bond Council Resolution for the water up-grade project. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve DANC Lead Line Service Line Inventory Budget at a total cost of \$20,000.00. Adopted: Ayes 4 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 up-grades was tabled until November meeting.

A Summer Recreation Summary has been reviewed and is on file at the Town Hall.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Clerk Bullock's clerk report for September and September 2023 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 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 September and September 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 September 2023 and August & September 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 September 2023 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to pay all General Fund abstract #10 of 2023, vouchers #450-464. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to pay all Highway Fund abstract #10 of 2023, vouchers #783-799. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all Water District abstract #10 of 2023, vouchers #49-60. 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 #10 of 2023, vouchers #66-73. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve posting public notice for Public Hearing prior to the next meeting on November 8, 2023 for the Town of Edwards 2024 Town Budget. Adopted: Ayes 4 Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM 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 November 8, 2023.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Clerk
October 11, 2023

