

Edwards Town Board Meeting January 18, 2024
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Meeting recorded

Supervisor Shippee called Meeting to order at 7:13PM Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Clerk Debbie Bullock, Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes, and Residents Charlotte Dean, Patricia Lennox, Fred Finley & Kari Tremper from DANC

Kari Tremper gave an update on the water upgrade. We need to supply her with a list of physical address for all on town water. We need to supply pictures of some locations inside the residence showing copper piping. A letter will be sent with the April billing requesting residents photograph the pipes entering the house. The letter is also posted on the Town website. Kari will be in touch with Henry Leader about the bond council.

Highway Matters:

Insurance required master switches be placed on all Town vehicles. All have been installed.

Duane voiced a need for an extra generator for when we have prolonged power outages.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Resolution holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for providing services for highway work. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Resolution & Agreement to spend town highway funds with St. Lawrence County. All sign agreement. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

MISCELLANEOUS:

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Resolution for Official undertaking of municipal officers to file with St. Lawrence County Clerk. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve the Town of Edwards Budget Modification Request & Resolution A9060.8 Insurance $\$1,550.97 - \$211.19 = \$1,339.78$ to A9030.8 Social Security $\$13,000.00 + \$211.19 = \$13,211.19$ to balance 2023-year end. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Resolution History Center. The 2024 Annual Budget appropriation A1990 Contingency is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), the Edwards Town Board approves the transfer of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) from A1990 Contingency to A7510.4 Historian/History Center for payment of the new furnace installed at 222 Main Street. 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 December & December bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Clerk Bullock's clerk report for December and December 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 December and December 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 December 2023 and December 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 accept the December 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 Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all General Fund abstract #1 of 2024, vouchers #1 - 21. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to pay all Highway Fund abstract #1 of 2024, vouchers #1 - 23. 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 Water District abstract #1 of 2024, vouchers #1 - 7. 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 #1 of 2024, vouchers #1 - 7. 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. Will rediscuss in February.

Charlotte Dean has been appointed the new Town Historian. She will appoint a Deputy Town Historian. We need to look into Grants to update the Historical Building. The front porch needs repair and better lighting on the ramp in the back. Charlotte stated they may be open on Saturday mornings in the summer and possibly a Facebook page.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49PM was presented by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on February 14, 2024.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Clerk
January 18, 2024