

**EDMESTON TOWN BOARD**  
**EDMESTON, NY 13335**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 08, 2005**

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on February 8, 2005 at 7PM in the Edmeston Municipal Building. The following Town Office members were present:

**Present:** Supervisor: Russell Dutcher  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe  
Councilman: Dave Green  
Councilman: Scott Convis  
Councilman: Ed Schutz  
Highway Supt: Dale Lund  
Town Clerk: Tina Colegrove

**Others Present:** Don Stringham, Edmeston Panther Trax Snowmobile Club; Amanda Friedl, Otsego County Empire Zone; Lash Camenga, Edmeston resident.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Organizational/Regular Meeting of the Town Board held on January 11, 2005 were reviewed by the Board. There was the following correction: The new state rate for mileage is now \$.405 per mile. The Town's Resolution #1-2005 is corrected to reflect this new rate. On a **MOTION BY:**

Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, the minutes of the Organizational/Regular Meeting of January 11, 2005 were approved as corrected.

**MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** Supervisor Dutcher reported:

1. **Resolution #2-2005 Empire Zone:** With all discussion of the proposed changes to the Empire Zone boundaries at New York Central now closed from the Public Hearing, Supervisor Dutcher requested a motion to pass a resolution to accept the proposed changes to the Empire Zone boundaries. There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz to adopt **RESOLUTION #2-2005 EMPIRE ZONE BOUNDARIES AT NY CENTRAL MUTUAL INS CO.** as presented at the Public Hearing by Amanda Friedl of the County Empire Zone. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**
2. **Panther Trax Snowmobile Club:** Don Stringham is the trail coordinator for the newly established snowmobile club. Don thanked the Board for their permission to build a crossing of the trail over Town owned land. Paperwork is now being done for next years' trails with a deadline of April. Don reported to the Board that the club has to have 911 marker signs along the trail system and questioned the Board about the possibility of leaving some of the markers in place next to the roads all year long. Highway Superintendent Dale Lund advised on the distances of right-of-way from the roads and where markers could be placed.
3. **Planning Board:** Supervisor Dutcher attended the last Planning Board Meeting to advise that Board of the resignation of former Chairman Jack Emmett. Supervisor Dutcher also advised the Planning Board that usually the Planning Board decided amongst themselves who they choose as the Chairperson. There were two interested in the vacant position. Supervisor Dutcher stated the Town Board would decide who to appoint as chairperson. After discussion, there was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis to appoint John Parker as the Planning Board Chairperson. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**
4. **Board vacancies:** The Planning Board needs one more member, the Water Committee needs one more member, and the BAR should also have at least one more member. Supervisor Dutcher requested a motion to advertise the vacancies. There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz to have the Town Clerk place an ad in the Pennysaver to seek candidates to fill these vacancies on the various boards. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**
5. **Lewandowski House on East Street:** Supervisor Dutcher reported to the Board that a summons was issued by the County Code Enforcement Officer. Court date is scheduled for February 14, 2005.
6. **Judge Conklin's Year-End Books:** Supervisor Dutcher passed a printout of Judge Conklin's books of 2004 for review by the Board.
7. **Royce Hill's Retirement:** Supervisor Dutcher reminded the Board that Royce would be retiring from the highway department at end of March 2005 and questioned the Board on how best to pay out the remaining days-off benefits.

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After discussion by the Board, there was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz to pro-rate Royce Hill's vacation time/sick time. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Dale Lund reported:

1. **Inter Municipal Agreement:** Dale was given a booklet on policy and procedures for Inter-Municipal Agreements on sharing man power and machinery between municipalities. Dale passed this booklet to the Board members for review.
2. **Door Openers:** Dale received three quotes for automatic door openers for 5 doors at the Town Highway Garage.
  - a. **Hayes:** \$1100 per door.
  - b. **Cusworth:** \$735 per door.
  - c. **Overhead Door Co:** \$1200 per door.

There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, to approve the purchase of the overhead automatic doors from Cusworth at the amount of \$735 per door. **AYES 5 NOES 0.**

3. **Loader:** Dale received a quote from a Kamatsu dealer. The dealer would give the Town \$25,000 for our loader and the cost would still be about another \$110,000. Dale advised the Board there still is no state bid on loaders.
4. **Self-Contained Broom:** Dale wants to rent a self-contained broom this summer. Anderson Rentals can sell a trade-in for about \$6,000. Dale would like to try one before he buys one and would like the Board to see how it works as well.

**WATER DISTRICT REPORT:** Dave Green reported:

1. **Water Committee Meeting:** Dave advised the Board that the WAC met earlier this evening to discuss a problem with a hydrant that the Fire Company reported to Dave. Dave spoke to Fire Chief Lauren Waite about getting a Fire Company work detail to lubricate the hydrants so that they will turn open when needed.
2. **Thawing Water Lines:** The Water District has purchased welding cable to use in thawing frozen water lines.
3. **Meter Readings:** The Water Committee decided to pay someone \$5.00 per reading when the WAC has to send someone out to get meter readings for those that can't get to their meters or those that never send readings because they don't pay the water bills.
4. **Meter at Chlorinator:** Dave advised the Board that the electric meter at the chlorinator is no longer needed and that the Water District is paying a flat charge every month for a meter that is not being used by the Water District. The Board suggested having Supervisor Dutcher send a letter to the electric company to have the meter removed.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:** Tina Colegrove reported:

**Property Taxes:** The January property tax collection is now closed. Supervisor Dutcher will be paid in full this week and the first check to the County Treasurer will also be mailed this week. Total collected for the month of January was \$550,026.57. This represents more than half of the total amount of the warrant.

**COUNCILMEN CONCERNS: None.**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:** A warrant of \$16,910.18 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway, Water District funds were presented as Abstract #2-2005. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #2-2005. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**

General / Highway Funds	#17-52	\$16,165.86
Water District Funds	#4-8	<u>\$ 744.32</u>
	TOTAL	\$16,910.18

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was closed for Executive Session at 8:50PM.  
Executive Session closed at 9:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tina Colegrove  
Town Clerk

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