

EDMESTON TOWN BOARD
EDMESTON, NY 13335
REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2005

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on June 14, 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
Deputy Highway Supt: Paul Pritchard
Town Clerk: Tina Colegrove

Others Present: Charles Sherman, Anderson Equipt. Co., Steve Goodrich, Deputy Town Clerk, Katie Barker-Jennings, Appointed Replacement Town Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board held on May 10, 2005 were reviewed by the Board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2005 were approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: AYES 4 NOES 0.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Dutcher reported:

1. **Introductions:** Supervisor Dutcher introduced Katie and Steve to the Board members.
2. **Loader Bids:** There were 3 bids received:
 - A) **Tracey Road Equipment** bid a new and unused 2005 New Holland Wheel Loader, Model LW170.B at a bid price of \$105,777. No trade.
 - B) **Tracey Road Equipment** bid a new and unused 2005 Kawasaki, Model 70ZV, 3.54 yard bucket capacity Wheel Loader at a bid price of \$103,937. No trade.
 - C) **Anderson Equipment Co.** bid a new and unused 2005 Komatsu Wheel Loader, Model WA320-5 at a bid price of \$111,535 without trade or \$86,535 with a trade-in value of \$25,000 for the Town's 1994 Case Loader. There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe to accept all bids presented and then have Supervisor Dutcher and Superintendent Lund to review the specs on all three bids for comparisons to the Town's requirements and award the bid at a later date. The **MOTION SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 4 NOES 0.**
3. **Air Conditioner for Board Room:** Howard Turnbull left a note on Town Clerk's desk stating the air conditioner in the Board Room "has completed its mission here on earth!" After a brief discussion, there was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Convis, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green to allow Supervisor Dutcher to purchase a new air conditioner unit. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 4 NOES 0.**
4. **FEMA:** Representatives came to talk to Superintendent Lund and Supervisor Dutcher on the Town's water washouts during the spring flooding this year on Dutch Valley Road and Coontown Mountain Road. The meeting was to consider if the Town was eligible for reimbursement under the new Hazard Mitigation Program the Town signed into with Otsego County.
5. **Rosa Mystica Church:** Supervisor Dutcher and Superintendent Lund met with the Church's engineer at the problem site of the Church's parking lot on Angel Hill Road. The meeting was to discuss possible alterations to the edge of parking lot. It was decided that Superintendent Lund would get an estimate from Ray Wengert. In the meantime, Don Westcott from Sherburne called Dale and said he'd come over with a transit and figure the best and cheapest way for the Church to correct the problem.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Deputy Superintendent Paul Pritchard reported:

1. **Biesler Gravel Bills:** Paul requested of the Town Clerk if she would give the Highway Dept. copies of the Biesler gravel bills as they come in. The concern is how many loads are being charged as there have been some poor quality loads. Town Clerk agreed to put copies in the Highway's mailbox.
2. **CHIPS Money:** Dale received a letter notification that the Town has \$87,262.37 in CHIPS money. Dale would like to purchase the new loader with this money. Supervisor Dutcher to check with the State to make sure that equipment purchases are included in the uses of CHIPS money.

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WATER DISTRICT REPORT: Dave Green and Fred Tilbe reported:

- 1. Power Interruption:** Fred reported that there was a power interruption on the new system when the Town experienced power outage for a few seconds with the recent storm. The good news was the new system responded the way it was programmed to by calling Fred then Dave then Avis. The bad news was Fred and Dave were both out of town at the same time and it was awhile before the reset code to respond to the system could be activated. There was no harm to the system or the water supply.
- 2. North Street Water:** Fred also reported that when the contractors for the school addition were digging to connect to the waste water line across the street, they broke into the water line of Vickie and Tim Johnson's house. Fred came and shut the water off to North Street so that could be repaired. The next day the construction crew hit a curb stop and Fred again had to shut North Street water off. Everything has been repaired and is now running fine.
- 3. Main valve for Hydrants on North Street:** Fred was checking on the mains for the hydrants and reported that the North Street Hydrant main was covered in fine mud silt. Fred was able to repair for now but states if it were winter all of that would have been frozen-over the valve and that changes will have to be made. Fred to ask the Fire Co. to flush it out and then he'll call Jones Supply for a part to seal around it so it won't freeze in the winter.
- 4. Flush Hydrants:** Dave Green stated it is about time to flush all hydrants again. Dave to decide when so they can get it advertised.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Tina Colegrove had no news to report.

Supervisor Dutcher passed Tina's official letter of resignation written to the State of the State and copied to the Board. Tina's official last day to be June 30, 2005.

COUNCILMEN CONCERNS:

Councilman Tilbe suggested to the Board that the work yet to be done on the Employee Handbook should be done at a Special Meeting as the Regular Board Meetings would go too late with all the review work yet to be done. The Board decided to have a Special Meeting Workshop to review, discuss and make changes to the Draft of the Employees Handbook. Date was set for Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at 6:30PM in the Edmeston Municipal Building. Town Clerk to advertise.

Councilman Green addressed the Board stating that several people have been asking if the Town has planned a Bicentennial Committee for 2008. The Edmeston Fire Company will again be hosting the Fireman's Convention that same year and the thought was that everyone could work together and form a committee to organize a Town celebration. Councilman Tilbe suggested waiting until fall to begin to advertise for organizing a committee as the summer is usually too busy for everyone.

Councilman Green also questioned about the "No Parking" signs on North Street, being within thirty feet of a crosswalk, and also asked if the County could put up new signs that included "No Standing, Parking or Stopping". Dave also questioned if the current crosswalk is even legally placed since the new parking and drop off area has been established. Supervisor Dutcher to check with the County Highway about the signs.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS: A warrant of \$26,840.72 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway, Water District funds were presented as Abstract #6-2005. On a

MOTION BY: Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, the Audit of Claims were approved for payment as presented of Abstract #6-2005. **MOTION**

CARRIED: AYES 4 NOES 0.

General / Highway Funds	#133-163	\$25,847.60
Water District Funds	#24-30	<u>\$ 993.12</u>
	TOTAL	\$26,840.72

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to be conducted, and everyone present having been heard, Supervisor Dutcher adjourned the meeting at 8:29PM.

Tina Colegrove
Town Clerk