

EDMESTON TOWN BOARD
EDMESTON, NY 13335
REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2005

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on May 10, 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: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board held on April 12, 2005 were reviewed by the Board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2005 were approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Dutcher reported:

1. **Chlorine Bids:** There was just one bid received again this year for chlorine. The bidder was Hoyt's Hardware, Edmeston: The Town could take delivery of chlorine one of two ways. (A) 5 Gal containers (\$5.00 refundable deposit on container) and (B) Bulk delivery (100 gal. minimum. The bid price for either type of delivery is \$2.20/gallon. There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green to accept Hoyt's Chlorine Bid. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**
2. **Fuel Bids:** Also again this year, the Town received one bid. The bid was from Mirabito Fuel Group, Sidney, NY:
 - i. **#2 Heating Oil:**
 1. Fluctuating Bid Price of \$1.6680/gal
 2. Firm Bid Price of \$1.8000/gal
 - ii. **Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel:**
 1. Fluctuating Bid Price of \$1.7295/gal
 2. Firm Bid Price of \$1.8400/gal
 - iii. **Low Sulfur 60/40 Blend:**
 1. Fluctuating Bid Price of \$1.7896/gal
 2. Firm Bid Price of \$1.8900/gal

There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green to accept Mirabito's Firm Bid Prices on all types of fuel. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**

3. **Mowing Bids:** Supervisor Dutcher received two bids for mowing at the Water Springs, Municipal Building, and the Cemetery on Robinson Road. The bids were from:

A) **Kevin Funke, Edmeston:**

- i. \$15.00 per hour for the three locations using personal truck to get a rider and a push mower to locations. Estimate was broken down to show 1.5 hours at springs west of Town and half hour for water property on West Hill.
- ii. Asking \$15.00 per job at the Municipal Building.
- iii. Estimate 2 hours for the cemetery. Estimating 2 cutting sessions per week from now until mid to late October and this estimate also includes gas and oil and labor for a total of 10 hours per week.
- iv. Total cost to Town of \$480 for Municipal Building and total cost to Town for other two locations is \$1920 for a grand total season estimate of \$2400.

B) **Rifanburg Snow Plowing and Home Repair, Burlington Flats:**

- i. Flat sum of \$2000 yearly or \$10.00 per hour.

There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green to accept the mowing bid from Donald Rifanburg and the Supervisor will letter him with the specs on frequency of mowing. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**

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4. **Town Vacancies:** The Board decided to move ahead on appointing a Town Clerk to replace Tina and to also appoint a Deputy Town Clerk. There were no letters of interest or applications for the Water Committee, Planning Board or Board of Assessment Review.
 - A) **Town Clerk Appointment:** There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Tilbe to appoint Katie Barker Jennings as Town Clerk to the date of 12/31/2005. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**
 - B) **Deputy Town Clerk Appointment:** There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Convis, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz to appoint Steve Goodrich as Deputy Town Clerk. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**
5. **Intermunicipal Agreements:** Supervisor Dutcher reported to the Board that the Board would have to pass a resolution to authorize the Supervisor to sign for shared services with other Towns. *Carl Higgins entered the meeting at 8:05PM* There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green to approve and pass **RESOLUTION #2-2005 INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT** authorizing the Supervisor to sign for shared services with other Towns. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**
6. **Methodist Church Tent:** Doris Holdorf called the Town Clerk requesting permission to put a 25x25 tent between the church and the municipal building June 11 and 12 for the church's 100 year celebration. There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Supervisor Dutcher to approve the church's request to put up a tent for their celebration. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**
7. **Rosa Mystica Marion Church:** Board members each have a copy of the letter the Town's Attorney, Tim Johnson, wrote to the church concerning the parking lot on Angel Hill Road. Supervisor Dutcher has received phone messages for him and Highway Superintendent, Dale Lund, to meet with the church's engineers to try to work out a solution to the problem the parking lot poses.
8. **Fire Department Retirement Program:** Councilman Convis and Supervisor Dutcher went to a meeting last month for more information on this new topic. They will continue to keep the Board informed.
9. **Pool:**
 - A) Dale Lund reported the pool is almost full. Dale repaired the wall and also reported that three poles of the fence are rusted off and the two front corners of the fence are drooping. The fence should be repaired.
 - B) Supervisor Dutcher advised the Board that last year he received a call from DEC concerning the Town's storage of chlorine at the pool. There is a 200 gallon tank at the pool now. Because of the size of the storage tank there are a lot of special forms, permits, inspections and paperwork that are required. Requirement limits are 165 gallon tank with no special permits or paperwork. The current tank is corroding and now would be a good time to replace it. Hoyt's is checking prices for a new tank.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Superintendent Dale Lund reported:

1. **Loader:** Dale told the Board he needed to know if they were going to allow the purchase of a new loader so he can figure money needed for roads this year. A new loader is \$110,000 and there still isn't one on state bid. The Town's loader is a 1994 Case. According to Dale, most other Towns only keep a well used piece of equipment for ten years. Dale suggested putting the old loader out for bid and then decide on trade-in or sale. The Board agreed to put the loader out for bid and told Dale to get the specs to the Town Clerk as soon as possible for advertisement.
2. **Tube purchase:** Dale questioned County Representative, Carl Higgins if he knew whether there would be mitigation money coming to Otsego County to be shared with the Towns for flood damage. Dale needs to put in two new tubes on Dutch Valley Road and the DEC has approved the tube sizes and locations. Carl wasn't sure at this time if there would be any mitigation money coming to Otsego County.

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- 3. Applicants for hire at Highway:** Dale reported he only received three applications. Dale would like to hire Paul Taisor to fill the vacancy on highway. The Board agreed to the hire and begin Paul's pay rate at \$12.00 per hour with no benefits until after six months. There was a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Convis, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green to begin pay for Paul Taisor at \$12.00 per hour. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**

WATER DISTRICT REPORT: Dave Green reported:

- 1. Water Bills:** The first quarter water bills are in the mail.
- 2. Water Quality Report:** Dave also reported that the mandatory Water Quality Report would be in the papers soon.
- 3. Water Committee:** Dave questioned if anyone has applied for vacancy on Water Committee. Supervisor Dutcher stated there were no responses to any of the ads for that Committee.

Carl Higgins: Reported to the Board that he would not be seeking re-election this year. He also reported that there are many jobs being replaced at the County due to retirements.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Tina Colegrove reported:

- 1. April Taxes:** Total amount collected from property taxes this year was \$730,824.69 out of \$916,260.49 that was the total warrant amount. The total warrant amount also includes the properties that the Town Collector doesn't collect on like the State and County Forests and the corporations.

COUNCILMEN CONCERNS:

Councilman Tilbe stated the land across the road from the Highway Garage is for sale and it would make a good piece of land for the Town to buy for future plans.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS: A warrant of \$17,969.04 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway, Water District funds were presented as Abstract #5-2005. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #5-2005. **MOTION CARRIED: AYES 5 NOES 0.**

General / Highway Funds	#101-132	\$17,314.74
Water District Funds	#20-23	<u>\$ 654.30</u>
	TOTAL	\$17,969.04

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to be conducted, and everyone present having been heard, Supervisor Dutcher adjourned the meeting at 9:40PM.

Tina Colegrove
Town Clerk