

**EDMESTON TOWN BOARD**  
**EDMESTON, NY 13335**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 14, 2006**

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on February 14, 2006 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: Katie Barker

**Others Present:** John Parker-Planning Board Chairman, Larry Kline-Boy Scouts, Dustin Kucera-Boy Scouts, Brandon Kline-Boy Scouts, Aeyel Sheldon-Cooperstown and Stephen Sheldon, Smith Ford of Cooperstown

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Organizational/Regular Meeting of the Town Board held on January 10, 2006 were reviewed by the Board. There were the following corrections: On the Appointments and Designations the following positions need to be removed Voting Machine Custodian and Deputy Voting Machine Custodian. At the top of the minutes in the first paragraph the date should read January 10, 2006. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz, the minutes of the Organizational/Regular Meeting of January 10, 2006 were approved as corrected.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Ayes  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe – Ayes  
Councilman: Ed Schutz – Ayes  
Councilman: Dave Green – Ayes  
Councilman: Scott Convis – Ayes

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** John Parker-Planning Board Chairman

- 1. Subdivision Law:** John reported to the board that basically the Subdivision Law is done. The Planning Board will hold a meeting February 15, 2006 to put any final touches on the law. John asked the Town Board if they have anything they would like to add to the Subdivision Law. The Board would like John to present the Subdivision Law to the board; John informed board he would have it by March, so they can review it.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** Supervisor Dutcher reported:

**1. Bids:**

**Smith Ford-Cooperstown** – One (1) 2007 Ford F550-4x4 Regular Chassis Cab,  
Total Price: \$64,774.00

Less Trade-In: (\$ 9,000.00)

Cost with Trade-In: \$55,774.00

**Wicker Ford Inc** – One (1) 2007 Ford F550 Chassis Cab

Total Price: \$63,944.70 & No Trade In

**Roger Karns Ford Inc** – One (1) 2006 Ford F550 Reg Cab 4x4 Dump/Plow

Total Price: \$62,069.38

Less Trade-In: (\$10,500.00)

Cost with Trade-In: \$51,569.38

**Burr Truck** – One (1) New 2007, 4x4 Single Axle Cab & Chassis with Plow  
And Multiple use Dump Body

Total Price: \$73,328.00

Less Trade-In: (\$12,000.00)

Cost with Trade-In: \$61,328.00

- 2. Assessors:** Supervisor Dutcher presented a letter to the Board Members that he received from Steve Childs. Attached to the back of the letter Supervisor Dutcher had a diagram showing Assessors salaries since 1998 including Star Money. The county letter described that the Town of Edmeston has 1,397 parcels. Steve Childs figured the other towns pay their assessors approximately \$8.00 per parcel. Which he feels is fair. Dave Green presented to the board a survey of Assessors salaries from different towns located in Otsego County, currently the Town of Edmeston is currently averaging \$4.59 a parcel. Dave Green reported to the board that the Assessors are requesting a base salary of \$4,000 for the Chairman a

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year and \$3,500.00 for Henry Jaeger. The salary doesn't include the Star Program; the star money will go directly to the town. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz the Assessors salaries will be adjusted to \$4,000 for the Chairman and \$3,500 to Henry Jaeger.

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Councilman: Ed Schutz – Ayes  
Councilman: Dave Green – Ayes  
Councilman: Scott Convis – Ayes

3. **Resignation Letter** – Supervisor Dutcher presented to the Board a resignation letter from Martha Cady the Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Supervisor Dutcher. Martha Cady letter of resignation was accepted on a

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4. **Truck** – Supervisor Dutcher reported to the board that we received another Towing Bill from Chucks Towing. It was forwarded it to the insurance company. The insurance company still has not paid the Towing Bill.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Dale Lund reported:

1. **Truck Bids:** Dale told the board he thinks the truck bids are too high and are not really what they are looking for. He reported that there is an auction site on the internet, where they can either sell a truck or buy one, you just have to send a picture of the vehicle and they put it on the internet to auction off, the town can either accept the bid or not accept it. The board advised Dale to go over the bids with Supervisor Dutcher and look into auction a little more. The Highway Superintendent Dale Lund and Supervisor Russell Dutcher reviewed the Bids and decided not to accept any of the bids for the truck.
2. **Used Oil Furnace:** Dale reported to the board that he received some prices on Used Oil Furnaces for the Highway Garage. For a Small Used Oil Furnace the price is \$3,495.00 and for the Larger Size Used Oil Furnace the price is \$4,195.00. The board advised Dale to look into price differences for ways to save heat, such as foam installation or adding more sheet metal to ceiling in garage.
3. **Rosa Mystica:** Dale advised the board that he put in a 32 Foot tube in temporarily on lower side of Rosa Mystica's driveway next to Zingers driveway. Dale advised the board they should think about charging a certain amount for installing tubes for driveways.

**WATER DISTRICT REPORT:**

1. **Leaking Valve:** Fred Tilbe reported there was a Leaking Valve at the Ice Cream Shop. Fred went there last Saturday and shut valve off.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:** Katie Barker reported:

1. **Resignation Letter Deputy Clerk:** Katie read a letter of resignation from Lana Beeching, her resignation is effective February 13, 2006. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green the letter of resignation from Lana Beeching for the Deputy Clerk position was accepted:

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Councilman: Ed Schutz – Ayes  
Councilman: Dave Green – Ayes  
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2. **Interest Letter Deputy Clerk:** Katie read a letter of interest to the board from Janet Fallon. The board requested that Town Clerk Katie Barker and Supervisor Russell Dutcher are to interview Janet Fallon for the position of Deputy Clerk.

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3. **Property Taxes:** The January property tax collection is now closed. Supervisor Dutcher has been paid in full. The first check to the County Treasurer was mailed today. Total collected for the month of January was \$587,018.52. This represents more than half of the total amount of the warrant.

**COUNCILMEN CONCERNS:**

1. **Recreation Director:** Councilman Fred Tilbe addressed the board that the town needs to advertise for Recreational Director. The board advised the Town Clerk to run an advertisement in the Wharton Valley Pennysaver for two weeks to receive letters of interest for this position by the next board meeting. Supervisor Dutcher would also like to advertise for two positions on the Zoning Board of Appeals and three positions on the Board of Assessment Review.
2. **Fire District:** Fred advised board need to set up a meeting with the Fire Commissioners regarding the Fire District.
3. **Bicentennial Meeting:** Councilman Dave Green reported to the board that there will be a meeting held February 27, 2006 @ 7:00pm for the Bicentennial year for the Town of Edmeston. Dave advised the board that he will report back to them with updates regarding meeting.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:** A warrant of \$28,619.77 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway, Water District funds were presented as Abstract #2-2006. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #2-2006.

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General / Highway Funds	#20-56	\$27,425.46
Water District Funds	# 3-11	<u>\$ 1,194.31</u>
	TOTAL	\$28,619.77

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to be conducted, and everyone present having been heard, Supervisor Dutcher adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.

Katie Barker  
Town Clerk