

EDMESTON TOWN BOARD
EDMESTON, NY 13335
REGULAR/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 9, 2007

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on January 9, 2007 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, Janet Fallon Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Year – End Meeting of the Town Board held on December 28, 2006 at 4:30pm were reviewed by the Board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, the minutes of the Year – End Meeting were approved as presented.

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

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Dutcher reported:

1. **Animal Control Officer** – Supervisor Dutcher informed the board that Sue Schoonover is still interested in the position and would have to be appointed. On a **MOTION BY:** Supervisor Dutcher, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz, the appointed Animal Control Officer for 2007 will be Sue Schoonover.

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

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Supervisor Dutcher read his list of APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS for discussion and review by the Board.

RESOLUTION #1 -2007
APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS

Tax Collector	Katie Barker
Deputy Town Clerk	Janet Fallon
Town Attorney	Lester Sittler
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Clarence Davis
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Katie Barker
Chairman of Assessors	Betty Crandall
Chairman of Board of Assessment Review	Vacant
Dog Shelter Agreement	Pittsfield Vet Clinic
Deputy Supervisor	Fred Tilbe
Deputy Highway Superintendent	Paul Pritchard
Historian	Robert Nonenmacher
Salaries for Highway Department	Per Agreement
Vacations, Sick Days, Holidays for Hwy Dept.	Per Agreement
Hospitalization for Highway Department	Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Mileage	\$.441/2 per mile
Town Board Regular Meeting Date	2 nd Tuesday of ea Mo @ 7PM
Planning Board Meeting	3 rd Wednesday of ea Mo @ 7PM
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Date	3 rd Tuesday of ea Mo @ 7PM
Official Newspaper	Daily Star, Oneonta, NY
Depository of Town Funds	NBT Bank, Edmeston NY and Citizens Bank, Hatwick, NY
Charge for Returned Checks	\$15.00 (maximum by NYS)

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Dog Control Officer
Health Officer
Recreation Director

Sue Schoonover
Lisa Johnson, DVM
Monica Clark

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis to adopt **RESOLUTION #1-2007: APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS**

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

Broom Bid – After the last meeting motion to purchase Broom for \$28,500 was rescinded by Councilman Fred Tilbe to purchase the Broom. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green the board accepted Fred Tilbe's rescinded regarding the Broom.

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

Bids - 2005 Broom from Anderson Equipment for \$28,500. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz the board approved to purchase the 2005 Broom from Anderson Equipment for \$28,500.

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Employment Policy – Dave Green will have a draft to review to all board members by next board meeting. The board will discuss at next board meeting.

Time Warner Franchise – Supervisor Dutcher will read over and hand out to the Town Board at the next meeting to discuss the Franchise. Dave Green would like the Fire District to be involved in the Franchise. Other board members would like to see Time Warner extend their boundaries.

Fire District Boundaries - The Board had decided to hold a Public Hearing on February 13, 2007 at 6:30PM at the Municipal Building regarding extending the fire district. Dave Green is to mail each of the Board members a copy of the West Edmeston Boundaries and the Edmeston Boundaries for the board members to look over before the public hearing.

Resignation Letter – The board received a resignation letter from Mary Lou Parker for the Board of Assessment Review effective 1/9/2007. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis the board accepted Mary Lou Parker's resignation letter from the Board of Assessment Review.

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Letter of Interest – The board received a letter of interest from Mary Lou Parker for the Zoning Board Appeals. On a **MOTION BY:** Supervisor Dutcher and **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Tilbe the board appointed Mary Lou Parker to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
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Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Ayes
Councilman: Fred Tilbe – Ayes
Councilman: Scott Convis – Ayes
Councilman: Dave Green – Ayes
Councilman: Ed Schutz – Ayes

Zoning Board of Appeals – Dorothy Tilbe's term was up, with Dorothy Tilbe still interested in sitting on the board. On a **MOTION BY:** Supervisor Dutcher and **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz the board appointed Dorothy Tilbe to the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve a five year term.

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

Planning Board – Sharon Mumbulo term was up, with Sharon Mumbulo still interested in sitting on the board. On a **MOTION BY:** Supervisor Dutcher and **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green the board appointed Sharon Mumbulo to the Planning Board to serve a five year term.

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

Planning Board – Donald Stringham term was up, with Donald Stringham still interested in sitting on the board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Convis and **SECONDED BY:** Supervisor Dutcher the board appointed Donald Stringham to the Planning Board to serve a five year term.

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Councilman: Fred Tilbe – Ayes
Councilman: Scott Convis – Ayes
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HIGHWAY REPORT: Dale Lund reported:

1. Dale requested to see the Flood Plain for the Town of Edmeston, he will be attending a meeting to discuss the flood plain for the Town. He asked the board if they wanted to make any changes to the flood plains anywhere.
2. Dale sent bills to FEMA that they requested that were never submitted in June. FEMA sends information to Albany then FEMA will receive back, then the town will receive.
3. Dale asked the board if anyone had looked into the Grant writer that Dale previously discussed with the Board. Dave advised the board he did look at the website and he received no additional information or any kind of references. Supervisor Dutcher is to look into the company a little further.
4. Dale advised the board that most of the tools used at the Highway Garage belong to Brian Long. He advised the board that the Highway Garage should have their own tools and that they will be purchasing tools throughout the next couple of months instead of using Brian's tools all the time.
5. Dale advised the board he would like to start hauling stone if weather stays good. Dale is to speak with Supervisor Dutcher regarding funds before hauling stone.

WATER DISTRICT REPORT:

1. Fred Tilbe reported that everything is working fine.

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TOWN CLERK REPORT: Katie Barker reported –

1. Katie reported that she received an increase for garbage removal for the 2007 year. Effective January 1, 2007 the price went from \$35.00 to \$40.00 per month due to the price of haulers increasing. The tippers fee 23% increased to \$16.00 per ton.
2. Katie reported that the county is working on correcting the 2007 land taxes to reimbursement over payment on taxes. The county increased the budget 22% and it should have only been 2.5%.
3. Katie advised the board that when they increased the Deputy Clerks hourly wage to \$8.00 per hour they never increased her salary per year, which basically means she received a raise but hours were cut per year. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Convis and **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz the board raised the Deputy Clerks salary per year to \$1,500.00 from \$1,200.00 which is a \$300.00 increase.

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Councilman: Ed Schutz – Ayes

Barrett Paving - Supervisor Dutcher reported that Barrett Paving would have to be paid \$91,020.55. On a **MOTION BY:** Supervisor Dutcher and **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Tilbe the board approved to pay Barrett Paving \$91,020.55 for 2007 invoice.

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

COUNCILMAN REPORTS: The Councilman had no news.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS: A warrant of \$ 22,702.64 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway, Water District funds were presented as Abstract #1-2007.

General / Highway Funds	# 1-28	\$20,186.80
Water District Funds	# 1-4	<u>\$ 2,515.84</u>
	TOTAL	\$22,702.64

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #1-2007.

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

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to be conducted, and everyone present having been heard, Supervisor Dutcher adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Katie Barker, Town Clerk