

**EDMESTON TOWN BOARD**  
**EDMESTON, NY 13335**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 13, 2007**

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on February 13, 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:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Regular/Organizational Board Meeting of the Town Board held on January 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm were reviewed by the Board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, the minutes of the Regular/Organization Meeting held on January 9, 2007 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. **Kevin Funke Letter** - Supervisor Dutcher read a letter that was received from Kevin Funke who resides on Gates Ave in Edmeston. Mr. Funke's letter was in regards to the raising of live stock on Gates Ave. Mr. Funke reported that his family likes to enjoy the outside and it's hard to when the flies and smell from live stock take away their enjoyment of the outside. The board discussed the letter and reported that there is a Law in the Town of Edmeston allowing town residents to raise livestock. Councilman Fred Tilbe is to look at the property which raised horses and will report to the board at the next board meeting. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green , **SECONDED BY:** Supervisor Russell Dutcher, the board will have Councilman Fred Tilbe look the property over and report to the board.

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

2. **Seasonal Highways** – Supervisor Dutcher reported to the board that he recently attended a Supervisors meeting regarding Seasonal Highways. At the meeting the discussion was people moving and building on seasonal highways/roads. Supervisor Dutcher reported that the board could pass a Local Law regarding the seasonal highways/roads. The Law would state that the town will only rebuild a certain amount of feet per year. This would limit an undo financial burden on the town. If no residents live on a certain seasonal road, the road would not have to be maintained. Highway Superintendent Dale Lund stated that most seasonal roads are one lane therefore the town would have to purchase property to expand roads to two lanes.
3. **Letter of Interest** – Supervisor Dutcher read a letter of interest to the board from Doris Holdorf for the Zoning Board of Appeals. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz, the board appointed Doris Holdorf to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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4. **Rosa Mystica** – Supervisor Dutcher and the board spoke about concerns of parking by the Rosa Mystica. When a retreat is taking place on the property, buses are parking in the road. The board would like Highway Superintendent Dale Lund to speak to them regarding the parking, if the problem isn't resolved after a verbal conversation with the property owners, further actions will be taken.
5. **Bar Members** - Supervisor Dutcher reported to the board that the Board of Assessment Review is empty at this time, and the positions really need to be filled. The board advised the town clerk, that they would like an advertisement ran in the local newspaper for the vacant positions.
6. **Employee Manual** – The board discussed and made changes to the Employee Manual Draft. Highway Superintendent Dale Lund discussed some concerns he has about employee's time being accumulated. Councilman Dave Green will work on corrections and send out final draft to the board members.
7. **Time Warner Franchise** – The board discussed the franchise and some of the councilman have some concerns and have spoken to some Town of Edmeston residents regarding Time Warner services. Councilman Scott Convis reported that the cable stops on Heap Road at Jennifer Talbots residents, he also spoke to Bill Gaston that lives on Heap Road and he reported that Time Warner would expand services to his residents but there would be a charge of about \$10,000. Councilman Fred Tilbe would like a Time Warner Rep. to come to one of the town board meetings and speak about franchise before town board signs the document.
8. Supervisor Dutcher asked Highway Superintendent Dale Lund about the accident with James Mayne on Louie Dickenson Road, when he was ran off the road by a town plow. Dale reported that James Mayne was traveling fast for road conditions and at the time it happened it was snowing so bad you could barely see the road. Dale also told board that the snow plows move over on road as far as possible to avoid something like that happening.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Dale Lund reported:

1. Dale reported to the board that he will be attending a meeting/class regarding Traffic Control in Otsego County for Graveled Roads. The meeting/class is \$40.00 per person. Dale asked the board if he could take some of the highway employees also. The board told Dale to take some of them; the class would be a great learning experience.
2. Dale reported that the Highway Garage has received the Broom. Dale explained to the board that the first time it was delivered it had not been serviced so Dale made them take the Broom back and service it. The broom has now been serviced and delivered.

**WATER DISTRICT REPORT:**

1. Fred Tilbe reported that the Upper Springs are hooked into the system but are not being used at this time. He also explained to the board in order to use the springs the town would have to do testing first. Fred reported eventually we may have to use them. Dave will tell Tony to go ahead and have upper springs tested.
2. Fred Tilbe reported to the board that Lynn Burke contacted him Friday night and reported she had no water. Fred and Dale worked Friday and Saturday to unfreeze the water under ground.

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

1. Katie reported that she collected \$96,504.63 more for land taxes in January 2007 then in January 2006.
2. Katie reported that the new animal control officer is doing a great job. There was 36 dogs licensed in the month of January, some of the licenses were from 2006, she also reported that in December of 2006 there was only 23 dog licensed, November 2006 there was 14 licensed and October 2006 there was 8 dogs licensed.

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**RESOLUTION # 2 – 2007** – To Expand the Edmeston Fire District 1 & 2. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, the board passed Resolution #2-2007 to expand the Edmeston Fire District 1 & 2.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

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

**COUNCILMAN REPORTS:**

1. Councilman Fred Tilbe asked Supervisor Dutcher about the Town Clerks Salary, he doesn't understand why the Town Clerks line item states \$8,200 for salary and she only makes \$7,000 for Town Clerk. Supervisor Dutcher explained that the Deputy Clerks Salary is included in the Town Clerks line item. Councilman Tilbe let the board know that they need to look into the Town Clerks salary better next year, to make her comparable to the surrounding town clerks salaries.
2. Councilman Ed Schutz let Highway Superintendent Dale Lund know that residents of West Edmeston would like to see more sand on the roads in front of their properties.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:** A warrant of \$ 21,332.93 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway, Water District funds were presented as Abstract #2-2007.

General / Highway Funds	# 29-68	\$20,339.53
Water District Funds	# 5-11	<u>\$ 993.40</u>
	TOTAL	\$21,332.93

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #2-2007.

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Councilman: Fred Tilbe – Ayes  
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 9:05 pm.

Katie Barker, Town Clerk