

**EDMESTON TOWN BOARD**  
**EDMESTON, NY 13335**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 10, 2007**

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on July 10, 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  
Deputy Town Clerk: Janet Fallon

**Others Present:** Betty Ann Schwerd County Representative, Jean Emmett, Jack Emmett  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Public Hearing held on July 10, 2007 at 7:00 pm were reviewed by the Board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, the minutes of the Public Hearing held on July 10, 2007 were approved as presented.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board held on July 10, 2007 were reviewed by the Board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Convis, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Tilbe, the minutes of the Regular 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. Public Participation-** Dale Lund asked Betty Ann Schwerd the Otsego County Rep. for Edmeston, about the intersection at County Rt. 18 and 18c. It was asked if it was going to be fixed. Betty Ann reported the she will get someone going on that road. Jack Emmett had DEC down about an issue with the river. He reported that there is waste going into the river. He stated that they can smell human waste in the area of the river.
- 2. Methodist Church** – Supervisor Dutcher handed out prints from Elwyn Smith from the Methodist Church. The ramp will come 7 feet onto Town Land. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Supervisor Dutcher, the board approved the revised prints for the Handicap Ramp, and the Methodist Church will have to get a right away agreement drawn up by either the town attorney or their own attorney.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

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

- 3. ZBA School-** John Avery York gave Supervisor Dutcher information on a ZBA School that is to be held on August 9, 2007. Mr. York would like the board to approve the cost of \$60.00 per person on the ZBA Board to attend. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz, the board approved the cost for up to all five members of the ZBA Board to attend the August 9<sup>th</sup> class.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

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

- 4. John and Doris Holdorf-** Supervisor Dutcher handed out a letter from the Holdorf's requesting that the road they live on be paved due to the increase in traffic now associated with the Rosa Mystica Church. This will be looked into.

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**5. Zoning Law-** Burn Barrel Regulations, Outdoor Furnaces and the new Zoning Laws to be addressed at a Special Meeting to be held on July 24, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building. Invitation will be extended to the Planning Board, the ZBA and Clarence Davis.

**6. Employee Handbook-** will be discussed at the next meeting.

**7. Town Clerk-** The Board asked Janet Fallon if she is interested in the position of Town Clerk. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, it is approved by the Board that Janet Fallon take over the position of Town Clerk that is being vacated by Katie Barker.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher- Ayes

Councilman: Fred Tilbe- Ayes

Councilman: Scott Convis- Ayes

Councilman: Dave Green- Ayes

Councilman: Ed Schutz- Ayes

**8. Bank Resolution-** The bank resolution to authorize Janet Fallon to sign checks. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, the board approved the resolution.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Ayes

Councilman: Fred Tilbe – Ayes

Councilman: Scott Convis – Ayes

Councilman: Dave Green – Ayes

Councilman: Ed Schutz – Ayes

**9. Air Conditioner-** Supervisor Dutcher discussed with the Board the need for an air conditioner in the Court Room area of the Municipal Building. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, it is authorized for either Supervisor Dutcher or Dale Lund to purchase an air conditioner.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Ayes

Councilman: Fred Tilbe – Ayes

Councilman: Scott Convis – Ayes

Councilman: Dave Green – Ayes

Councilman: Ed Schutz – Ayes

**10. Board of Assessment Review-** Pay for the chair person is to be \$125.00 and all other members \$50.00. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, the Board approved the rate for the BAR members.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Ayes

Councilman: Fred Tilbe – Ayes

Councilman: Scott Convis – Ayes

Councilman: Dave Green – Ayes

Councilman: Ed Schutz – Ayes

**11. Election for Assessors-** Town Law states that it is an elected position. Need to send to the County for a reapportionment.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-** Dale Lund would like the Board to enact a Local Law that states when someone builds on a seasonal road that the Town Highway Department will only improve 200 feet per year until we reach their property.

**Mower-** Dale Lund is looking into 4 wheel drive tractor.

Would also like to bid out the Farmall.

**WATER DISTRICT REPORT:**

1. Fred reported that we have a third of the water in the lower springs then normal for this time of year. If conditions get worse we can open up the spring.

2. Fred also reported that he got a call today to get water to Turnbull's shop and to Rex Smith's new place.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:** Katie Barker had no news reported –

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**COUNCILMAN REPORTS:**

1. Fred received a call from Dan Wilber from Otsego County Code Enforcement. He is wondering the status of the house in West Edmeston.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:** A warrant of \$19,155.80 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway, Water District funds were presented as Abstract #7-2007.

General / Highway Funds	# 185-205	\$19546.92
Water District Funds	# 33-38	<u>\$ 2608.88</u>
TOTAL		\$19,155.80

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #7-2007.

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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 9:50pm.

Janet Fallon, Town Clerk