

EDMESTON TOWN BOARD
EDMESTON, NY 13335
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2007

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The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on August 14, 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: Janet Fallon

Others Present: J.F. McLallen, Carol McLallen, Joyce Hiler, Jack Emmett, Jean Emmett, Dan Vibbard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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 Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, 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-** Joyce Hiler presented a petition for the reduction of speed signs and for flags and banners for South Edmeston. Jack Emmett spoke with someone from the county and was told that if the Edmeston Board approved the proposal for a reduced speed that it would be approved by the county also. There was a question asked about the possibility of Town Law Enforcement. Asked if the small towns (Burlington : Pittsfield) might cooperate to allow enforcement for the smaller towns. Supervisor Dutcher suggested that a Satellite Office might be possible. Councilman Green suggested maybe video surveillance would be possible also. Jack Emmett discussed the Right to Farm issue. He feels that it should be attached to any land use permit that we give out so that anyone coming into the town will be aware of the laws. Supervisor Dutcher said that he would have the planning board look into it.
2. **Methodist Church** – Supervisor Dutcher made us aware that Budget time is approaching.
3. **Animal Control Officer-**Sue Schoonover entered her letter of resignation of the Animal Control Officer. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, the board accepted her letter of resignation.

MOTION CARRIED:

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

The Board also appointed Gordon Chaffey to the position of Animal Control Officer. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz, the board appointed Gordon Chaffey.

MOTION CARRIED:

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

4. **Assessors-** Section 15.57 of the property tax law states that an elected position of assessor can be changed to a sole assessor. Have to make it a local law and we will do it before the vote in November.
5. **Tractor Bids:** the Board received and opened sealed bids for the International Tractor. The bids were as follows:

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| Russell Ahrens: | \$2737.00 |
| Jim and Audrey Archibald: | \$5270.00 |
| Otsego Auto Crushers: | \$6662.00 |
| Paul Valantino: | \$4679.00 |

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, the board accepted the bid by Otsego Auto Crushers for the amount of \$6662.00.

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

6. Tractor/ Loader/ Mower- the board reviewed the one bid for the New Holland and it was suggested that Supervisor Dutcher and Highway Superintendent Lund review the situation.

7. Petition for Reduced Speed- the petition for reduced speed in South Edmeston for area inside the Hamlet and on Ct. Rt. 18 and 20 from 40MPH to 30MPH . On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green , **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz .

MOTION CARRIED:

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

8. Resolution # 4 –Wharton Creek Rd. from 55 PH to 45 MPH. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Tilbe.

MOTION CARRIED:

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

9. Resolution #5 – Miller Rd. Reduce speed from 55 MPH to 35 MPH and 20 MPH in the area of the atheletic field. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green , **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis.

MOTION CARRIED:

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT- Dale Lund reported that we are missing 18 Street Signs missing and that he is going to order replacements. The Town Clerk will place an Ad in the Pennysaver to alert towns people to be aware of the problem.

WATER DISTRICT REPORT:

There is nothing to report from the water district.
Fred Tilbe will be absent from the Board Meeting in September.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Janet had nothing to report.

COUNCILMAN REPORTS: nothing to report.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS: A warrant of \$19,658.35 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway, Water District funds were presented as Abstract #8-2007.

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| General / Highway Funds | # 206-228 | \$18,687.40 |
| Water District Funds | # 39-42 | <u>\$ 970.95</u> |
| TOTAL | | \$19,658.35 |

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #8-2007.

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ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to be conducted, and everyone present having been heard, Supervisor Dutcher adjourned the meeting at 9:00.p.m.
Janet Fallon, Town Clerk