

EDMESTON TOWN BOARD
EDMESTON, NY 13335
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on September 11, 2007 at 7PM in the Edmeston Municipal Building. The following Town Office members were present:

Present: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher
Councilman: Dave Green
Councilman: Scott Convis
Councilman: Ed Schutz
Highway Supt: Dale Lund
Town Clerk: Janet Fallon

Others Present: Dave Lincoln, Jack Emmett, Joyce Hiler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board held on August 14, 2007 were reviewed by the Board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, the minutes of the Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED:

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Aye
Councilman: Scott Convis – Aye
Councilman: Dave Green – Aye
Councilman: Ed Schutz – Aye

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Dave Lincoln addressed the board to announce that he is running as a republican and an independent in the upcoming election for County Representative in the #10 District. He stated that although he doesn't have any political back ground or experience, he wants to represent the wants and needs of the common people. Joyce Hiler asked if there was any progress in the reduction of speed petition that was filed with our Board. Supervisor Dutcher stated that he signed and sent the information to the County last week. Joyce Hiler also asked about notification when a sex offender moves into the neighborhood. Janet Fallon stated that notification is based on the level that the offender is classified as. Janet is going to check into the process of the school being notified so that Joyce may know how to go about finding out information. Joyce Hiler asked if a date has been set for the special meeting concerning "Grandfather laws; burn barrels; outdoor furnaces." Supervisor Dutcher stated that the information needs to be viewed by the town lawyer first and then we will have a special meeting. Joyce Hiler asked if the budget meetings were open to the public and whether or not the Final Budget is open for the public to view. Supervisor Dutcher stated that both were open to the public. Jack Emmett asked if there was an open policy on the agenda for Board Meetings. Can a copy of the Agenda be received by the towns people a couple weeks before the meeting. Supervisor Dutcher stated that the agenda are not printed until the day of the Board Meeting. Jack Emmett also wanted to clarify that when he spoke at the Meeting in August about the Right to Farm, he was not stating that we should be so stringent as to exclude people, just that people who are moving into the Hamlet of the town should not be able to keep farm animals when they are living residentially. Supervisor Dutcher stated that he understands and he is having the Planning Board review the current Right to Farm laws and see if we need to change it.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Dutcher reported:

1. **Sealed Letter to Board-** Supervisor Dutcher read a letter that was sent to the Town Board members from Robert Dittus concerning the weight limit signs that were at the Edmeston end of Wharton Creek Rd. Superintendent Lund of the Highway Dept. stated that we did not need weight limit signs on our end because our end is able to handle the traffic.
2. **Cancer Screening-** Supervisor Dutcher read a letter sent to the Town that stated that the Governor signed into law that all units of local government have to allow 4 hours of leave for employees to have breast cancer/prostrate cancer screening per year.
3. **Budget-** Supervisor Dutcher stated that the budget time is approaching and we will probably begin the process in October.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-Superintendent Lund stated that the bid received for the Tractor had been settled. Supervisor Dutcher and Superintendent Lund spoke with the representative and increased the horsepower on the offered tractor to accommodate the needs of the Highway Department. Thereby increasing the purchase price by

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approximately three thousand dollars. Dale then stated that the tires on the backhoe and the town pickup truck are all in need of replacement. The backhoe tires are \$485.00 each and the pickup tires are \$145.00 each. Dale would like to take John VanVranken off of probation and increase his pay to the regular pay. John is working out very well in the department. Dale also told the Board that at some point over the previous weekend, more street signs were damaged. These signs were not stolen, they were run over. Dale reported this to the sheriff's office and he has spoken to people in an attempt to obtain information on who might be doing the damage. Dale also asked the Board to approve payment for Mill Creek Rd. to be double sealed. On a **MOTION BY** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY** Councilman Convis, it was approved that the Supervisor pays the independent company for the road work.

MOTION CARRIED:

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher- Aye
Councilman: Scott Convis- Aye
Councilman: Dave Green- Aye
Councilman: Ed Schutz – Aye

Dale also stated that he would like to start looking at new sanders for the town truck. Possibility that part of the money from the sale of the town tractor might be put towards the purchase of the sander. It was decided that Dale should start looking and gathering information and then present to Board at next meeting. Also we would like to thank Dale and the employees for the work done on the sidewalk and bank at the Bloom residence. Great job guys!

WATER DISTRICT REPORT:

There is nothing to report from the water district.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Janet had nothing to report.

COUNCILMAN REPORTS: Councilman Dave Green asked if the Supervisor has heard anything more from Time Warner. Supervisor Dutcher stated that he has made several attempts to contact them and he has not heard anything back. Councilman Green also asked about the Fire District and how the progress is coming with that. It is with the town attorney and we are waiting to hear from him. He was also concerned with the streetlights that are blown or on their way to going out. He was told to call NYSEG with the pole numbers and they will send someone to change them. It was also brought up that the glass in the community bulletin board is broken. Dale is going to fix it so that it can be used again.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS: A warrant of \$21,279.04 for claims of vouchers against the General/ Highway and Water District funds were presented as Abstract #9-2007.

General / Highway Funds	# 229- 250	\$ 20332.06
Water District Funds	# 43- 46	<u>\$ 946.98</u>
TOTAL		\$ 21279.04

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #9-2007.

MOTION CARRIED:

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Aye
Councilman: Scott Convis- Aye
Councilman: Dave Green – Aye
Councilman: Ed Schutz – Aye

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to be conducted, and everyone present having been heard, Supervisor Dutcher adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.

Janet Fallon, Town Clerk