

**EDMESTON TOWN BOARD**  
**EDMESTON, NY 13335**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2007**

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on October 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  
Highway Supt: Dale Lund  
Town Clerk: Janet Fallon

**Others Present:** Doug Bagg, Joyce Hiler, George Hiler, Jack Emmett, Susan Gelatt, Robert Simmons, Monica Clark, Caprice Eckert, David Rowley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board held on September 11, 2007 were reviewed by the Board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Tilbe, the minutes of the Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Aye  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe- Aye  
Councilman: Scott Convis – Aye  
Councilman: Dave Green – Aye

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Joyce Hiler asked if she could receive a copy of the old zoning law and a copy of the new one so that she can compare them. Supervisor Dutcher explained that the new zoning laws are not yet in effect so there is no copy to give her. She then asked about the progress of the speed limit signs for South Edmeston and Supervisor Dutcher stated that everything was sent to the County. She asked how to go about getting Children at Play sign and Supervisor Dutcher explained that the request has to go to the County. She asked about the possibility of Time Warner Cable in South Edmeston and was told that we have not heard back from Time Warner as of yet. She also asked again about attaching a copy of the Right to Farm Law to the Land Use Permit forms. The question about a local law enforcement or satellite office was her next issue and Supervisor Dutcher stated that he spoke with someone about it and it doesn't seem feasible for the Edmeston area. Mrs. Hiler then asked if the public could state their opinion at the Town Board Meetings about the future laws of Edmeston and Supervisor Dutcher stated that the Public Meetings were an open forum for the discussion by the town's people about the laws. Jack Emmett stated that John Parker stated at Planning Board Meeting to Jack that the trailers in South Edmeston were already Grandfathered in because they had been there for more then five years. Supervisor Dutcher stated that all of that would be addressed when the new laws were brought to the Public Meeting. Jack Emmett wondering if the Planning Board could write into the newest local laws that Right To Farm be kept out of hamlets of Edmeston, South Edmeston and West Edmeston. Doug Bagg then approached the Board about the issue of outdoor furnaces. Mr. Bagg lives at 45 North St and his neighbor has an outdoor furnace. Mr. Bagg stated that everyday there is smoke and stench entering his home from the neighbor's use of the outdoor furnace. He spoke to the neighbor about the problem in an attempt to resolve the matter and it didn't get very good results. He attended the Planning Board meeting where he asked for their help with the situation and even brought pictures of the smoke that travels into his yard and then his home. Asking the Town Board to outlaw the outdoor furnaces and have them removed from the area by April or May of 2008. The pool was brought up and Councilman Tilbe stated that he spoke with Jeff Francisco (the engineer) last week and decided to possibly hook into the town water rather than to drill a new well just for the purpose of the pool. The pool will probably the same shape and size with the change being one diving board instead of two. Dave Rowley asked if there had been any talk of relocating the pool and suggested that maybe it be moved to where the new emergency driveway was added to the school and stated that by moving it there, there is a possibility that we could use the school water supply for the pool. Susan Gelatt then asked if the Pool Committee was a true Committee. Supervisor Dutcher stated that town would send a letter for a grant to Senator Bill McGee. Councilman Tilbe to meet with Jeff Francisco again to discuss the possible change in the location of the pool. The pool Committee would then meet again and further the discussion. Betty Anne Shwerd stated

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that there is a program for the reduction of taxes for veterans and stated that we might like to check into this. She also stated that Steve Child in Real Property in Cooperstown is willing to deal with the Star Program if anyone in the Edmeston area needs assistance with it.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** Supervisor Dutcher reported:

1. **Building Inspection-** Supervisor Dutcher stated that we had our Building Fire Inspection done and asked Highway Superintendent Dale Lund to relay to the Board the results of the inspection because he was present for it. Superintendent Lund stated that it went rather well. The inspector gave us occupancy signs to be displayed in the Municipal Building and they have already been hung. Exit signs need to be installed in the inner room and the front court room. Fire Extinguisher needs to be refilled. Junction box in basement needs to be replaced. Also the pipe on the hot water heater needs to be extended. Superintendent Lund is already working on the issues to have them done as soon as possible.
2. **Sole Assessor-** Edmeston is 1 of 6 communities out of 27 in Otsego County that still have elected assessors. Betty Crandall is willing to stay on staff for one year to train a sole assessor if need be. The local law regarding the elected assessor was sent to Les Sittler for review. The Board will then plan accordingly. **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher- Aye  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe- Aye  
Councilman: Dave Green- Aye  
Councilman: Scott Convis- Aye

3. **Health Insurance-** company is changing the program at the end of 2007. The short rate renewal is 12.9 percent which would be cost between \$315.80 - \$356.00. Councilman Tilbe asked if John Van Vranken is on the health insurance as of date of start as with others in the past have. Superintendent Lund asked Supervisor Dutcher could check into the possibility of having employee and spouse and Supervisor Dutcher stated that he would look in to it.
4. **Budget-** Supervisor Dutcher is going to work on the Budget.
5. **Budget Transfer-** The budget transfers are as follows:

DA3960	\$60348.93	to DA5110.4
Fund Balance	\$64651.07	to DA5110.4
A1990.4	\$1870.00	to SL5182.46
A1990.4	\$400.00	to SL5182.47
A1990.4	\$260.00	to SL5182.47
A1410.4	\$372.00	to A1410.1
A1990.4	\$113.14	to A7550.4
A1990.4	\$200.00	to A8010.4

**MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher- Aye  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe- Aye  
Councilman: Dave Green- Aye  
Councilman: Scott Convis- Aye

6. **Budget Dates-**We will have two budget meetings to do budget workshops. They will be set as follows with the notice being advertised in the Daily Star:

Tuesday October 16, 2007 at 6 pm

Tuesday November 6, 2007 at 6 pm

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-**Superintendent Lund that the tractor/mower is in. Truck is in need of a new fuel tank and it will cost approximately \$1200.00. Some of the trucks are in need of new tires. The crew wondered about a new York Rake. It was also put to the Board that John Van Vranken be taken off probation. On a **MOTION BY** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY** Councilman Convis, it was approved that John Van Vranken is taken off probation.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher- Aye  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe- Aye

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Councilman: Scott Convis- Aye

Councilman: Dave Green- Aye

**WATER DISTRICT REPORT:**

Fred Tilbe states that everything is good with the water district. Hydrant on East St. expected to be done within the week. Rex Smith approached Fred Tilbe about having Town water piped to the location of the new home. Fred Tilbe also suggested that we send the Health Officer to the location in South Edmeston that we have had complaints about. After speaking with Health Officer Lisa Johnson, it was brought to the attention of the Board that she does not have the jurisdiction to make the visit.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:** Janet had nothing to report.

**COUNCILMAN REPORTS:** Councilman Dave Green asked if there has been any progress made by the planning board concerning the outdoor furnace law. Supervisor Dutcher stated that he would check on the progress.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:** A warrant of \$30596.50 for claims of vouchers against the General/ Highway and Water District funds were presented as Abstract #10-2007.

General / Highway Funds	# 251-267	\$ 28071.62
Water District Funds	# 47-50	<u>\$ 2524.88</u>
TOTAL		\$ 30596.50

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #10-2007.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe- Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis- Aye

Councilman: Dave Green – Aye

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to be conducted, and everyone present having been heard, Supervisor Dutcher adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Janet Fallon, Town Clerk