

**EDMESTON TOWN BOARD**  
**EDMESTON, NY 13335**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 8, 2008**

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on January 8, 2008 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

**Others Present:** Jack Emmett, Ron Martin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm were reviewed by the Board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Convis, **SECONDED BY:** Supervisor Dutcher, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2007 were approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Year End Meeting of the Town Board held on December 27, 2007 were reviewed by the Board. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz, the minutes of the Year End Meeting were approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

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

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** Supervisor Dutcher reported:

**1. Supervisor Dutcher** read his list of APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS for discussion and review by the Board.

**RESOLUTION #1-2008**  
**APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Tax Collector                               | Janet Fallon  |
| Deputy Town Clerk                           | Vacant  |
| Town Attorney                               | Lester Sittler  |
| Zoning Enforcement Officer                  | Clarence Davis  |
| Registrar of Vital Statistics               | Janet Fallon  |
| Sole Assessor                               | Betty Crandall  |
| Chairman of Board of Assessment Review      | John Bolin  |
| Dog Shelter Agreement                       | Pittsfield Vet Clinic                                     |
| Deputy Supervisor                           | Fred Tilbe  |
| Deputy Highway Superintendent               | Paul Pritchard  |
| Historian                                   | Robert Nonenmacher  |
| Salaries for Highway Department             | Per Agreement   |
| Vacation, Sick Days, Holidays for Hwy Dept. | Per Agreement   |
| Hospitalization for Highway Department      | CDPHP   |
| Mileage                                     | \$.441/2 per mile   |
| Town Board Regular Meeting Date             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of ea Mo @7PM                     |
| Planning Board Meeting                      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of ea Mo @7PM                   |
| Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Date        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of ea Mo @ 7PM                    |
| Water Board Meeting                         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of ea Mo @5PM                    |
| Official Newspaper                          | Daily Star, Oneonta, NY                                   |
| Depository of Town Funds                    | NBT Bank, Edmeston, NY and<br>Citizens Bank, Hartwick, NY |
| Charge for Returned Checks                  | \$15.00 (maximum by NYS)                                  |

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Dog Control Officer  
Health Officer  
Recreational Director

Gordon Chafee  
Lisa Johnson, DVM  
Monica Clark

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, the Appointments and Designations were approved.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

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

**2. Public Participation-** Ron Martin spoke on behalf of the Legion. Due to upkeep and expenses they are no longer able to operate the Legion. The Town owns the building so will be responsible to oversee things. Many organizations meet at the building. The Town will now take over the Legions half of the park (the Rotary handles the other half.) The Town accepted the building and all furnishings. Jack Emmett spoke about the building next to Liddell's store in South Edmeston. Building is falling down, so he wondered if someone could speak to owner about cleaning it up. Also asked who was responsible for signs showing "South Edmeston", was told by Highway Superintendent that the County installs the signs.

**3. Utility Bills-** The Board authorized Supervisor Dutcher to pay utility bills when they arrive. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, the Board approved immediate payment of utilities.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

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

**4. Insurance-** The Board authorized Supervisor Dutcher to pay Gates – Cole the remaining balance of \$8569.26. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz, the Board approved the payment.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

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

**5. Zoning Board of Appeals-** The Board received one letter of interest for the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The letter was read by Supervisor Dutcher from Jack Emmett, expressing his interest. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Schutz, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Tilbe, the Board approved Jack Emmett to sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

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

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-** Superintendent Lund stated that he will take the Verizon bill to Les Sittler and asked that the Board not pay it. Dale also wants the Board to consider passing the Law whereby the Town will only have to construct a small portion of seasonal roads, a set number of feet, which has yet to be determined. Dale wants to buy a small pick up truck (such as an S10), for the use of checking roads, etc. Dale would like to put the Ford 250 out for bid. Dale will look into a new or used truck. The Ford 250 will be put out for bid.

**WATER DISTRICT REPORT:** nothing to report.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:** nothing to report

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**COUNCILMAN REPORTS:**

1. Fred discussed the Cold War Veterans Exemption. Fred also recommended that the Town Clerk process the Board Minutes for the Supervisors review on the Wednesday after each meeting. In turn, the Supervisor will then have the reviewed minutes back to the Town Clerk the following Monday. The Board Members would then receive their copy that week allowing time for review by the Board.
2. Dave has put pending Laws on the computer file so that we can make changes as needed.
3. Fred would like to meet twice a month for a couple of months to work on Local Laws.
4. Board will hold a meeting on Tuesday January 22, 2008 at 6:30pm., Town Clerk to advertise.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:** A warrant of \$7409.72 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway, Water District funds were presented as Abstract #1-2008.

|                         |        |                 |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| General / Highway Funds | # 1-18 | \$7377.72       |
| Water District Funds    | # 1    | <u>\$ 32.00</u> |
| TOTAL                   |        | \$7409.72       |

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #1-2008.

**MOTION CARRIED:**

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Aye  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe – 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 9:23pm.

Janet Fallon, Town Clerk