

EDMESTON TOWN BOARD

EDMESTON, NY 13335

APRIL 14, 2009

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on April 14, 2009 at 7PM at 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
Hwy. Supt: Dale Lund

Others Present: Brandon and Monica Clark

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 10, 2009 at 7:00pm were reviewed by the Board.

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz, the minutes were approved as written.

MOTION CARRIED:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Monica Clark addressed the Board with her concerns about the Boards decision to make her and Ardath Mockovciak Co-Directors. She felt the Ardaths' position should be Assistant Director as Monica has done most of the work already and being Co-Directors, she and Ardath would be equal. She also felt that lowering her salary to \$5000.00 was a little harsh. Her job in Norwich would not take her away from her duties as much s it looks as her job starts in January and ends in September. The Board thought that the way her budget read that she was getting paid by the hour. Supervisor Dutcher explained that it was like that for paying purposes only. She gets a salary. After some discussion, Councilman Green made a motion to make Monica Clark the Director and Ardath Mockovciak the Co-Director with Monica getting \$6240.00 and Ardath getting \$4000.00. On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz, Monica will be Director and Ardath will be Co-Director each at the salary listed above.

MOTION CARRIED:

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

Brandon Clark addressed the Board regarding the \$1500.00 charge to hook-up the water for the old Depot. Councilman Tilbe explained that this was a tapping fee to tap the new water line into the Main line. Brandon will get a check to the Town Clerk.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Dutcher reported:

1. Sand and Gravel Bids:

Seward Sand and Gravel

Bank Run	\$2.25 /yd.
Item 4	\$3.75/ yd.
Sand	\$3.75/ yd.
Cobbles	\$2.25/ yd.
Crusher Run	\$4.75/ yd.

Bice Gravel Bank

Blow Sand	\$2.00/ yd.
Bank Run	\$2.50/ yd.
Cobbles	\$2.50/ yd.
Item 4	\$3.80/ yd.
Crushed Item 4	\$5.00/ yd.
Sand	\$3.80/ yd.

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#2 Round Stone	\$3.80/ yd.
#2 Crushed Stone	\$6.00/ yd.
Crusher Run	\$6.00/ yd.
Crushed Stone (1-1/2 Minus)	\$7.00/ yd.
Crushed Stone (oversized)	\$6.00/ yd.

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Convis, the 2009 Sand and Gravel Bid is awarded to Seward Sand and Gravel Inc. for the above bid.

MOTION CARRIED:

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher- Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe- Aye

Councilman: Dave Green- Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis- Aye

Councilman: Ed Schutz- Aye

2. Hwy. Equipment: Supervisor Dutcher addressed the Board about the lack of any Highway Equipment reserves. Everything was expended to purchase the 2009 Volvo. Only equipment money is what is in the 2009 budget. Bids were opened for the new Chipper:

Chipper Bid:

RBR Equipment:

Bandit Chipper Model 250 with 115hp Cat Engine, winch, Auto feed, Hand crank swivel Discharge, Hydraulic lift Cylinder New 2007 unit. SER# 4FMUS15107R022600

\$35,000.00

\$ 4,000.00 trade in on Bandit 200

\$31,000.00

RBR Equipment:

Bandit Chipper Model 250 with 115hp Cat Engine, winch, Auto feed, Hand crank Swivel Discharge, Hydraulic lift Cylinder New 2007 unit. SER# 4FMUS15107R022600.

\$35,000.00

\$12,000.00 trade in on Bandit 200

\$23,000.00

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green to accept the Bid by RBR Equipment for \$23,000.00 inclusive of trade in.

MOTION CARRIED:

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher- Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe- Aye

Councilman: Dave Green- Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis- Aye

Councilman: Ed Schutz- Aye

3. Mowing Bids:

Rifanburg's Lawn & Landscapes:

Mowing bid for 2009 Season- \$2975.00

Darryl Eccleston:

Mowing bid for 2009 Season- \$2850.00

Down to Earth Contracting:

Mowing bid for 2009 Season- \$3800.00

A&S Contracting:

Municipal Building- \$40.00/ mow

Upper and Lower Springs- \$125.00/ mow

Jennings Cemetery- \$65.00/ mow

Fire Reservoir- \$50.00/ mow

Pump Houses- \$40.00/ mow

Little League Field- \$75.00/ mow

Veterans Park- \$20.00/ mow

Legion Hall- \$10.00/ mow

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Convis **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Schutz the bid for the 2009 Mowing Season is awarded to Darryl Ecclston.

MOTION CARRIED:

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher- Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe- Aye

Councilman: Dave Green- Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis- Aye

Councilman: Ed Schutz- Aye

4. Supervisor Dutcher addressed the Board about the lower sales tax received by the Town so far for 2009. Sales tax was lower compared to 2008 and spending should be watched.

5. Supervisor Dutcher told the Town Board that the Planning Board needs 3 members and it needs to be filled. There are a lot of important issues that need to be addressed so a full Board is needed.

6. Councilman Tilbe brought a proposal to the Board to fix the chimney on the municipal building. The cap and bricks are deteriorating and need to be replaced. Councilman Tilbe had an estimate from Lilco Construction for \$4620.00. Councilman Tilbe will attempt to get 2 more estimates.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Superintendent Lund gave the Board a list of roads he would like to seal and surface. The Board will take a look at the list and give Superintendent Lund suggestions on what roads they would like to see done. Superintendent Lund also gave the Board a proposal for a new Hydraulic Hose Press to make hydraulic hoses. This should cut the cost of hoses in half. Total cost of press and fittings to get started was \$2895.16. Superintendent Lund brought up the Seasonal Road Law issue. This should be addressed quickly. Supervisor will send the model Law to the Town Attorney for instructions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:35 pm to discuss personnel issues. Executive Session ended at 9:40pm.

WATER DISTRICT REPORT: Everything is working fine.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Absent

Supervisor Dutcher informed the Board that he has been contacted by NBT Bank many times about the DEC account being overdrawn. The account is overdrawn over \$500.00. The bank wants to know what is being done to rectify the situation. Supervisor Dutcher informed the Board that he has not received any DEC money for 2007 or 2008. The Board wants action by the Town Clerk to rectify the problem with the bank and supervisor. The Board wants a full progress report by the next Board Meeting as to where this issue stands.

COUNCILMAN REPORTS AND CONCERNS:

Councilman Tilbe- Town Clerk to advertise bids for chlorine due at May Meeting.

Councilman Schutz- nothing Councilman Convis- nothing

Councilman Green- would like to have a time limit set for public participation. This was brought up at the February Meeting but not addressed.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS: A warrant of \$64098.20 for claims of vouchers against the General/ Highway and Water District funds were presented as Abstract #4-2009.

General/ Highway Funds	# 90-122	\$63391.71
Water District Funds	# 13-16	\$ 706.49
TOTAL		\$64098.20

On a **MOTION BY:** Councilman Tilbe **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Green, that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #4-2009.

MOTION CARRIED:

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher- Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe- Aye

Councilman: Dave Green- Aye

Councilman: Ed Schutz- Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis- Aye

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

Janet Fallon, Town Clerk

