

**EDMESTON TOWN BOARD**  
**EDMESTON, NY 13335**

August 10, 2010

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on August 10, 2010 at 7PM at the Edmeston Municipal Building. The following Town Office Members were present:

Present: Town Supervisor, Russell Dutcher  
Councilman: Dave Green  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe  
Councilman: Scott Convis  
Councilman Ed Schutz  
Highway Supervisor: Dale Lund  
Deputy Town Clerk: Jane McGeown  
Others Present: Audrey Arnold  
Chris Slentz

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 13, 2010 at 7PM were reviewed by the Board.

**On a MOTION BY:** Councilman Dave Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Scott Convis the minutes were approved and put into record.

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

Audrey Arnold and Chris Slentz came before the Board to report on the Positive and Negative results of the trial Edmeston Summer Program. There were over 125 children enrolled and nearly 100 children attended everyday during July 2010. There were numerous positive issues such as: parent drop off/pick up, it was an all day program, free meals, the weather, Pool, kids had fun!, good staff and no serious injuries. On the negative side: there was some lack of communication between pool staff and ESP director, school building and ground issues, garbage/bathroom cleanups, some locked doors. Town Supervisor received a letter from the lifeguards complaining that there were too many kids at the Pool at one time to properly supervise. Councilman Dave Green suggested that prior communication meetings might have prevented this. Audrey and Chris agreed with this suggestion. As the program progressed, it appeared that minor issues were discussed and solutions worked out. Councilman Dave Green also brought up the issue of some kids wandering around unsupervised and it was thought this was due to some children not being registered but coming on school grounds during the program hours. Maintenance and doors being locked prior to pickup time were the only other issues that were mentioned. Overall, the consensus was the Edmeston Summer Program was a success.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Town Supervisor, Russell Dutcher reported the receipt of letter of resignation from Edmeston Town Clerk, Janet Fallon effective 7/24/10. The Comptroller of the State of New York was sent a letter indicating her resignation as well. Currently the Deputy Town Clerk, Jane McGeown will fill in. An advertisement for the Town Clerk position will be placed in the Wharton Valley Pennysaver. Candidate must be a resident of the Town of

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Edmeston, computer literate a MUST. The candidate should also provide flexible hours.

**ON a MOTION BY:** Councilman Dave Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Scott Convis to advertise for Town Clerk position in Wharton Valley Pennysaver.

**MOTION CARRIED:** Town Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe – Aye Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman: Ed Schutz – Aye Councilman: Dave Green - Aye

Issue of July checks was brought before the Board. The July checks were okayed at Board meeting 7/13/10. The checks were cut on July 14<sup>th</sup> and dated July 15<sup>th</sup>. Town Supervisor provided an overview the payment process and indicated that the checks have not cleared for payment and therefore a Stop Payment has been placed with NBT Bank and the Town Supervisor will make adjustments and re-do the July checks for payment of the Town's bills.

**AUDIT:** Town Supervisor reported his recent conversation with Greg Isaacs regarding the Town of Edmeston audit by the State Controller. The audit has gone to Albany, however it has not been reviewed as yet due to other pressing matters and as soon as he hears something he will let us know.

**TIME WARNER CABLE:** Town Supervisor received a letter from Susan Eckhardt and the Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding the Franchise that will expire 9/1/10 and what the decision is regarding this franchise. Town Supervisor and Councilmen all had questions that were not answered by David Whalen, Vice-President of Public & Government Affairs. Town Supervisor read the letter he sent to Susan Eckhardt about these questions. Ms. Eckhardt indicated that she would have Mr. Whalen get back to us. Question was asked regarding what benefit is it to have such an agreement with TWC. There has been no expansion of service in the area at all. Town Supervisor to call Susan Eckhardt back and ask for survey.

**On a MOTION BY:** Councilman Dave Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Fred Tilbe to sign the Franchise Agreement with Time Warner Cable. No further discussion followed.

**MOTION CARRIED:** Town Supervisor – Russell Dutcher – Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis – Aye Councilman: Dave Green - Aye

Councilman: Ed Schutz – Aye Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

**BLUEOX:** Town Supervisor to call BlueOx. It appears NORTON'S GAS still has tank at Legion Hall.

**INVOICE** for \$252.56 needs to be processed for reimbursement for Carole Westerman attendance's at class for Assessors. All expenses will be reimbursed by the State.

**On a MOTION BY:** Councilman Dave Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Ed Schutz to process invoice.

**MOTION CARRIED:** Town Supervisor, Russell Dutcher – Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis – Aye Councilman: Dave Green - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe – Aye Councilman: Ed Schutz - Aye

**HIGHWAY:** On August 2, 2010 the Town Highway Barn was broken into and cigarettes, gas, gas gauge, spot lights were stolen. The door and window were broken in order to gain entrance. The County Sheriff was called on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 and report was made. A new front door and gates have been installed.

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There are new Amish families moving to West Edmeston. They have purchased farm land on Dresser Road and will be building a house. The families approached the Highway Department regarding maintenance of the road during the winter season and the Highway Supervisor indicated they would have to widen the road in order for the Town to maintain.

Radios – we now have truck to truck only. Highway Supervisor spoke with Tri-County Communications regarding purchase of new radios. For every 8 radios traded in we would receive \$100 off each radio purchase. The Repeaters are down. Question was asked if we can purchase 4 radios this year and the rest next year. Highway Supervisor indicated we have money in Equipment account and maybe we should use that as prices are certainly not going to go down next year. Question was asked whether everyone needs to pay \$300 @ month to rent tower? – school, highway, Burlington) Highway Supervisor, Dale Lund to find out.

POOL house needs a new roof.

**WATER:** Barney is going to come in to set up on well, pull pumpup and try to get to 40 gallons per minute. Thought is to pull up old well casing to improve pressure. Burdick Avenue is possible second choice. Further discussion to take place at monthly Water Department meeting on 8/11/10.

**SCOTT CONVIS:** Nothing to Report

**DAVE GREEN:** Nothing to Report

**ED SCHUTZ:** Nothing to Report

**DEPUTY TOWN CLERK:** Nothing to Report

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:** A Warrant of \$10,461.63 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway and Water District funds were presented as Abstract:

General/Highway Funds	#203-231	\$8,814.48
Water District Funds	#39-44	<u>\$1,647.15</u>
TOTAL		\$10,461.63

**On a MOTION BY:** Councilman Fred Tilbe **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Ed Schutz that the Audit of Claims be approved for payment as presented of Abstract #8-2010.

**MOTION CARRIED:** Supervisor: Russell Dutcher – Aye

Councilman: Dave Green – Aye Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis – 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 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Jane McGeown, Deputy Town Clerk