

EDMESTON TOWN BOARD
EDMESTON, NY 13335
September 14, 2010

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on September 14, 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 Superintendent: Dale Lund
 Deputy Town Clerk: Jane McGeown
 Others Present: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2010 at 7PM were reviewed by the Board.

ON a MOTION BY: Councilman Fred Tilbe **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Dave Green the minutes were approved and put into record.

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

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: A Public Meeting was held at 6:30PM on 9/14/10 at the Edmeston Municipal Building to hear opinions on the Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement. Present at the meeting were the following individuals:

Edmeston Town Supervisor, Russell Dutcher
Councilmen: Fred Tilbe, Dave Green, Scott Convis, Ed Schutz
Edmeston Deputy Town Clerk: Jane McGeown

No other individuals were present.

After review and discussion of the Agreement, a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-3 Time Warner Cable was put in

MOTION BY: Councilman Dave Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Ed Schutz.

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

Russell Dutcher requested a motion be put in the minutes to allow the Town Supervisor to execute this agreement.

ON a MOTION BY: Councilman Dave Green **SECONDED BY** Councilman Fred Tilbe to allow the Town Supervisor to execute the Time Warner Cable agreement.

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

FIRE DISTRICT: The Town of Edmeston Fire District letters and contracts were found and a copy given to Town Attorney, Timothy Johnson.

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BURN BARRELS and OUTDOOR FURNACE: Letters were found, although there was missing information and no filing in Albany for these laws for the Town of Edmeston has been found. Darlene Perkins is currently handling the filing of these resolutions to Albany for the Town of Edmeston.

FIRE CONTRACTS 2011 – Fire Contract costs were reviewed. EDM went from \$28,040.00 in 2010 to \$34,150.00 in 2011. Water District went to #33,650, #2 went from \$550 to \$700 and South Ed went from \$8,030 to \$9,000. Question was asked when the Public Hearing is going to be held. It is supposed to be held in October, thus giving the Public a chance to ask how and why the costs have gone up. Councilman Fred Tilbe asked why the Protection District is broken down. Belief is that next year it will be one district. Burlington will be one district, but South Ed will continue to be separate because part of South Ed is in West Ed. Those interested could attend the Fire Department meetings held the first Thursday of the month at 7PM up at the Firehouse. Consensus is that there should be a Public Hearing scheduled by the Fire Department to allow the residents an opportunity to know and review the contracts.

LETTER FROM PATHFINDER VILLAGE – Town Supervisor, Russell Dutcher presented and read a letter to the Town Board received from Pathfinder Village. The Town Board Members have been invited to the Pathfinder Village Family Weekend and 30th Anniversary to be held the evening of October 2, 2010 at 8:30PM. There will be a celebration highlighted by a fireworks display for residents, families and the Edmeston-Burlington Community.

EXIT REPORT from Office of the State Comptroller: Town Supervisor contacted by Gregg Isaacs from the OSC and wishes to set up a meeting with the Supervisor and Board Members to present the final audit findings from the town audit. Tues & Thurs are best days for the Board Members. Town Supervisor to contact Gregg Isaacs and set up a meeting.

VOTING MACHINES: Discussed disposal of lever voting machines. Otsego County Board of Elections is requesting decision from towns. Town of Edmeston will take care of disposal of both lever machines. One machine to be designated to the Historical Society. Deputy Town Clerk will send response to county.

DEC: Town Supervisor received a letter from the DEC with the breakdown of billing summary for the Town of Edmeston. Former Town Clerk did not pass on this information to the Town Supervisor. Town of Edmeston DEC account currently has \$1,882.68 in account at NBT. According to DEC, Town of Edmeston owes the DEC \$525.01 in spoiled licenses which the Town is unable to verify at this time, but will research as much as possible. Suggestion was made to possibly take a block ad in the Pennysaver to notify Edmeston residents as there are many residents looking to get their license at Town Hall and currently cannot. Neighboring towns are assisting.

ON a MOTION BY: Councilman Fred Tilbe **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Dave Green to pay delinquent monies to DEC and resume issuance of hunting licenses.

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

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VACANT TOWN CLERK POSITION: Town Supervisor opened letters received from all applicants for the open position of Town Clerk, vacated by the resignation of Janet Fallon in July 2010. All resumes were reviewed by the Supervisor and Board Members. Following are the names of the applicants:

Stacey Weatherbee
PK Chesebrough-Peterson
Jane McGeown
Sherry Congden
Amy Bernard
Connie Mockoviack
Linda Erikson

The position will be appointed until the current term runs out on 12/31/2011.

ON a MOTION BY: Councilman Scott Convis **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Fred Tilbe to appoint Jane McGeown to fill out term to 12/31/2011 as Edmeston Town Clerk.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor, Russell Dutcher – Aye

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

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

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK: Town Supervisor and Town Clerk will review resumes for potential candidates for newly vacated position of Deputy Town Clerk and made recommendations to Board Members

ON a MOTION BY: Councilman Fred Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Dave Green to approve Supervisor and Town Clerk review of resumes for position of Deputy Town Clerk.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor, Russell Dutcher – Aye

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

Councilman: Scott Convis – Aye Councilman: Ed Schutz – Aye

GARBAGE: Roger Porter wishes to thank the Town Board for their efforts in helping to rid the Town of Edmeston of the mounds of garbage on Pleasant Rd/Louie Dickinson Rd.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Superintendent, Dale Lund reported the new radios are in and installed and reception is good.

Verizon has approached the Town of Edmeston requesting permission to bury cables on Mill Creek Rd. Superintendent responded and requested call back from Verizon, but so far has not received any response. Suggestion made to request Verizon bury phone cables in the field rather than so close to the road as there have been issues with no markings. A suggestion was made to draw up a Resolution (2010-4) which would not allow Verizon to bury wires on our right of ways. Board will discuss at the next Town meeting to develop more specific wording.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fred Tilbe reported working on well. Put camera down into well and found well-casing leaks. Possibly need bigger pump and pipe. Thinking about running pump into old reservoir then pump into main. Tank looks good. Meeting on 9/15/10 for Water Dept Board.

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COUNCILMAN DAVE GREEN: Nothing to report

COUNCILMAN SCOTT CONVIS: Nothing to report

COUNCILMAN ED SCHUTZ: Nothing to report

DEPUTY Town Clerk, Jane McGeown: Discussed new dog laws which will take affect 1/1/2011. The State will no longer be issuing dog tags, licenses or receive monies for the licenses. It will be the responsibility of the municipalities. BAS System is currently being represented by Steve Lawton who is working on updates to the System. Town Clerk presented two samples received for dog tags. Town Clerk in the process of contacting neighboring Town Clerks to assist in training. Suggestion to maintain current pricing of dog licenses put out to the Board members. Current pricing at \$7.50 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$15.00 for unsprayed/unaltered dogs will remain in effect for the 2011 year.

ON a MOTION BY: Councilman Dave Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Scott Convis to approve current dog license fees.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor, Russell Dutcher – Aye

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

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS: A Warrant of \$15,749.55 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway and Water District funds were presented as Abstract:

General/Highway Funds	#232 - 261	\$8,989.71
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Water District Funds	#45-51	<u>\$5,933.71</u>
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TOTAL		\$14,923.42
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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 #9-2010.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor, Russell Dutcher – Aye

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

Councilman: Ed Schutz – 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 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Jane McGeown, Deputy Town Clerk