

EDMESTON TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING

EDMESTON, NY 13335

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on December 8, 2015, 7PM at the Edmeston Municipal Building. The following Town Office members were present:

Supervisor: Russell Dutcher	Councilman: Scott Convis
Councilman: Fred Tilbe	Councilman: vacant
Councilman: David Green	Town Clerk: Linda Eriksen
	Highway Superintendent: Danny Hawes

GUESTS: Sylvia Chesebrough, Jack and Christine Stanton, Clarence Davis, Sharon Mumbulo, Jack Emmett, and Attorney Dennis Laughlin.

Supervisor Russell Dutcher opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BUDGET HEARING – The minutes of the Budget Hearing were reviewed. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – David Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis to accept the Budget Hearing Minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING - The minutes of the November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting were review by the board, correction made to read October Minutes not August. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – David Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe to accept November Minutes as corrected.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING ZONING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - The Notes of Public Hearing Zoning Ordinance proposed amendments were review and correct as follows: Corrected spelling of Cassie Treen's name and corrected spelling of discriminate to disseminate.

A MOTION BY: Councilman – Fred Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis to accept the Zoning Ordinance notes with corrections.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

Reopened the Public Hearing on Amendments – There was one new letter from

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Keith Carpenter in support of reviewing/updating zoning laws for the better of community. Need to find ways to allow for progress which is vital to our area.

SHARON MUMBULO – the definition of Modular and Mobil Home is incorrect and needs to be changed. Supervisor Dutcher stated that we are aware that there will be many more changes made.

JACK EMMETT – We have not updated or reviewed our Comprehensive Plan since 1989, We need to put Comprehensive Plan in place and then worry about zoning amendments. Do we have to put a moratorium in place before changes are made?

SYLVIA CHESEBROUGH – There are no state laws that say we have to have Comprehensive Plan in place.

JACK EMMETT – FEMA usually need a Comprehensive Plan in place.

A MOTION BY: Supervisor – Dutcher, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – David Green to adjourn Public Hearing till January meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

Hearing adjourned at 7:15 PM

OPENED REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AT 7:17 PM.

BIDS – Bids were received from Anderson Equipment and Monroe Tractor. After a brief discussion **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – David Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis that Highway Superintendent Hawes and Supervisor Dutcher review bids completely and make a decision to award the bid. After their review the bid was awarded to Anderson Equipment.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

PUBLIC

JACK EMMETT – Zoning board is reviewing Norton Trailer, Dave Norton will be back at next zoning board meeting to discuss. Mendoza's will be back to discuss their building also.

WILL GREEN – Candidates for board seat. When would the person be starting, wouldn't want to change votes. Is it possible for decision at final bill paying meeting on

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the 30th. Supervisor Dutcher said no decision has been made on filling this seat at this time.

CHRISTINE STANTON - There are comments being made out in the general public and the Stanton's are not causing this and they want it stopped and want to clean up the mess that has already been made.

Councilman – Green advised that we do not know what the county will come back with after their review, so we are not clear on the timing for things to happen. If comes back clean could possibility vote at December year end meeting. **Councilman – Tilbe** agreed that we need to look at the counties comments when returned to us.

Attorney Laughlin – The options would be: Make a few changes and proceed forward or proceed and work on changes later.

JACK EMMETT – stated that these laws take time, go to board and back to Planning Board then County. Some changes take a year or more.

Councilman – Green stated that we need to work in a timely fashion to get this matter taken care of.

CHRISTINE STANTON – this needs to be done and bring the R80 in compliance. If county approves should be able to vote.

Councilman – Green said if received by end of month with no recommendation. Would be feasible to vote on at the year-end meeting, if not would have to address at January meeting.

SUPERVISOR

DOG CONTROL – Elizabeth Fish is the dog control person in surrounding areas. It was decided to advertise in Pennysaver, both Wharton Valley and Turnpike for any interested people in the position.

SICK TIME – Rick Bateman and Paul Pritchard have years worked with no records of their sick time. Should they have sick time coming for the lost records of their time? Supervisor Dutcher will check with Assoc. of Towns and Comptroller's Office to see what they suggest we should do.

YEAR END MEETING – After discussion the board will meet on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2015 AT 6:30.

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TRANSFERS – Supervisor Dutcher ask permission to make some transfers. **A**

MOTION BY: Councilman – Fred Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis for supervisor to make necessary transfers.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

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SW8340.2	SW8340.4	\$9,406.63
A1990.4	A1320.4	3,297.54
A1990.4	A1355.4	110.30
A1990.4	A5010.4	420.00

ZBA – We have not received any letters of interest to join the board, nor is there a chairperson for the ZBA Board at this time.

HIGHWAY – Danny Hawes - Has been working with the County Planning Board, on a grant for the Dutch Valley Road Project. Part of this project would most likely be contracted out and town workers would partner where they could.

John VanVranken is out on medical leave till at least April. Is it possible to use Carl Rockwell part time to fill in as needed. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – David Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe, to hire Carl Rockwell part time as needed.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

WATER DEPARTMENT – Water rates are being reviewed for a possible increase.

WATER OPERATIONS – Fred reported that our springs are coming back.

CLERK – Linda Eriksen - Monthly report - Revenue collected \$1,675.50. Paid the town \$194.02, Ag & Market \$6.00. Paid D.E.C. \$1,452.98.

JUSTICE REPORT – Supervisor Dutcher passed copy of Justice Report to board for information only.

ATTORNEY LAUGHLIN - NOTHING

REPORTS: COUNCILMAN TILBE – NONE

COUNCILMAN CONVIS – NONE

COUNCILMAN GREEN – Ask that we follow up with the State on 4-corners status.

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ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to be conducted and everyone present having been heard **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – David Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis to adjourned the meeting at 9:20PM

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – vacant

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Eriksen, Town Clerk

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