

# EDMESTON TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 12, 2016

EDMESTON, NY 13335

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on January 12, 2016, 7PM at the Edmeston Municipal Building. The following Town Office members were present:

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

**GUESTS:** Sylvia Chesebrough, Jack and Christine Stanton, Clarence Davis, Sharon Mumbulo, Laurie Saunders, Dana Mockovciak and Attorney Dennis Laughlin.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING** - The minutes of the December 8, 2015 were review by the board. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – David Green to accept December Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED:** Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye  
Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye  
Councilman – David Green - Aye  
Councilman – Vacant

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – YEAR END MEETING** - The minutes of the December 30, 2015 meeting were review by the board. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – David Green to accept the December Year End Meeting minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED:** Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye  
Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye  
Councilman – David Green - Aye  
Councilman – Vacant

## **PUBLIC**

**Martha Windsor** – Announced that we had received a matching funds grant and have met our pool goal. Next steps are the pool committee meeting with the Town Board and Delaware Engineering representative

**Laurie Saunders** – She expressed her concern of the bill they received for water line repairs at the former Grange which they now own. She admitted that they broke the line but did not feel they got a timely response from the water board at

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the time when they requested a shut off of the line. After discussion, Laurie Saunders advised the board that they will not pay this bill.

**Dan Wilbur** - newly elected County Representative – Introduced himself and advised that he will try to attend some of our monthly meetings, but contact him at any time with any concerns.

**TOWN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER** - The lead time with the Daily Star which is the current official newspaper makes it hard to get some meetings published to meet days required to be posted. Another factor is that the Daily Star is no longer having a home delivery and many residents do not get the paper. We have used the Wharton Valley Pennysaver to advertise meetings because everyone gets that. Another option is the New Berlin Gazette which is also a weekly paper. Any bids notices would be put in Daily Star to reach a boarder group of people. All town Legal Notices must be posted in the official town newspaper. After discussion **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – David Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe to make the NEW BERLIN GAZETTE the official town newspaper.

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

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER** - We received three letters of interest for the position and after review by board members. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe to appoint Doug Coutlee as the Dog Control Officer.

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

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant **Reopened the**

### **REOPENED PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING LAW AMENDMENTS** -

With no comments from floor **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – David Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis to close the Zoning Amendments Hearing.

### **ORGANIZATION MEETING**

#### **SUPERVISOR’S REPORT AND CONCERNS:**

**SUPERVISOR** - Russell Dutcher reviewed this year’s list of **APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS** for discussion and review by the board. **A MOTION BY: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher, SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe to approve and adopt the **RESOLUTION #1 – 2016 APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS** (as follows)

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## RESOLUTION # 1-2016

### APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS

Tax Collector	Linda Eriksen
Deputy town Clerk	None
Town Attorney	Dennis Laughlin
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Clarence Davis
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Linda Eriksen
Sole Assessor	Carole Westerman
Chairman of Board of Assessment Review	Danta Bolin
Dog Shelter Agreement	Pittsfield Vet Clinic
Deputy Supervisor	Fred Tilbe
Deputy Highway Superintendent	Paul Pritchard
Historian	Leon Schworm
Salaries of Highway Department	per Agreement
Town Payroll Clerk	Jane McGeown
Vacation, Sick Days, Holidays for Hwy. Dept.	Per Agreement
Hospitalization for Highway Department	CDCHP
Mileage	\$.54 cents per mile
Town Board Regular Meeting Date	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each Mo @ 7 PM
Planning Board Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each Mo @ 7PM
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Date	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Mo @ 7PM
Official Newspaper	the New Berlin Gazette, Norwich, NY
Depository of Town Funds	NBT Bank, Edmeston, NY
Charge for Returned Checks	\$25.00
Dog Control Officer	Doug Coutlee
Health Officer	Vacant

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

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

## RESOLUTION #2-2016

### SUPERVISOR GIVEN AUTHORIZATION TO PAY VERIZON, NYSEG AND CREDIT CARD BILLS AS THEY COME.

On A **MOTION BY:** COUNCILMAN – Scott Convis, and **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe.

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

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

**ZONING AMENDMENTS** - Action to the zoning laws, we realized at workshop there is still more to be addressed. These laws still need to be fine-tuned by the planning board. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – David Green **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe to accept amendments as written at this time.

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**MOTION CARRIED:** Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Nay  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye  
Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye  
Councilman – David Green - Aye  
Councilman – Vacant

**PLANNING BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS** - Sharon Mumbulo – 5 years, Donalu Emhof – 4 years.

**A MOTION BY:** Supervisor – Russell Dutcher, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe

**MOTION CARRIED:** Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye  
Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye  
Councilman – David Green - Aye  
Councilman – Vacant

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

**SICK TIME** – Paul Pritchard has 6 years and Rick Bateman has 7 years of sick time which there are no records, the records may have been lost in flood downstairs. After discussion **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:**

Councilman – Scott Convis to take an average of their unused time and pay them that.

**MOTION CARRIED:** Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye  
Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye  
Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye  
Councilman – David Green - Aye  
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**HIGHWAY - Danny Hawes** - **Thanked** the board for resolving the Sick Time issue for his two guys.

- The new broom is here.
- New employee Mike Mumbulo is working out great, takes a lot of pride in his work.
- Starting to look at and start specifications on new truck for in future.

**WATER DISTRICT** - The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter water bills are out to customers.

**WATER OPERASTIONS** – Everything is ok.

**CLERK** – Linda Eriksen - Monthly report - Revenue collected \$167.50. Paid the town \$124.98. Have collected Property Tax of \$97,211.37, 155 parcels to date.

**ATTORNEY LAUGHLIN** – Justice Position – Judge elect cannot be sworn in or be compensated until completion of Justice Class. Judge will be sworn in upon completion of class.

**Assignment of Board members to attend Planning Board Meetings, Zoning Board Meetings and Highway are:**

**Planning Board** – Councilman – David Green  
**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Councilman - Scott Convis  
**Highway** – Councilman – Fred Tilbe

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A report will be given at each Monthly Board Meeting. A Monthly report will also be given by **Zoning Enforcement Officer** – Clarence Davis.

**A MOTION BY:** Councilman – David Green, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis to accept the appointments to attend committee meetings and report back at monthly board meeting.

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

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

**REPORTS:** **COUNCILMAN TILBE – NONE**

**COUNCILMAN CONVIS – NONE**

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:** A warrant of \$9,406.99 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway and Water District funds were presented as **Abstract #1-2016**

<b>General/Highway Funds</b>	#1-35	\$ 8,690.48
<b>Water District Funds</b>	#1-4	\$ 716.51
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 9,406.99

On **A MOTION BY:** Councilman: Scott Convis, **SECONDED BY** Councilman: Fred Tilbe that the Audit of Claims is approved as presented of **Abstract #1-2016**.

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

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Aye

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – vacant

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to be conducted and everyone present having been heard **A MOTION BY:** Supervisor – Russell Dutcher, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe to adjourned the meeting at 8:40PM

**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