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EDMESTON TOWN BOARD

MAY 16, 2016

EDMESTON, NY 13335

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on May 10, 2016, 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 - Absent	Town Clerk: Linda Eriksen
	Highway Superintendent: Danny Hawes

GUESTS: Sylvia Chesebrough, Dennis Laughlin

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING - The minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting were review by the board. A correction to add Attorney Laughlin to guest list was made. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe to accept April Regular Meeting minutes with the correction. **MOTION CARRIED:** Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye
Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye
Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye
Councilman – David Green - Absent
Councilman – Vacant

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Sylvia Chesebrough

- Sylvia read her letter of resignation to the Town Judges Position. She advised the board that they did not handle this properly and again board is doing as it pleases. (At time of posting minutes, copy has not been given to clerk to file and also send to county board of elections).

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Dutcher ask board their thoughts on going from two judges to one judge. After discussion it was felt one judge could handle the load. We also now have a court clerk to help handle the paperwork. Supervisor Dutcher stated that Councilman Green is absent, but has express that we might go to a single judge. **A MOTION BY:** Supervisor Dutcher, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe that we do Resolution #4 stating that we go from two town judges to a sole judge.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye
Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye
Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye
Councilman – David Green - Absent
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**RESOLUTION #4 TO REDUCE NUMBER OF TOWN JUSTICES FROM TWO
TO ONE**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Edmeston has determine that it would be in the best interest of the Town to reduce the number of town Justices from two to one in that there is presently no need for two justices to handle the volume of matters in the Town Court of the Town of Edmeston.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph 2 of section 60-A of the Town Law of the State of New York as follows:

- 1. The number of town justices of the Town of Edmeston shall be reduced from two to one effective January 1, 2017.**
- 2. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of section 60-a of the Town Law, this resolution shall not become operative or effective unless and until thirty days have elapsed after its adoption and no petition protesting against this local law signed and authenticated as required by law has been filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Edmeston, or if such petition is so filed, a proposition of approval of this resolution has been submitted at the next general election or a special election for that purpose pursuant to said section and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters voting thereon.**

Judges Salary – Supervisor Dutcher stated that Judge Bateman had asked about an increase, since she is the sole judge now. After discussion among the board it was tabled till next month and Rusty will get some more data from Judge Bateman.

NEW TOWN LAWS – We need to hold a public hearing on two new town laws they are as follow: Seasonal Road Law and Best Value Law. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 on June 14, 2016 before the regular monthly meeting. Notice will be posted in town newspaper and Wharton Valley Pennysaver.

HIGHWAY – Danny Hawes

- Gave material usage report to board
- He attended D.E.C. meeting last week, Dutch Valley and Heap Road culverts may happen late this summer.
- The crew will be starting to ditch next week
- Calcium – he will purchase what he needs to put on the roads in front of residents houses.
- CHIPS – Danny has a list of miles of road to be oil and stoned this year

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- Truck Specs – He is still working on the specs.
- Coontown Mountain Road – Danny ask what we are going to do, after discussion it was tabled to be discussed in the fall.

WATER DISTRICT – Tom Genovese is on board and will be starting to work some of our water issues with customers.

ZONING BOARD REPORT - None

PLANNING BOARD REPORT – Sharon Mumbulo – Dan from OCCA met with them at last month’s meeting and enlightened them on some things. Sharon asked, not on behalf of planning board but herself, if the board might consider a moratorium on new business building. After a brief discussion Rusty said we should continue work on the adjustments to the Zoning Laws as they are. Sylvia Chesebrough reminded us that the building requirements now cover lighting, signs, parking, etc. Attorney was not sure of the purpose for a moratorium at this time.

ZONING OFFICE REPORT – Clarence Davis – Inspected and approved 2 permits.

CLERK – Linda Eriksen - Monthly report - Revenue collected \$858.00. Paid the town \$682.45. \$48.00 to Ag&Mkt. and \$127.55 D.E.C. Property tax collection is completed for 2016, audit is on the 12th. Ask board if could look into a new sink and faucets in the bathroom. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis to replace sink and faucets.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Absent

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

ATTORNEY LAUGHLIN – Attorney ask the boards position on letter received back from Richard Saunders in regards to payment for water line damages. After some discussion **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – Fred Tilbe, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Convis for the attorney to propose to them splitting the bill with the town.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye

Councilman – David Green - Absent

Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye

Councilman – Vacant

REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN TILBE – NONE

COUNCILMAN CONVIS – NONE

COUNCILMAN GREEN – ABSENT

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Respectfully submitted:
Linda Eriksen, Town Clerk