

EDMESTON TOWN BOARD

APRIL 12, 2022

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Regular Meeting on April 12, 2022, 7PM at the Edmeston Municipal Building. The following Town Office members were present:

Supervisor: Arthur Klingler	Councilman: Scott Porter
Councilman: Russell Dutcher	Councilman: Jeremy Hoag
Councilman: Russell Carpenter - Arrived at 8:15 PM	Town Clerk: Linda Eriksen
	Highway Superintendent: Danny Hawes

GUEST: Tom Steele, Bob Simmons, Nate VanderWal (Norbut Solar), Victor Ciaccia, (Norbut Solar), Deb MacKenzie, Amanda Rifanburg.

Supervisor Arthur Klingler led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING - The minutes of the March Meeting were reviewed by the board. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman – Jeremy Hoag, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Porter to accept the March minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Arthur Klingler - Aye
Councilman: Russell Dutcher - Aye Councilman: Russell Carpenter - Absent
Councilman: Scott Porter - Aye Councilman: Jeremy Hoag - Aye

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Norbut Solar Farms – Victor Ciaccia, Nate VanderWal and James Norbut (Virtual) – follow-up presentation and current progress advised Zoning Officer is reviewing the site plan, requested that the Town make a motion to act as the lead agency for SEQR Type 1 action. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman Dutcher **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Hoag for the Town to act as lead agency Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Abstained, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Absent, Hoag-Aye.

Tom Steele – Dog Officer – Tom received two complaints of dogs running at large, investigated and no contact made

Amanda Rifanburg – Sub Division request for a new simple sub-division on Heap Road. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman-Jeremy Hoag, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Scott Porter to approve the Sub Division. **Roll Call Vote** – Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Absent and Hoag – Aye.

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Amanda Rifanburg - Request to re-sign previous approved sub-division maps as they were out of date. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman Jeremy Hoag, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Russell Dutcher to authorize re-signing. Roll Call Vote – Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Absent, Hoag-Aye.

MUSEUM - Deb reported 20 people attended the presentation on Mariette Manchester and 25 people attended the quilt presentation by Mary Jain Dayger. Upcoming displays/presentations include Coleman lanterns by Marty Windsor and Russ Dutcher, Gordon terry on cemeteries and gravestones, a needlepoint display in May and July/August stoneware by Bill Turnbull

OLD BUSINESS

- **Side Entrance** – progress continues, next step is measurement and fabrication of glass frames. Entrance is closed, plan to have project complete before Memorial Day.
- **Furnace Highway Building** – replacement has been completed.
- **Summer Recreation Director** – Laura Porter has offered to stay on if no one responds to re-posting of position

SUPERVISOR

- **Discussion of Principle Design proposal for building repairs – A MOTION BY:** Councilman Russell Dutcher, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Jeremy Hoag to proceed with Principle. Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Absent, Hoag-Aye.
- **Land Use Officer** – Supervisor Klingler read a resignation letter from Clarence Davis. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman Scott Porter, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Jeremy Hoag to accept with thanks and regret. Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Absent, Hoag-Aye. Supervisor would like to consider hiring for the position from a neighboring town that already has been trained. All in favor to research this option.
- **Library** – Supervisor Klingler shared an email received from Simple Integrity that they need a letter of support from this Board for County Codes to continue with the work at the former Corts residence to convert to the library. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman Dutcher **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Porter that we approve and the Supervisor to respond to Simple Integrity and County Codes. Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Absent, Hoag-Abstain
- **SPCA Impoundment Fee** – Susquehanna SPCA as our impound partner requested, we clarify the Town’s impound fee for any dogs held there. The fee would be collected by them and remitted to the Town. If there is no fee mentioned Ag & Markets dictates the fee, if we specify zero dollars there is no

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fee. After discussion **A MOTION BY:** Supervisor Klingler, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Porter to specify a zero dollar impound fee for the Town. Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Absent, Hoag-Aye.

- **Payment of Annual Fire Inspection Fee** – Supervisor Klingler requested approval to pay \$50.00 annual fee to Otsego County for Building Fire Inspection which was completed after abstract was done. All approved

WATER DISTRICT – Blake Pavelka has started working to replace meters and worked to control a leak in a vacant residence on South Street

HIGHWAY - Danny Hawes

- Requesting permission to install a manhole and cover on Summit Lake Road due to water running across the road, making maintenance difficult year-round. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman Porter, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Hoag to approve. Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Aye, Hoag-Aye.
- State Funds for road repairs has been approved in 2023 State Budget:
 - \$171,405.90 CHIPS – locked in for next five budget years
 - 45,197.81 PAVE-NY
 - 39,400.53 Extreme Winter Recovery
- Discussion of road work requested for this Summer- complete Monson Road and Coontown Mtn Road from Co. Hwy 20 to seasonal portion. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman Hoag, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Dutcher Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Aye, Hoag-Aye
- Discussion of truck replacement – Board asked that Dan obtain quotes for new cab and chassis.
- Highway employees moving to 4-day work week next week

PLANNING BOARD REPORT – First meeting to be held on April 20, 2022 7 PM

WATER OPERATIONS - None

CLERK - Monthly report – Shared monthly report with board for their review

ATTORNEY FERRARI – Absent

BID OPENING

1. **Mowing Bids:** Veterans Park 1 bid received Rifanburg's Lawn and Landscapes for \$880.00 **A MOTION BY:** Councilman Porter **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Hoag Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Aye, Hoag-Aye.

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All other locations for mowing and trimming 1 bid received Rifanburg's Lawn & Landscapes for \$5,800.00 **A MOTION BY:** Councilman Porter
SECONDED BY: Councilman Hoag Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Aye, Hoag-Aye

2. **Chlorine Bids:** One bid received from A.C. Hoyt Hardware, Inc for \$3.99 per gallon plus delivery and environmental surcharges. **A MOTION BY:** Councilman Hoag **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Carpenter Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Aye, Hoag-Aye
3. **Fuel Bids:** NO BIDS RECEIVED WILL RE-ADVERTISE
4. **Propane Bids:** NO BIDS RECEIVED WILL RE-ADVERTISE
5. **Gravel Bids:** Three bid packages were received as follows:
 - E and R Pope's Excavating, LLC
 - Bank Run Gravel \$6.00 per yard
 - Item 4 \$8.00 per yard
 - Ice Control Sand \$7.50 per yard
 - Cobbles \$8.00 per yard
 - Crusher Run out of cobbles \$12.00 per yard
 - Crusher Run out of bank run \$10.00 per yard

Burrell's Excavating, Inc.

- Bank Run \$5.00 per yard
- Item 4 \$6.00 per yard
- Sand \$7.00 per yard
- Cobbles \$8.50 per yard
- Crusher Run (Crushed Cobbles) \$13.00 per yard

Seward Sand & Gravel Inc

- Bank Run Gravel \$5.00 per yard
- Item 4 \$7.50 per yard
- Sand \$9.90 per yard
- Cobbles \$6.00 per yard
- Crusher Run \$8.50 per yard
- #2 Round Stone \$6.50 per yard
- #2 Crushed Stone \$10.00 per yard

A MOTION BY: Councilman Dutcher **SEONDED BY:** Councilman Hoag to award SAND to BURRELL's EXCAVATING, INC and All other materials to BURRELL'S EXCAVATING and SEWARD SAND and GRAVEL to be determined by Highway Superintendent based on location of work site and material availability. Roll Call Vote: Klingler-Aye, Dutcher-Aye, Porter-Aye, Carpenter-Aye, Hoag-Aye

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REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN DUTCHER – NONE

COUNCILMAN PORTER – NONE

COUNCILMAN HOAG – NONE

COUNCILMAN CARPENTER – NONE

AUDIT OF CLAIMS - A warrant of \$37,023.82 for claims of vouchers against the General/Highway and Water District funds were presented as **Abstract #3-2022**

General/Highway Funds	822-851	\$ 34,671.96
Water District Funds	135-138	\$ 2,351.86
TOTAL		\$ 37,023.82

On A **MOTION BY:** Councilman: Jeremy Hoag, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman: Russell Carpenter that the Audit of Claims is approved as presented of **Abstract #3-2022**.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Arthur Klingler - Aye

Councilman: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Russell Carpenter - Aye

Councilman: Scott Porter - Aye

Councilman: Jeremy Hoag – Aye

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to be conducted and everyone present having been heard, A **MOTION BY:** Councilman – Jeremy Hoag, **SECONDED BY:** Councilman – Scott Porter to adjourn the meeting at 9:25PM.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Arthur Klingler - Aye

Councilman: Russell Dutcher - Aye

Councilman: Russell Carpenter - Aye

Councilman: Scott Porter - Aye

Councilman: Jeremy Hoag – Aye

Respectfully submitted:

Supervisor Arthur Klingler