

Edwards Town Board Meeting March 8, 2023
Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York

Recorder not working

Supervisor Jeffery Shippee called the Public Hearing on Local Law 2 of 2023 to order at 7:01PM Those present were Councilors Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox, Clerk Bullock & Highway Superintendent Sykes, also present Rosemary Wakker and Frank Wagner, Kathleen Huber from the Arts Council, Vicki Day from the Library and Kathy Besaw, Guest.

Frank Wagner had some questions about Local Law 12 of 2014 and if Local Law 2 of 2023 amended Local Law 12 of 2014. It does not. Local Law 2 of 2023 repeals Local Law 2 of 2006.

A motion to adjourn Public Hearing at 7:15 PM was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

Frank Wagner left meeting at 7:15 PM

Supervisor Shippee called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:15 PM

Kathy Besaw was introduced as a person interested in being interim Acting Assessor in the absents our Town Assessor. Resume on file.

A motion to approve appointing Kathy Besaw as interim Acting Assessor was presented by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

Highway Matters:

A motion to approve appointment of Richard Bullock as Deputy Highway Superintendent for a one-year term ending on December 31, 2023, with an annual salary of \$500.00, payable in November, as allowed by NYS Town Highway Superintendent's Highway Laws. The salary and appointment to be revisited as needed, was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion to approve resolution and sign contract with the County of St Lawrence for a three (3) year Snow & Ice Removal Agreement was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion to approve Local Law 2 of 2023 which enacts the newest building code per requirements of 19NYCRR Part 1203, this Law repeals Local Law 2 of 2006 was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion to approve placing an ad in the Watertown Daily Times and Public Notice advertising a need for

an Assessor for the Town of Edwards due to the resignation of James Snyder was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion to approve Budget Modification Water SW8320.4 Contractual \$152,832.37-\$2000.00=150,832.37. SW8340.2 equip. -\$1987.00+\$2000.00=\$13.00 was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion to perform Justice and Court Audit on March 9th by Jeff Shippee & Jan Lennox was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion to perform Clerk and Tax Collector audit on March 14th at 6:00PM by Dianne and Michele was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion to approve having the Town Attorney write a Resolution to file an injunction against Michael Trombley for failure to comply with vacating his condemned residence at 91 Given Road Edwards, NY was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's reports for February & January and February 2023 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox to approve Clerk Bullock's clerk report for February & January and February 2023 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Clerk Bullock's tax report for February & January and February 2023 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox and Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Town of Edwards Justice Court Reports for February & January and February 2023 bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice to accept the February 2023 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all General Fund abstract #3 of 2023, vouchers #313 - 331. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Mark to pay all Highway Fund abstract

#3 of 2023, vouchers #667 - 681. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Water District abstract #3 of 2023, vouchers #14 - 20. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Sewer District abstract #3 of 2023, vouchers #13 - 20. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

Rosemary Wakker asked for a reduction of maximum speed on the Bancroft Road and added signage.

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to send a Resolution and Request to St Lawrence County Highway Department requesting lowering of maximum speed on Bancroft Road Adopted: Ayes: 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

Kathleen Huber stated that H.E.R.D. network is dissolving and asked if the History Center site could be added to the Town web site all thought this was fine as the History Center is a part of the Town of Edwards.

Kathleen also asked if a banner could be hung on the building on performance night only and this was approved also.

Fred Finley reported the Gladles will again do maintenance on the cemeteries at the same rate as last year. \$1,150.00 per month for a total of \$5,750.00 for a 5-month period.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM was presented by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on April 12, 2023.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Edwards Town Clerk
March 8, 2023