

**Edwards Town Board Meeting May 10, 2023**  
**Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York**

Meeting recorded

Supervisor Shippee called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley, Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Jan Lennox, Clerk Deborah Bullock, Hwy Superintendent Duane Sykes, Budget Officer Sharee Lanphear, Michael Webb from the Gouverneur Tribune Press, Kari Tremper & Thomas Haynes from DANC, Taylor Jennings Barton & Loguidice, Sean O'Brien Candidate for Sheriff and Rick Engle Candidate for Sheriff.

Taylor Jennings from Barton & Loguidice discussed the proposed upgrade to the water system. The total estimate for the water upgrade is \$800,000.00, there are Grants available.

Thomas Haynes from DANC discussed the process of getting this project started with an anticipated start date of 2025.

A motion to approve moving forward with the proposed water project was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Rice. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

Highway Matters:

Street sweeping has been completed. Grading is being done on the gravel roads.

A motion to approve signing a Resolution holding harmless the Town of Gouverneur for providing services for highway work was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and Seconded by Councilor Rice to decline this proposal for the three-year road contract to plow the County roads. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

MISCELLANEOUS:

A motion was made to approve extending The First Amendment to Lease between Michels Power Inc. and the Town of Edwards by one (1) month was presented by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice. New termination date is 6/30/2023. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve the Edwards Hepburn Library Board of Trustees appointment of Patricia Davis Lennox to fill the vacant board position. The term expires December 31 2024. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee Nays 0 Councilor Lennox abstained.

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to accept the April 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 Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all General Fund abstract #5 of 2023, vouchers #356 - 372. 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 Highway Fund abstract #5 of 2023, vouchers #696 – 709. 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 Water District abstract #5 of 2023, vouchers #27 - 31. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Lennox to pay all Sewer District abstract #5 of 2023, vouchers #27 - 35. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

A motion to approve Insect Control Agreement with Duflo Chemicals to spray for Mosquitos in the amount of \$3150.00, an increase of \$63.00 was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM was presented by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Lennox. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0.

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on June 14, 2023.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock Clerk  
May 10, 2023