

**Edwards Town Board Meeting November 13, 2024**  
**Edwards Town Hall, St. Lawrence County, New York**

Meeting recorded

Supervisor Shippee called the Budget Meeting to order at 7:00PM. Those present were Councilors Dianne Hurley and Michele Robillard, Mark Rice, Clerk Debbie Bullock, Highway Superintendent Duane Sykes & Budget Officer Sharee Lanphear. Councilor Jan Lennox was absent.

The Budget Meeting was turned over to Budget Officer Sharee Lanphear. Very little change Sales tax is up from last year.

NYS Retirement is up. This operates off the stock market.

There is an extra \$120,000.00 in the water account. This can not just sit there it must be designated. By the end of the year \$120,00.00 will be moved to a separate account designated for repair reserves this can be used for repairs of water issues by Resolution.

In September Local Law #2 Of 2024 was adopted allowing for the raising of the tax levy. We have been at 2% since 2011. This budget is up \$4,600.00 we are probably looking at 3.2% to 3.3% increase this year.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to adjourn Public Hearing at 7:15PM Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee. Nays 0

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

Highway Matters:

There will be a meeting on Tuesday November 19, 2024 with FEMA so they can tour the storm damage.

The Town of Edwards 2026 Mack truck can not be ordered because of the Electric vehicle requirements in place. The purchase price stated on our letter of intent in May was for \$287,387.00. Since then, the cost of the same truck has gone up to \$294,075.80. Duane requested we have a motion to rewrite letter of intent and Resolution increasing the price to \$294,075.80 so if an opening becomes available, we can be ready for production.

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve a rewriting a Resolution and letter of intent increasing the purchase price for the 2026 Mack truck to \$294,075.80 Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee.

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Budget Modification Request & Resolution Hwy DA9730.6 Debt Service \$5,000.00 - \$432.10 = \$4528.90 to DA5110.1 Salary \$48,500.00 + \$432.10 = \$48,932.10 to balance. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee. Nay 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve Budget Modification Request & Resolution Hwy DA9730.6 Debt Service  $\$4,567.90 - \$39.10 = \$4,528.80$  to DA5140.1 Salary  $\$8,100.00 + \$39.10 = \$8,139.10$  to balance. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee. Nays 0

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Addendum to October Minutes of Meeting. A motion was made by Councilor Lennox and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve posting Public Notice for a Public Hearing prior to November Board Meeting for the Town of Edwards for 2025 Budget. Adopted: Ayes 5 Hurley, Robillard, Rice, Lennox & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Budget Modification Request & Resolution General Fund A7550.4 Celebrations  $\$2,451.00 - \$35.00 = \$2,416.00$  to A8020.4 Planning Zone 0 +  $\$35.00 = \$35.00$ . Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Resolution for unpaid Water & Sewer Bills to be levied to 2025 Town & County Tax. Adopted: 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to approve the Library Board of Trustees appointment of Holly French and Kathleen Huber to fill two 5-year trustee terms from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Nancy Whitford for another 5-year term on the Planning Board beginning January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2029. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Secretary to the Supervisor Sharee Lanphear's reports for October and September & October bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Clerk Bullock's clerk report for October and September & October bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to approve Clerk Bullock's tax report for October and September & October bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to approve Town of Edwards Justice Court Reports for October 2024 and September & October bank statements. Adopted: Ayes 4

Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to accept the October 2024 minutes as presented and dispense of the reading. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Rice to pay all General Fund abstract #11 of 2024, vouchers #185 - 206. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Hurley and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Highway Fund abstract #11 of 2024, vouchers #153 - 174. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee . Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Robillard to pay all Water District abstract #11 of 2024, vouchers #53 - 56. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee. Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilor Robillard and seconded by Councilor Hurley to pay all Sewer District abstract #11 of 2024, vouchers #63 - 68. Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee. Nays 0.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A motion was made by Councilor Rice and seconded by Councilor Hurley to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM Adopted: Ayes 4 Hurley, Robillard, Rice & Shippee Nays 0

These minutes will not be approved until the next meeting on December 11, 2024.

Submitted by:

Deborah Bullock, Clerk  
November 13, 2024