

PUBLIC HEARING, WIGGAND HARDSHIP

A public hearing was called to order at 4:00 pm at the Edinburg Town Hall, 45 Military Road, Edinburg, NY 12134.

PRESENT: Supervisor J. Raymond, Town Board Members, Edwards, Evans, Greco and Penino

ALSO PRESENT: Residents, R. Wiggand, D. Houlihan and other, N. Carmondy, R. Ege, D. Greco, T. Famiano, and other. R. Schmitt, J. Briskie, J. Olmstead, Solid Waste Coordinator, W. Seelow, Highway Superintendent and D. Ferguson, Town Clerk

Mr. Wiggands presented his hardship to the Town Board for consideration, he stated he has a very steep bank that is in the front of his home to the county highway so he would have come into his proposed garage from the back of his yard which is on a private roadway. He is having trouble making the setbacks there. He is hoping the Town Board will consider this as a hardship. Supervisor Raymond asked if anyone from the audience wanted to speak, they did not. Supervisor Raymond declared the public hearing closed at 4:05 pm

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Edinburg Town Board was called to order at 4:08 pm

PRESENT: SAME AS ABOVE

ALSO PRESENT: SAME AS ABOVE

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 18, 2024 MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE: TOWN BOARD MEMBER GRECO

SECOND: TOWN BOARD MEMBER PENINO, ANY OPPOSED, THE MINUTES ARE ADOPTED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Raymond asked if anyone from the public wished to speak at this time. Nadine Carmondy addressed the Board concerning the land at the rear top portion of Horse Hill Road, she received an email that it was sold to China, the land use to be Finch and Pryne land. The Board explained how these large parcels of forest land are being sold to private companies who in return hold them and then sell to the State of New York. Further discussion ensued N. Carmondy also addressed the Board about the problem with parcels of land that junk is being acquired on. She was told that is one of the reasons for the moratorium and the Town Board is trying to regulate and work on with the update to the Zoning Ordinance.

Attorney Walsh explained the roll of the Building Inspector versus a Code Enforcement Officer, at this point in time the Town Board is looking to see if this position has to be held by one person or if it can be held by two people. The update process to the Zoning Ordinance was also explained to the audience.

Highway Superintendent spoke, he wanted to support B. Decker, acting Building Inspector, she is doing a fantastic job. Supervisor Raymond added she is very smart and is a terrific worker, she is an easy person to work with, but, we are finding that people are trying to use the Building Department as a sounding board, i.e.; what can I build, how can I build it etc.

D. Houlihan addressed the Board with her concern as to the parcel of land that is being put up for sale next to her. She cannot get answers from anyone as to can it be built on. She contacted the Adirondack Park Agency and she was told that they cannot tell her anything about it because she does not own it. She has also been referred to the Army Corps of Engineers along with asking here at the Town. Supervisor Raymond told her to contact her Congressman and possibly she could get help there. Ms. Houlihan also addressed the Board concerning the cleaning out of the ditches. She said they have not been cleaned in ten years.

The possibility of lines being put down on the upper half of Fox Hill Road through the woods was also addressed. Highway Superintendent Seelow said it is very expensive. Supervisor Raymond addressed the question also, she said that it all comes down to what you want to pay in the line of taxes, anything can be done, but, you will be paying for it through your taxes.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The reports and correspondence files are on the main table for anyone to view if they wish. If anyone would like copies please address the Town Clerk.

Reports

Saratoga County Monthly Reports

Mortgage Tax Receipts -April

Sales Tax Distribution – April

Mortgage Tax Distribution –

Town Officials Monthly Reports

Building Inspector –

Dog Control Officer –

Highway Superintendent's Diesel and Gasoline Inventory – **5/1/2024**

Justice – **April**

Supervisor's Financial Reports - Highway and General -

Town Clerk – **April**

Other Reports

Tri-Party Collateral Agreement – **4/15,22, 29 and 5/6**

Tri-Party Collateral Agreement Deposit Info – **April**

Weekly Maintenance Report of Garbage Truck -

Recycle Center Resident Permits – **4/6,20 and 27 – 5/3,4**

Correspondence

Memo to Mr. and Mrs. Wiggand Hardship Request Notice

FOIL Request – Bibens

Legal Notices – Wiggand, 2024 Assessment Roll, Arsenault

Email – NYS Comptroller – Justice Court Fund Modernization

The Association of Towns of the State of New York – Edinburg – Membership

Proclamation – Historian Priscilla Edwards

OFFICIALS REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS, ACTION AND INFORMATIONAL

Town Hall Roof, Additional Fee, Plywood Replacement **R 47**

The Town Hall roof is slowly finishing up. Greenwood Industries has sent an additional bill in the amount of \$1700.00 for the replacement of seventeen sheets of plywood. *A resolution will follow.*

Hardship Requests

R 48, R 49

Supervisor Raymond reported the Town Clerk has received two hardship requests that the Town Board will need to hear at the June meeting. The public hearings will be scheduled prior to the regular June meeting. *Two resolutions will follow.*

Senior Tax Exemption

R 50

Supervisor Raymond reported the senior tax exemption Assessor Beckering brought before the Board for consideration should be in the form of a local law. The Board agreed to move ahead with the process, a public hearing will be held on June 20th. This exemption will work on a sliding scale as requested by Assessor Beckering. *A resolution will follow.*

Audit of Claims

R 51

General Vouchers # 93 – #114 in the amount of \$61,609.71

Highway Vouchers # 65 - # 79 in the amount of \$25,243.55

The Board reviewed the vouchers and signed the abstract directing the bills be paid. *A resolution will follow.*

Cemetery Rules Update

Supervisor Raymond would like to appoint Town Board Members Penino and Greco to look over the cemetery rules and see if rules can be drawn up that will take care of some of the problems that have been occurring in the cemeteries. Supervisor Raymond has a number of issues that have to be addressed. Town Board Member Penino stated that signs should be made and put up with the rules on them to be placed at the cemeteries.

Cemetery Lot Buy Backs

Supervisor Raymond told the Board that a lot of the cemeteries in Edinburg were sold by either ten or five plot lots, she is suggesting that at some point lot owners be contacted and see if the Town can buy back portions of the lots that are not being used. The lots can only be sold for the price that they were purchased for minus any plots that are used.

Insurance

Supervisor Raymond reported the town's insurance has gone up dramatically, we have more equipment that is newer and worth more. D. Meager our insurance representative has suggested that the town could up the deductible to \$2500.00 from \$1000.00 with a cap of 250,000. Anything over that would be covered 100 percent. Supervisor Raymond read the email to the Board, if they did that the savings to the Town would be \$633.00 a year. After consideration the Board decided to wait and leave things as they are for now.

Ice Rails, Town Hall Roof

Supervisor Raymond reported she had received an estimate to put ice rails on the town hall roof. The price would be \$37,000.00. Supervisor Raymond suggested we should look at the price to put rails on only the front of the

building. Highway Superintendent Seelow told the Board that he will build something to go over the air conditioning units if it needs to be done, maybe we could go this winter and see how the snow is.

New Truck Delivery

Supervisor Raymond reported the Highway Superintendent has received the new pick up. The Town Board has found out that it is much cheaper to replace the truck every two years. Supervisor Raymond addressed Highway Superintendent Seelow concerning his request to amend the budget she asked him what he wants amended. Highway Superintendent Seelow told Supervisor Raymond that he wanted the CHIPS money put into the budget. Highway Superintendent Seelow told everyone the new Pay Star dump truck is here. It is on the back side of the Highway Garage if anyone would like to look at it. Supervisor Raymond told Highway Superintendent Seelow we will pay for it in June. Further discussion ensued between Highway Superintendent Seelow and Supervisor as to the cost of the new dump and the transferring of monies to cover the payment. Supervisor Raymond has transferred the April sales tax money into the Highway Account. The cost of the truck is approximately \$268,000.00. Supervisor Raymond will transfer \$125,000.00 from the General Fund to the Highway Fund and she will also amend the 2024 budget to include the CHIPS funding.

HARDSHIP REQUEST

Supervisor Raymond asked the Town Board if they believed that Mr. Wiggand's request was a hardship. The Board agreed, Mr. Wiggand will now have to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION DECLARING THE HARDSHIP FOR MR. ROBERT WIGGAND AS A HARDSHIP AND TO SEND MR. WIGGAND ON TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MOTION: TOWN BOARD MEMBER PENINO, SECONDED: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS.

Supervisor Raymond told the Board that the moratorium will expire in July, one of the things that the Board may be able to do if we get bogged down possibly it parts of the moratorium can be lifted.

ASSESSOR'S REPORTS

Assessor Beckering has been out sick.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Walsh reported on issues that she has been dealing with in Albany as Assemblywoman. One was the state aid to the schools, that was not cut. There is a fight as to the Better Bottle Bill, short term rentals did not get touched in this budget.

Zoning Update

Attorney Walsh told the Board that CT Male has been progressing on the code.

Local Law # 2 of 2024

Attorney Walsh will work on the Senior Sliding Scale Tax Exemption law.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Highway Superintendent Seelow reported that he had attending a conference given by ADK, he was looking to apply for grant funding, but, at this time the only thing that the Edinburg Highway Department is missing are the cameras. ADK is going to work with him to get the cameras. The cameras are weather stations; they will be set up so that the weather can be seen without going out in a truck. This will save wear and tear on the pickup. Further discussion ensued. Highway Superintendent Seelow told the Board the cameras and thermal watch will be turned on in October and will be on until March. Highway Superintendent Seelow told the Board about future regulations for storing salt. Highway Superintendent Seelow would like to attend the Salt Summit Conference in October. It will be two employees and himself, they will be staying away one night, he is uncertain on how to sign up for it. He would also like to hold an open house at the Highway Department some Sunday with refreshments so the public can come and see the winter road project. Further discussion continued concerning the additional thermal tracks and the possibility of obtaining funding for them. Highway Superintendent Seelow said the county bridge replacement, will begin the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Highway Superintendent Seelow also spoke about cutting trees through the upper portion of Fox Hill. The Town will have to name DEC as an additional insured.

White Pickup Truck

Highway Superintendent Seelow addressed Supervisor Raymond and the Board concerning the possible selling of the white pickup that is used by the Assessor, Building Inspector and Dog Control Officer. The truck is going through brakes and it is starting to get rust on it. The Board decided to put the truck on Auctions International, they will look for something more adequate for the Assessing, Building and Dog Control. Highway Superintendent Seelow stated he will be putting the truck on next week.

Solar Update

J. Olmstead lead in the solar projects reported R. Schmitt, Solar Engineer and resident has looked over the county solar bid specifications and is ready to move forward with it. J. Olmstead said it will have to go on Town letter head. Supervisor Raymond suggested that CT Male look at the bid specifications that Mr. Schmitt has put together

and see if they believe they are ready to move ahead. Supervisor Raymond will contact CT Male and see if they can look at what R. Schmitt has put together. J. Olmstead stated that NYSERDA is pushing for the Town of Edinburg to complete the solar projects by the fall of 2024.

SOLID WASTE REPORT

Solid Waste Coordinator Olmstead reported the tonnage was 52.13 tons of garbage for April. They are now going to Mud Road to dump twice a week. J. Olmstead, SWC contacted C. Cook from Saratoga County he gave them the go ahead for the recycle bay at the Recycle Center.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD

Highway Superintendent Seelow will be requesting an insurance certificate from the company that has their work trailer parked up at the Highway Garage/Community Center.

RESOLUTIONS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

- # 47 Additional Cost, Plywood, Town Hall Roof
- # 48 Public Hearing Notice Hardship – Fitzgerald
- # 49 Public Hearing Notice Hardship – Zlotnick
- # 50 Public Hearing Sliding Scale Senior Exemption, Local Law # 2
- # 51 Audit of Claims

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS # 47 - # 51

MOTION TO ADOPT: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS

SECOND: TOWN BOARD MEMBER GRECO, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE

ADJOURN 5:35 PM

MOTION: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EDWARDS

SECOND: TOWN BOARD MEMBER GRECO

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Ferguson

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Town Clerk