

EDINBURG TOWN BOARD

Draft Minutes

March 21, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING, HASKELL

Supervisor Raymond called to order a public hearing on a hardship request from M. Haskell at 4:06 pm at the Edinburg Town Hall.

PRESENT: Supervisor – Raymond, Town Board Members- Edwards, Evans, Greco and Penino
Attorney- M.B. Walsh

ALSO PRESENT: Assessor Beckering, Highway Superintendent Seelow, Solid Waste Coordinator Olmstead, Residents – J. Briskie, D. Greco and T. Frasier, NYSERDA Representative – J. D, Solar Engineer and Resident R. Schmidt and Town Clerk Ferguson

Attorney Walsh read the portion of Local Law #1 of 2024 to all present explaining that the Town Board will hear the hardship waiver application for M. Haskell; if the Board agrees it is a hardship the landowner will then be granted the approval to go before the Planning and or Zoning Board of Appeals to continue.

Town Clerk Ferguson read the public hearing notice. **NOTE The notice will be entered into the minutes as put into The Leader Herald****

Supervisor Raymond asked if anyone from the public would like to comment. No one responded, Attorney Walsh was in contact with Mr. Haskell who could not be present tonight, and he could not send a representative from EP Environmental. Attorney Walsh has asked the Board to give Mr. Haskell a chance to speak on his behalf. Attorney Walsh suggested the Board adjourn the public hearing until the April 18th meeting to allow Mr. Haskell to speak if he so wishes. The Board agreed. This would also start the time clock as of the April meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 4:13 PM UNTIL THE APRIL 18TH MEETING TO BE HELD AT 4:00 PM

SOLAR PRESENTATION

Supervisor Raymond told the Board Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Dranoff were here along with Solid Waste Coordinator Olmstead to give a presentation on the ongoing solar project. Supervisor Raymond gave a brief background concerning the grant. She then turned the floor over to J. Olmstead who has been working on solar being installed at both the Highway Garage and the Recycle and Reuse Center. J. Olmstead introduced both J. Dranoff who works for CDRPC and R. Schmitt, resident of Edinburg and Solar Engineer who gave a very interesting and informative presentation and what they are proposing under the grant to happen at the both the Highway Garage and the Recycle Center. Josh told the Board the entire grant money portion would be taken up by putting the solar on the Highway Garage.

Supervisor Raymond asked how much would it cost to put solar at the Recycle Center. J. Olmstead told the Board they do not have a bottom line cost as of tonight they just wanted to let the Board know that they have asked for an extension for the project and Supervisor Raymond told the Board if they agree, she would like to make Solid Waste Coordinator Olmstead the manager of the project.

Josh told the Board hopefully the new federal tax incentive that is part of the Inflation Reduction Act will help with the project. Josh will check in on this.

The Board agreed to this and a resolution will follow.

PRESENTATION ASSESSOR BECKERING – SENIOR EXEMPTION

The Town Board was presented with a packet that Assessor Beckering had put together will figures and information concerning the Board possibly adopting a senior exemption increase. Assessor Beckering told the Board the last time the Town of Edinburg adopted such an increase was in 1995. He is suggesting to the Board, they consider raising and adopting a new senior exemption scale which would be

a sliding scale. Supervisor Raymond asked Assessor Beckering to come back to the Board at the April meeting with numbers and they will move on it then. Questions were asked by the Board as to what would the school do as far as their scale, it would be much more relief if it was imposed on the school taxes.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 4:55 PM

PRESENT: SAME AS ABOVE ALSO PRESENT: SAME AS THE ABOVE

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2024 MINUTES - MOTION TO APPROVE: TOWN BOARD MEMBER PENINO SECOND: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE, ANY OPPOSED, NAY THE MINUTES ARE ADOPTED

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERIOD

Supervisor Raymond asked if anyone from the public wished to speak to the Board at this time. R. Schmitt did he has concerns as to Air B and B's and VRBO's. They are becoming a problem within the Town, what can be done. Supervisor Raymond explained it is a very big problem all over and the Board is waiting on the legislature to see if they can come up with some ways to handle them in the meantime Supervisor Raymond has told residents with concerns to call the police if they are having problems, this is all that can be done at this time.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FILES FOR MARCH

Saratoga County Monthly Reports

Mortgage Tax Receipts- **Feb.**

Sales Tax Distribution –

Mortgage Tax Distribution –

Town Officials Monthly Reports

Building Inspector –

Dog Control Officer –

Highway Superintendent's Diesel and Gasoline Inventory –

Justice – **Feb.**

Supervisor's Financial Reports - Highway and General -

Town Clerk – **Jan. and Feb.**

Other Reports

Tri-Party Collateral Agreement – **2/ 12, 20, 24 and 3/ 4 and 11**

Tri-Party Collateral Agreement Deposit Info – **Feb.**

Weekly Maintenance Report of Garbage Truck -

Recycle Center Resident Permits –**12/2,8,16 and 30 - 2/10**

Assessor's Report – 2024 Tentative Special Franchise Full Values

Ewaste Report 2023

Unemployment Insurance Rate 2024

284 Agreement

Correspondence

2023 Justice Audit Letter and Reports Sent to Internal Audit Services Unit

Web Pages for New Website

Email and Minutes for Haskell Application – Hardship Request

Public Hearing Notice – Haskell Hardship

Unapproved Planning Board Minutes – January 25, 2024

Letter for C. McCauley – Old Lady of the Lake

Letter to M. Greiz – 14 Horse Hill Road – Stop Work Order

2024-25 Article 7 Legislation – Impact on Towns

FOIL Request – 209 Sinclair Road

Listing Association of Towns of Public Officials

Letter – National Grid – Smart Meter Update for Upstate NY
Updated Information for the Adirondack Park Agency
Public Hearing Notice – Posting of Roads
Letter from APA – Variance Application – Cimino - Frey
Minutes – February 15, 2024 Town Board

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS

Action Items

284 Agreement **R 33**

The Highway Superintendents 284 Agreement for 2024 has been turned in and is as follows: Horse Hill Road, Trainer Road, and possibly Airport Road, DeGolia Road and Johnson Road. The Board reviewed the agreement and signed. *A resolution will follow.*

Contract with CT Male for Zoning Update **R 34**

The proposed contract amount with CT Male for the Zoning Ordinance update is in the amount not to exceed \$18,000.00. *A resolution will follow.*

Attorney Walsh told the Board she had reviewed the ordinance that was worked on by the previous Planning and Zoning Boards and she said there are some typo’s that need to be corrected, she also found things that are not in the code that should be. Supervisor Raymond added there needs to be time spent on definitions and road frontage, where should the setback begin.

Approve Map Grant with Behan Associates **R 35**

A resolution is needed to move ahead with the map grant that Behan and Associates are working on. The grant amount is \$14,200.00. *A resolution will follow.*

Approve Website Update Grant with Behan Associates **R 36**

A resolution will follow to move ahead with the website update grant, the grant is in the amount of \$7,100.00. Town Board Member Greco told the Board he has received an email from Leigh Hornbeck telling him the site is ready to launch. This will be a site that information can be added, it will be easy to do. *A resolution will follow.*

Approve Square Space to Host for the New Web Host **R 37**

A resolution will be needed to hire Square Space as the Town’s new Web Host at a cost of \$276.00 per year. *A resolution will follow.*

Approve Amended Contract with NYSERDA, (All Solar), and to Appoint J. Olmstead as Project Manager **R 38**

The new amended contract will be in effect until 12/25/25. *A resolution will follow.*

Approve Contract with the Saratoga County Youth Department for State Grant Funds **R 39**

The new youth contract between the Town of Edinburg and Saratoga County will be in the amount of \$401.00 for the 2024 year. This is based on the number of children that the Town has in it. *A resolution will follow.*

Public Hearing for Arsenault **R 40**

Mr. M. Arsenault has sent a letter of hardship to the Town of Edinburg concerning the property he owns. The Town Board will schedule a public hearing to be held on April 18th concerning this request. *A resolution will follow.*

Audit of Claims **R 41**

General Vouchers # 37 - # 61 in the amount of \$133,624.36

Highway Vouchers # 29 - # 48 in the amount of \$68,438.37

The Town Board reviewed the vouchers presented to them and signed the abstracts directing the bills be paid. *A resolution will follow.*

Informational Items (Supervisor’s)

Update on the Town Hall Roof

The metal breaking machine that was sent here is broken, Greenwood Industries is going to rent a machine from a supplier and finish the job. The supplier will also be using their men to break the metal. Supervisor Raymond told Ben from Greenwood, the Town of Edinburg is going to need a certificate of insurance from the supplier before they can work here. It was also suggested that snow slides be

mentioned. The Highway Department will build something to put over the air conditioners so they do not get damaged.

Insurance Renewal

The 2024 insurance renewal paperwork has been sent to Amsure.

Electric Box Town Hall

One of the electric panel boxes has been getting water in it from outside. The water is coming through the piping; the bottom of the box has rotted off. D. Alberts, Electrician has sealed up where the pipe comes into the building and is going to seal the pipe at the electric pole. D. Alberts talked about having the Highway Department when the weather is better dig down by the building and put in a drainage pit. There is no danger to the Town Hall because of the water coming in.

Congressman Tonko, Coming to the Town of Edinburg

Congressman Tonko's people will be coming to the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 3rd from 11 am - 1 pm to meet with the Town of Edinburg's constituents.

OTHER OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Nothing more to report

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Board Member Evans asked if the Town Board should set a cap on the amount of money to be spent for the zoning ordinance update. Attorney Walsh said no, it will be fine. Attorney Walsh reported B. Decker from CT Male who is the acting Building Inspector has found insufficient documentation on permits that have been issued, Attorney Walsh has suggested a way to remedy that so that the Town of Edinburg and B. Decker feels protected. Attorney Walsh told the Board she will be done at the NYS Legislature on the 17th of April and she will try to do her best to attend the Town Board Meeting on the 18th.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Highway Superintendent Seelow has been working with M. Stanley from Saratoga County Emergency Services on updating the Mitigation Plan for the Town of Edinburg. There are things in the report that have to be removed, example Batchellerville Bridge replacement and Salt Shed being built, they have both been done. He is looking to put in Kettle Creek in the Mitigation Plan because the NYS DEC has said it needs a new culvert which is very expensive. Josh Dranoff, representative from CDRPC told the Board that FEMA is making funds available he will keep the Board informed as to that and Climate Smart Communities has a 50/50% grant for right sizing culverts. Supervisor Raymond asked him to give her that information. Highway Superintendent Seelow also had concerns with the wording in the current mitigation plan that says the Town of Edinburg will relocate people if there is a flood.

The Highway Department has R. Finch's truck completely set up with the new winter road equipment and the thermal camera has been installed on M. Ginter's truck. Further discussion ensued concerning the amount of salt that the Highway Department has cut back to and how the new process works.

The new pickup for the Highway Superintendent is in and will be ready to be picked up. The new large truck will be in sometime next month it is a Pay Star with a Cummings engine. Discussion ensued as to the last truck that was purchased and the problems that kept happening with it. Has it ever gotten fixed, no when it acts up they have found to just shut it off and then restart it. Highway Superintendent Seelow also hoped the CHIPS funding would still be in the State of New York's Budget for paving.

SOLID WASTE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Solid Waste Coordinator Olmstead reported the total amount of solid waste tonnage that was brought to Fulton County for the month of January was 46.75 reason it was up was Christmas and tonnage was February 33.10. Solid waste tonnage will pick up once the weather gets warmer right now they are averaging 8.25 tons a week.

OLD AND OR NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Raymond asked if there was any old or new business to come before the Board. The Board Members wanted it made clear that we should hire a Building Inspector and that we have to move ahead

with the zoning ordinance and the moratorium. Supervisor Raymond said there is a problem with the open permits and once we get that taken care of the Town will move ahead from there.

RESOLUTION LIST

Supervisor Raymond read the list of resolutions to come before the Board tonight for a vote. She asked if they wanted to make a separate vote on any of them. They did not they voted on them as a whole.

33 Approve Highway 284 Agreement

34 Approve Contract with CT Male Associates for Zoning Update

35 Approve Map Grant with Behan Associates, \$14,200.00

36 Approve Website Grant with Behan Associates, \$7,100.00

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38 Approve Amended Contract with NYSERDA, (All Solar), and to Appoint John Olmstead as the Project Manager

40 Approve Contract with Saratoga County Youth Department for State Grant Funds, \$401.00

41 Schedule a Public Hardship Hearing for M. Arsenault, April 18th

42 Audit of Claims

MOTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS

SECOND: TOWN BOARD MEMBER GRECO, ANY DISCUSSION, NAY, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE

Supervisor Raymond asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 5:59 PM: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EDWARD, SECOND: TOWN BOARD MEMBER GRECO

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Ferguson
Town Clerk