

Edinburg Town Board Minutes

November 21,2024

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Anderson called the regular meeting of the Edinburg Town Board to order at 6:04 pm on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at the Edinburg Town Hall.

PRESENT: Supervisor Anderson, Town Board Members – Edwards, Evans, Greco and Penino

ALSO PRESENT: Residents – D. Greco, T. Frasier, D. Houlihan, Bennett, B. Schmitt, Highway Superintendent Seelow, Solid Waste Coordinator Olmstead, Historian Edwards, Town Clerk Ferguson

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 3RD, 9TH, 17TH AND 23RD MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE: BOARD MEMBER PENINO, SECONDED: BOARD MEMBER GRECO, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public commented. Supervisor Anderson moved ahead with the meeting.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Anderson told the Board and public the correspondence and report files are on the table for viewing

Reports

Saratoga County Monthly Reports

Mortgage Tax Receipts-

Sales Tax Distribution –

Town Officials Monthly Reports

Building Inspector – 10/ 1 – 11/22

Dog Control Officer –

Highway Superintendent's Diesel and Gasoline Inventory – 11/8/24

Justice – Oct.

Supervisor's Financial Reports - Highway and General –

Tax Collector –

Town Clerk – Oct.

Other Reports

Tri-Party Collateral Agreement – 10/15,21,28 and 11/4,12

Tri-Party Collateral Agreement Deposit Info – Oct.

Weekly Maintenance Report of Garbage Truck – None Given

Resident Permits Recycle and Reuse Center 2023 Year – 10/4,5,18,19,25,26, and 11/2,9

Correspondence

DEC Notification We Can Now Charge \$1.00 for Paper License Print Outs

Request for Blind Signage on Tange Road, Waiting on Letter from the Association of the Blind

Resume – Matthew J. McAuliffe – Attorney

Certificate of Liability Insurance – CT Male Associates

Request from Amica Insurance – Accident Fox Hill- Property Claim from Town – No Property Damage

Submission Forms from the Website – Requests and Answers

2025-26 Youth Program Contract

CDRPC DataNews – Fall 2024

Email Request – Benetech Advantage

Zoning Board Minutes – Unapproved – Nov. 7th and Planning Board Minutes – Unapproved – Oct. 24th

Legal Notices – ZBA-002-24-Day, 001-24 – Ebert / Planning Board- 001-24 – Ebert, 09-23 – Austin-Schultz, 10-23 – Fitzgerald, Special Planning Board Notice, 002-24 Zlotnick- Hassell Family Trust

Town Board Minutes – Oct. 3rd, 9th, 17th and the 23rd

OFFICIALS REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

2025 Tentative Budget, Adoption

R 85

Supervisor Anderson presented the Tentative Budget to the Board, he has made a few changes that he wanted the Board aware of the changes to the General portion of the budget, they are:

- \$11,000.00 annual salary to hire a part time bookkeeper
- \$20,000.00 annual salary to contract with a new attorney
- \$9,000.00 has been moved from Contingency for repairs at the Museum
- \$60,000.00 annual salary for Code Enforcement/Building Inspector – Full Time
- Corrected Highway Superintendent's pay
- \$7,000.00 increase to the contractual portion for refuse, looking at \$70.00 per ton in 2025
- \$4,000.00 for Cemetery Care
- The General portion of the budget for 2025 is up to \$963,363.00

Supervisor Anderson most of the cost will be the expense for the bookkeeper and to hire a CEO/Building Inspector. Supervisor Anderson after speaking to his colleagues has decided the Town of Edinburg needs to look into making more interest on the town's money.

Supervisor Anderson moved ahead to the Highway portion of the budget; they are as follows:

- The machinery portion of the budget is down to \$134,000.00 for the 2025 year, this will cover the cost of a skid steer. A large plow truck was purchased last year along with a new pickup, this will not happen this year
- \$5,000.00 increase for snow removal for the 2025 year
- The Highway portion of the budget for 2025 is down to \$983,171.00 the amount to be raised by taxes is \$238,577.
- Revenue for the Highway portion of the budget is \$694,594.00
- Fire Protection has a 5% raise, 2024 the amount was \$123,056.00 the proposed amount for 2025 is \$129,056.00 this is an increase of \$6200.00
- The health insurance will be increasing, at this point they are projecting a 13% rate hike.

Supervisor Anderson reviewed all of the funds of the tentative budget for the 2025 year with the board. He told the Board if they are ok with the tentative budget he would like a resolution to adopt the tentative as the preliminary budget. The Board agreed, a resolution will follow

Supervisor Anderson told the Board the Highway portion of the budget includes the hiring of a 4th man.

Public Hearing, Preliminary Budget

R 86

Supervisor Anderson stated a resolution will be needed to set a public hearing on the 2025 budget. A resolution will follow.

Public Hearing, 2025 Fire Contract

R 87

Supervisor Anderson would like to schedule a public hearing on the 2025 fire contract prior to the public hearing on the 2025 budget. A resolution will follow.

Special Meeting, December 4th

R 88

A special meeting will need to be scheduled for December 4, 2024 at 6:00pm to hold both public hearings and for any other business that may come before the Board. A resolution will follow.

Telephone System

Supervisor Anderson reported he has spoken to Spectrum, they are going to be coming out to see so do a building survey and they are going to put together a telephone system for the Town Hall, this system will cost the Town approximately \$100.00 less than we are now paying for Frontier.

Computers

The four computers have been ordered from Tom's Computer Service. The quote was less from the County of Saratoga on NYS bid. He will be setting them up and they will include windows. The price per computer will be a total of \$2096.00. Supervisor Anderson will be ordering a laptop from the County for Highway Superintendent Seelow to use. Supervisor Anderson spoke about ordering laptops for the Assessor's Department and the Code Enforcement Official next year.

1.00 Fee for Printing Hunting and Fishing Licenses

R 90

NYS DEC has sent out information allowing their sporting licensing agents to charge an additional dollar when printing off hunting and fishing licenses. The Board agreed to adopt this. A resolution will follow.

Letter to Bank of America removing Supervisor Jean Raymond from the Account and Adding Supervisor Robert D. Anderson to the Account

R 91

Adirondack Chairs

The Dock Shop that is owned by the Smith's has donated to Adirondack Chairs to the Town Hall and a picnic table for the Recycle Center.

2024 Economic Development Grant

R 92

The Town of Edinburg has received the \$10,000.00 economic development grant from Saratoga County this is to be used for the Saratoga Snowmobile trail system. The check has been deposited, once it clears a check will be written to the snowmobile club. A resolution will follow to allow for this.

Lights on the South Side of the Bridge

The lights on the Batchellerville Bridge on the South side have been out, they will continue to be out until the spring. Saratoga County will be taking care of them, they had to budget for the 2025 year \$36,000.00 for the repair.

Attorney Resume

Supervisor Anderson reported he has spoken to Matthew McAuffle, and he would like to have him come and interview with the Board.

Appointment to Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Advisory Board

R 93

Supervisor Anderson told the Board he would like to appoint Donna Houlihan to the Saratoga County Department of Aging Youth Advisory Board, Ms. Houlihan has submitted a letter of interest. She will be the Town of Edinburg's representative. If the Board is ok with this a resolution is needed. The Board was fine with this and a resolution will follow.

Audit of Claims R 94

General Vouchers # 224 - # 241 in the amount of \$20,213.04

Highway Vouchers # 141 - # 157 in the amount of \$38,100.66

The Board reviewed the vouchers and signed the abstract to allow for the bills to be paid. A resolution will follow.

Fuel Leak, Highway Garage

Supervisor Anderson spoke about the fuel leak that occurred at the Highway Garage on November 4th. This leak caused the voting place to be moved from the Community Center to the Town Hall this was done in conjunction with the Board of Elections at Saratoga County. A representative from NYMIR, the towns insurance company come in and picked up the cylinoid to do a forensic investigation on it and DEC response team came in. There were approximately 400 gallons of #2 fuel oil that was lost. The town did not receive any fines, but we will have to pay for the cost of the cleanup. They have estimated it at approximately 30 to 40 thousand. DEC spill response team, Republic Services were here for two days and they were at the garage within four hours after Highway Superintendent Seelow contacted them. C. Murphy, from Murphy's Mechanical put in another cylinoid, he said they have discontinued making them so he believes there is a problem with them. D. Meager our insurance representative has been informed on this.

Thanksgiving Closure

The Town Hall will be closed at noon on Wednesday November 27th and will be closed all day on the 28th and the 29th.

OTHER OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

The Attorney, Assessor and the Building Inspector are not present tonight

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Oil Spill at Highway Garage

Highway Superintendent Seelow reported on the major oil spill that occurred at the Highway Garage also. It has been taken care of and the smell is pretty much taken care of. Most of the oil went into the holding tank that was put in to handle the runoff for the trucks. The tank was put in last year. The cleanup company did a fantastic job. They cleaned out the drains too. They will be cleaning out the drains for us in the future, because a regular septic company is not registered to do that. C. Murphy is looking into getting updated valves for the furnace. There was approximately an eight of the oil left. The oil tanks hold 550 gallons.

Winter Snow Removal Program

The winter program is starting up, the camera on Tennantville Road across from P. Edwards is up and running. The one on Fox Hill Road is not working at this time, they are going to have to change the sim cards.

Blind Person Signs Request

Highway Superintendent Seelow received a call from Donald Walton requesting two blind signs to be erected on Tange Road. He told him he would have to receive a letter asking for the signs it would go to the Town Board who would then send it on to the county and then to the state for approval before they can be erected.

Open House at Highway Garage, October

The open house that was held at the highway garage was a big success approximately 250 people attended and most of the Town Board members.

Stump Grinding, Tornado

The stump grinding process has begun. The company has to split them first to remove the rocks and dirt before they are ground. They have brought in a large wood splitter the grinding will not start until the stumps are split.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Historian Edwards said she didn't have anything special to report, but the museums have been put to bed for the winter and she is still plugging away on things in her office.

SOLID WASTE REPORT

Tonnage of Solid Waste and Propane Tanks

SWC Olmstead reported the tonnage for October was 55.36 tons. The company that removes the freon from the freezers and refrigerators was in and removed the freon from the refrigerators and the freezers. They can no longer take 100-gallon propane tanks or fire extinguishers. If they cannot take the tanks, we should consider not taking them either. SWC Olmstead reported he contacted County Waste to see if they are discharged can they go into the metal bin. The Recycle Center took in approximately 1000 one-pound cylinders. SWC Olmstead is asking if the town should stop taking them. Further discussion ensued, SWC Olmstead will look into this further.

Batteries

SWC Olmstead turned in the batteries and received \$607.00. They are paying 22 cents per pound.

Solar

J. Olmstead said that things are moving forward the bidding package is now squared away. B. Schmitt and J. Olmstead would like to sit down with D. Ferguson and go over the bidding package. He would like to get the bid specification out and would like to have them come back for review by January 9, 2025 at 3:00 pm. He would like to get them out by next week or the first of December.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Plaque Honoring Supervisor Raymond R 89

Town Board Member Penino spoke she has looked into purchasing a plaque to be put up in the Town Hall it would tell the story that was written in the Daily Gazette and the accomplishments of Jean Raymond. The Board was in agreement to purchase the plaque. A resolution will follow.

ATTENDANCE TO MEETING 6:45 PM

Town Board Member Evans.

M. Evans was brought up to speed on the meeting.

Telephone Call, National Grid

National Grid contacted the Town to do a survey on the recent electrical upgrade. They were told that it took 12 hours to get the power back on and we were running on the generator.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS # 85 - # 94

Supervisor Anderson read the listing of resolutions to the Board and asked if they would like to take a separate vote on any of them or would like to vote on them as a whole. They will vote on them as a whole.

85 Adoption of the 2025 Tentative Budget

86 Setting a Public Hearing on the 2025 Preliminary Budget

87 Setting a Public Hearing on the 2025 Fire Contract

88 Hold a Special Meeting to Adopt the 2025 Final Budget

89 Purchase a Plaque in Honor of Jean Raymond

90 Approving the \$1.00 Fee for Printing Hunting and Fishing Licenses

91 Authorizing a Letter to be Sent to Bank of America to Remove Supervisor Raymond and Put in Supervisor Anderson

92 Authorizing Supervisor Anderson to Send \$10,000.00 Grant Monies to the Saratoga Snowmobile Club

93 Designating Donna Houlihan to the Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Advisory Board for the Town.

94 Audit of Claims for November

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS # 85 - # 94

MOTION: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EDWARDS, SECONDED: TOWN BOARD MEMBER PENINO, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE

ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EDWARDS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Ferguson
Town Clerk