

Edinburg Town Board Minutes

August 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Edinburg Town Board was called to order at 4:05 pm at the Edinburg Town Hall.

PRESENT: Supervisor Raymond, Town Board Members Edwards, Evans, Greco and Penino
ALSO PRESENT: Mr. R. Fowler and resident, Attorney Walsh, Highway Superintendent Seelow, Historian Edwards, D. Greco, Solid Waste Coord. Olmstead, Town Clerk Ferguson

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 10TH AND 25TH MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE: TOWN BOARD MEMBER PENINO

SECOND: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS, ANY DISCUSSION, NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Fowler introduced himself and asked what is happening with the stumps. It was explained to him that the Town was only supplying a staging area for the tub grinder. The Town cannot go on private property and remove stumps. The HRBRD is removing stumps and taking them to the staging area along with private contractors. Highway Superintendent Seelow added the Regulating District has been using one of the Town of Edinburg's trucks to remove stumps. It was asked if a private hauler is hired can they bring stumps to the Town staging area. Yes, they can. The gate is open from 9 am – 3 pm for the staging area. It was suggested to the two residents to contact M. Ginter, employee for the Regulating District and see if he can get the stumps to the staging area for them. It was asked what the Town was going to do with all of the chips. Highway Superintendent Seelow said they will be sold to Fulton County for the Waste area.

Mr. Fowler wanted to say that J. Olmstead and B. VanDerwerker run a wonderful operation at the Recycle Center.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Saratoga County Monthly Reports

Mortgage Tax Receipts-

Sales Tax Distribution – **July**

Town Officials Monthly Reports

Building Inspector – **Jan. - July**

Dog Control Officer – **Sara. Co. Animal Shelter Inspection Report**

Highway Superintendent's Diesel and Gasoline Inventory –

Highway –

Justice - **July**

Supervisor's Financial Reports - Highway and General –

Tax Collector –

Town Clerk – **July**

Other Reports

Assessor's Report –

Tri-Party Collateral Agreement – **7/22,29 and 8/5**

Tri-Party Collateral Agreement Deposit Info - **July**

Weekly Maintenance Report of Garbage Truck –

Resident Permits Recycle and Reuse Center 2024 Year - **7/26,27 / 8/2,3**

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Correspondence

Resignation Letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals – Sharon Leighton

Letter to Westlake's from Highway Superintendent – Horsehill Road
Building Search – Twisted T's – Carl Ward
CDPRC Data News – Summer 2024 Aug.
CCPRC – Summer Newsletter- July
Liquor License – Old Trail Inn – Letter Denying Waiving 30 Day for Application
Town Board Minutes – July 25th

ACTION ITEMS

The local law pertaining to the senior exemption will need to be passed again because the time period was over the 20-day limit to file. A resolution will follow.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE SENIOR TAX EXEMPTION R 68

MOTION: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS

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

Informational Items

Stump Area

The stump staging area is open and R Anderson has done a wonderful job. Town Board Member Greco sat the second day. To date there have been 168 stumps brought in most are from HRBRRD, they can get approximately 4 stumps on the little truck and 9 or 10 on the large truck.

North Shore Bridge Closed

On Tuesday, August 20th the North Shore Bridge will be closed to traffic. They are going to be closing Military Road from A. Frasier's down and North Shore Road to the bridge from both the Marina way and from Fullers.

Johnson Road, Closed

The Highway Department will be closing Johnson Road from the Northville Road to Tennantville Road intersection on the 20th.

Proposed Cemetery Rules

The Board has been given the updated proposed cemetery rule changes, they should look them over and be ready to act on them at the September meeting. If there is anything that anyone sees needs to be added or changed, please let us know.

Certificates of Appreciation, July 15th Tornado

The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors will be acknowledging all of the volunteers, workers that responded during the July 16th tornado. This will be done on Tuesday, August 20th at 4:00 pm at the County Complex.

OTHER OFFICIALS REPORTS

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Beckering is not present tonight.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MGH Matter

Attorney Walsh wanted to make the Town Board aware there have been problems with the applicant. He has not followed instructions, he missed the 62-day deadline to file the Mylar. Mr. Hopkins need to reapply to the Planning Board. Attorney Walsh stated the Town of Edinburg has rules for a reason, Town Board Member Evans asked if it was clearly communicated to Mr. Hopkins, Attorney Walsh stated yes it was.

Resignation, S. Leighton

Attorney Walsh stated S. Leighton has resigned as the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson. She will be greatly missed. Supervisor Raymond told the Board that she has a recommendation made to her, but, she has not contacted this person yet.

Moratorium Extension

Attorney Walsh spoke to the Board concerning the three-month extension to the moratorium. She also noted the proposed code is going to have to be finished. There are issues that need to be sent off to CT Male, they are short term rentals, tiny houses, solar and driveways. This will give the Town Board an

extra three months to deal with this. Supervisor Raymond stated she is going to ask the new interim building inspector to put in some concerns he may see or have with the present ordinance.

Possible Legislative Appointment, Attorney Walsh

Attorney Walsh spoke to the Board concerning a possible appointment at the state level that will add extra work for her, if that should happen she will not be able to accept a reappointment to the attorney position for the Town, she will know more later in the year.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Inspector is doing a great job.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Drainage Problem, Lakeland

Highway Superintendent Seelow directed a question toward the four board members and the attorney. He has a drainage problem in Lakeland, it starts on private property, and then it causes issues with the town road. He told the owners if they give him permission he will come in and clean out the culvert, it will be a one-time job and then they will have to maintain it after that. Attorney Walsh told him that once you do this it will set a precedent and once that is done they can come back to the town. Further discussion ensued as to the private land and the problems it is causing on the Town owned land. Highway Superintendent Seelow told the Board that he can fix the problem on the Town's end, but, it will still be a problem for the landowners if the culvert is not cleaned out. Attorney Walsh told Highway Superintendent Seelow if it requires an ok from the Town Board, please put it into the minutes that it is going to be done once on the landowner's property and possibly a short letter explaining this could be sent to the landowners explaining the process is a one-time event. The letter can say please don't expect this has a routine maintenance. Highway Superintendent Seelow will look at the paper road and see just what needs to be done before doing anything. Highway Superintendent Seelow said this all started when a garage was put in on the landowner's property and diverted the water, he could put in a ditch and split rock, but, he does not want to hurt an elderly couple's property if this is done they will get the run off.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Historian Edwards told the Board the Town of Day has a new historian, the retired historian brought her here to meet Historian Edwards. Historian Edwards gave her some insight as to what a historian needs to do, she hopes she didn't discourage her.

Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28th.

SOLID WASTE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

SWC Olmstead reported the garbage tonnage for July was 99.09 tons, we are at 78.80 tons to date for August. They have sold 700 resident permits to date this year. The bin has been received for the recycling to go in at the Center. They are using plywood on the roof for the time being, because the recycling can not get wet.

SOLAR REPORT

The bid package has been sent off to K. Serra of CT Male, once she gets it and looks it over it will then be sent off to Josh from NYSERDA, we will be told how to go out to bid on this.

OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS

Highway Superintendent Seelow invited everyone to his pumpkin open house on Saturday September 22nd from 10 am – 2 pm.

Attorney Walsh told the Board that in December or by January 1st they will know more from the legislature on Air B N B's, the law is on the Governor's desk.

Supervisor Raymond asked Attorney Walsh if she could get a law passed that would allow the people in the Fire Towns to not have to get a burn permit, this is an antiquated law. It started when Rangers would look out from the fire towers, they no longer do this. Attorney Walsh stated her best advice would be to speak to Matt Simpson on this matter or Jason Kemper who sets on Region 5.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

R 69

General Vouchers # 166 - # 180 in the amount of \$22,096.93

Highway Vouchers #103 - # 110 in the amount of \$5,380.79

The Town Board reviewed the vouchers, signed the abstracts and directed the bills be paid. A resolution will follow.

Supervisor Raymond asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 5:10 PM

MOTION: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EDWARDS

SECONDED: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Ferguson
Town Clerk