

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Raymond called to order the Organizational meeting of the Edinburg Town Board at 4:00 pm at the Edinburg Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Supervisor	J. Raymond	
Town Board Member	T. Edwards	Absent
Town Board Member	M. Evans	Absent
Town Board Member	G. Greco	
Town Board Member	M. Penino	
Attorney	M.B. Walsh	Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Residents	B. DeFeo, L. and R. Ege, J. Nichols, T. Merrells, L. Bills, N. Foster, C. Quaglino, J. Loupin N. Carmody	
Highway Superintendent	W. Seelow	
Town Clerk	D. Ferguson	

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Questions and Concern’s Proposed Moratorium

Supervisor Raymond addressed the audience. She told them that at this meeting the Town Board gets all of the housekeeping matters in order to run again in the new year. She told them that the Board does not take public comments at this type of meeting. Supervisor Raymond told them a public hearing will be held at 4:00 pm on a proposed six-month moratorium for Planning and Zoning. The reason for this is because the Town of Edinburg needs to update the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance was put into effect in 1996 and has not had any major updating since 2010. Supervisor Raymond told the audience this will not stop any planning or zoning applications that are in the works at this time and it will not stop continuing work on the 113 building applications that are open. Supervisor Raymond told all present that at the January 18th meeting the Attorney will be present to help answer any questions. She also told all present the Town of Edinburg has hired CT Male Associates to work on the ordinance if the local law is adopted.

Supervisor Raymond said she would take some questions seeing that people were here. Supervisor Raymond told all present she is not sure what is going to change, they will have to review the definitions along with some of the problems we are seeing at this time such as sheds being moved in as sheds and then becoming homes etc. The installation of driveways and the use of emergency vehicles to get up to these homes if the need be, flag lots, travel trailers being stored versus putting in a septic and well. Supervisor Raymond told the audience that the Town will be discussing short term rentals but, she is doubtful that anything will be done concerning this because it opens the Town up for liability. Further discussion ensued as to Air B and B’s and VRBO’s within the Town. Supervisor Raymond told the Board they are hopeful the NYS Legislature is working on this problem and will help with a solution. Supervisor Raymond told all present that if they have a problem with noise or vehicles that is a police matter. Supervisor

Raymond told the audience they cannot come to the Town of Edinburg 24 – 7, some matters are police matters.

N. Fowler suggested inspections of the home prior to them being used as short term rentals as was done in Cohoes. Supervisor Raymond said that is good, but, the Town of Edinburg would have to hire a large number of inspectors to be able to inspect these units and say if someone rented a home, had the smoke alarm go off after it was inspected and took the batteries out, after this was done the home had a fire. The Town would be liable; it is a hard subject. T. Merrell said they had a problem in Lake Desolation where the septic was unable to hold up. T. Merrells also said he had asked for a crosswalk and had to go to the County of Saratoga for it, they did not put one in for him. Supervisor Raymond explained that changing speed limits etc. that deal with roadways are a long process. It all comes down to the State Department of Transportation, they decide not the town or the county. The Town Board has had to deal with this a number of times in the past. Questions were asked as to off premises signs, the APA does not allow them and if you follow APA regulations all signs must be brown and gold. J. Nichols addressed the Board she said rumor has it that the Town of Edinburg does not have a Building Inspector at this time. Supervisor Raymond told her that for the next two weeks anyone with a building issue should call her. Arrangements have been made with CT Male to have a Building Inspector here for a day when things are slow, it may take two to three days for an answer, but, you will get one. Supervisor Raymond told the audience that T. Anthony is no longer working for the Town of Edinburg. Supervisor Raymond said what the Town is not going to do is entertain subdivisions. J. Nichols said yes, the zoning does need to be updated. T. Merrell asked about Grandfathered lots, Supervisor Raymond told him a grandfathered Lot is a grandfathered Lot, but, it still has to meet current standards. Supervisor Raymond told all present the Town Board wants to make the zoning ordinance language clear, they are trying to protect who is here. She said she cannot say they will not make mistakes, but, it is an open process. Town Board Member Penino spoke and said the Board has to listen to everything and they have to be specific about matters. Supervisor Raymond said the Town Board is here to serve the public, and should be very cognizant to our businesses in our town and to our builders, etc. Someone from the audience said not having T. Anthony here will hang the builders up, Supervisor Raymond told the audience we do not discuss personnel in open meetings, and it is not fair to T. Anthony because he is not here. J. Loupin, contractor spoke and was not clear what he was going to do with an upcoming plumbing inspection, he has been working with T. Anthony and at this time he may have to get prepared to do three different types of plumbing tests, it would depend on the inspector. Supervisor Raymond told him what the Fire Prevention and Building Codes says is what he will have to do, he countered and said it can be done three different ways that is what he is concerned with. Supervisor Raymond said this is way over her head, but, she can tell him that the CT Male Building Inspector will follow what T. Anthony has done as long as it follows the rules. He again said he needs to know what he needs to do for a test of the plumbing, Supervisor Raymond told him to put something in writing for her. Again the meeting turned towards T. Anthony, Supervisor Raymond told the audience again, the Town Board does not discuss personnel matters in open meeting, no T. Anthony did not have a contract with the Town, he was appointed to the position and he will not be reappointed this year. J. Nichols asked if the new firm would cost more, Supervisor Raymond told her she did not know, but she can assure her that if at all possible the Town of Edinburg will contract with an adjoining town if possible.

Supervisor Raymond told all present he was a part-time employee and he has left on his own accord. Supervisor Raymond said everything was good. It was stated it seems we all have permits open and now we are over a fire. Supervisor Raymond said she is not sure what the rumors are they are hearing as far as the moratorium, but, nothing has been done yet, a local law has to be passed before anything can be done. As far as building inspections they will be done, whatever you have been doing as far as your permit with T. Anthony, that will be handled the same. Town Board Greco addressed the audience and told them it is not the intent of the Town Board to change the rules. Supervisor Raymond added if plumbing is in the code that is what you will be doing, the Town Board's concern is to make the builders happy. Supervisor Raymond added the Town Board wants to treat the builders well and the town wants them to come back with other jobs. The Edinburg Town Board is Government friendly.

Supervisor Raymond addressed the audience with another rumor she has heard, about the Town being reevaluated and a 40% tax increase will be instituted. No, that is just a rumor. T. Merrells said this is from the FERC contract. Supervisor Raymond said, no, this was all taken care of a long time ago. Supervisor Raymond said she would take one more question.

L. Bills asked what would happen if there was a septic situation and there was no one to look at it. Supervisor Raymond told him that worst case scenario a contractor would be given a camera to take pictures of the project. A septic that is put in within the Town has to be engineered, the only time would be if you had to fix something and no, you cannot leave a hole open. So pictures are what you need to do.

RESOLUTION LIST

Supervisor Raymond told all present they were welcome to stay, but, if they wanted to leave feel free to do so.

2024 Operating Resolutions

Supervisor Raymond went through the resolutions to begin the new year.

- # 1 Set the Date and Time for the Town Board Meetings
- # 2 Positions and Salaries
- # 3 Holidays, Health Insurance, Personal Days, Sick Days and Comp Time
- # 4 People that have been appointed to Various Positions
- # 5 Garbage Collection/ Recycle Center Times Open
- # 6 Cemetery Burial Prices, Dates of Closing and Opening
- # 7 Official Newspaper – The Leader Herald
- # 8 Bank – NBT
- # 9 Authorizing Supervisor and Highway Superintendent to Sell Surplus Under \$300.00
- # 10 Allowing Highway Superintendent to Post Town Roads – Weight Limit
- # 11 Allowing Supervisor to Pay Certain Bills in Advance of Audits
- # 12 Allowing Board Members to Attend Assoc. of Towns Conference, Meal Rates Allowed
- # 13 Contracts to Be Signed and Paid
- # 14 Solid Waste Tipping Fees for 2024 - \$68.00 per Ton
- # 15 Check Return Fee
- # 16 Appointments to the BAR, Planning Board, ZBA
- # 17 Petty Cash Amounts
- # 18 Fee Schedule- Building
- # 19 Investment, Purchasing Policy

20 Cost to Fax Items

21 Historian and Town Clerks Fee to Charge for Genealogical Research
Supervisor Raymond told the Board that this was the entire resolution listing.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS # 1 - # 12

Supervisor Raymond asked the Board for a motion to approve.

MOTION: TOWN BOARD MEMBER GRECO

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Raymond asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. Highway Superintendent Seelow spoke and told the audience and the Board; J. Olmstead was out with COVID so with the u coming storm your garbage may not be picked up on South Shore until Wednesday, because the Highway Department will be running the garbage truck.

Supervisor Raymond added everyone that works on the Town works together and we all work for the people.

ADJOURN 4:47 PM

Supervisor Raymond asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: TOWN BOARD MEMBER GRECO

SECOND: TOWN BOAD MEMBER PENINO

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Ferguson