

March 25, 2009

MINUTES

**WORK SESSION MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
MARCH 25, 2009
7:30 P.M.**

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GLENN R. NELLIS	-	SUPERVISOR
MARY LOU PEW	-	COUNCILWOMAN (<i>Deputy Supervisor</i>)
EDWARD KRYCIA, JR.	-	COUNCILMAN
VINCENT V. VACCO	-	COUNCILMAN
RICHARD S. VENTRY	-	COUNCILMAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Jo Hultquist	-	Town Clerk
Anna M. Knack	-	Administrative Assistant
William Trask	-	Town Attorney
Scott Hultquist	-	Director of Operations – Emergency Squad

Call To Order:

Supervisor Nellis called the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Nellis led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

Budget Transfers/Amendments:

Supervisor Nellis read the following “Budget Amendment” from Account A3021 to Account A1110.4 for JCAP grant money received for purchase of office supplies for Court in the amount of \$221.99.

MOTION was made by Councilman Ventry to approve the “Budget Amendment” as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Appointment of Town Historian

Supervisor Nellis stated that he and Councilman Krycia had interviewed ten (10) very qualified and talented applicants, and after much consideration they would like to appoint Sue Minekime and Ferris Randall as Co-Historians for the Town of Eden.

MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia to appoint Sue Minekime and Ferris Randall as Co-Historians; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis made a recommendation to form a Committee on Local History comprised of the remaining applicants that were interviewed for the Town Historian position, if interested.

MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia to form a Committee on Local History; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

2. Possible Approval of Proposed Local Laws No. 1 and 2

(1) – Amendments regarding Home Occupation

Supervisor Nellis stated that the Town Board is not prepared to vote on Proposed Local Law No. 1 – Amendments regarding Home Occupation at this time.

(2) - Amendments to the Public Improvement Law

William Trask, Town Attorney stated that Proposed Local Law No. 2-2009, A Local Law Amending the Public Improvement Law of the Town of Eden Code Section 158-3 (B)(4) “Maintenance Bond” shall be amended to read as follows:

“Maintenance Bond or Security. The developer/contractor shall provide a Maintenance Bond or certified funds payable to the Town of Eden or cash to be held in escrow by the Town of Eden to guarantee the maintenance and repair of all the improvements which were the subject of the public improvement permit for a period of one year after said improvements have been accepted by the Town. The Maintenance Bond or Security shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the full value of the improvement(s) as determined by the Town Board, and shall be in a form acceptable to the Town Attorney.”

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to approve Proposed Local Law No. 2-2009 and adopt as Local Law No. 1-2009 as presented; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia to close the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis closed the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed 3rd Party Billing for Eden Ambulance Service; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis opened the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

**8:00 P.M.
Public Hearing
Proposed 3rd Party Billing for
Eden Ambulance Service**

Scott Hultquist gave a power point presentation regarding the current status of the Eden Emergency Squad with statistics on volume of calls and annual expenses for the Emergency Squad. Mr. Hultquist then introduced Darren Ball from Certified Ambulance Group (CAG) who also gave a power point presentation on Revenue Recovery or 3rd Party Billing, which is a subscription program with no out-of-pocket expenses. All Eden taxpayers would qualify with billing through their insurance companies. All information would be obtained from the patient at the time of care and submitted to CAG for payment.

Prior to opening the public hearing to comments, William Trask, Town Attorney stated that this program would take the burden off the taxpayer and generate revenue for the Town of Eden to be earmarked for the Emergency Squad.

The following residents made favorable comments or had questions:

John Henrich & Pam Henrich
Will Smutz
Bob Stickney
Mike Bolo

Councilwoman Pew asked if the information could be electronically submitted and Mr. Ball stated that the Pre-hospital Care Report (PCR) is a paper-based program but electronic submission could be set up.

Councilman Ventry thanked the Eden Emergency Squad for “thinking outside of the box” and finding ways to generate funding for the Squad.

Councilwoman Pew stated that the Emergency Squad would still maintain their volunteer status.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Supervisor Nellis closed the public hearing at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION was made by Councilman Ventry to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis closed the Public Hearing at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION was made by Councilman Ventry to open the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

3. Community Inter-Municipal Agreement

Supervisor Nellis read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION – TOWN OF EDEN AUTHORIZING THE 6 COMMUNITY INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Eden received a final version of a six (6) Community Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Brant and Towns of Eden, Collins, North Collins, and the Villages of Angola and North Collins; and

WHEREAS, this Inter-Municipal Agreement pertains to an approximately 2-year long NYS Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) Grant for the study of a solution to regional water supply concerns of the above 6 Communities; and

WHEREAS, the town of Eden was a participant in the SMSI Grant and worked cooperatively with the other 5 Communities in the SMSI Grant study project to consider regional water supply issues; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eden wishes to continue working cooperatively with the other 5 Communities based upon the conditions of the 6 Community Inter-Municipal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eden Town Attorney has reviewed conditions of this Inter-municipal Agreement and finds it reasonable and beneficial to the Town and recommends it being accepted by the Eden Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor, on behalf of the Town Board of Eden, is authorized to sign the six (6) Community Inter-Municipal Agreement.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to approve the resolution as presented; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

4. Approval of Revisions in Employee Health Contracts

Supervisor Nellis read the following amendment to the Employee Health Contracts due to Independent Health discontinuing the iDirect 3 Series Insurance Plan presently offered to the Town of Eden employees, effective May 1, 2009, the Town will

continue its health insurance coverage through Independent Health's iDirect 1 Series Insurance Plan.

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to approve the revisions in employee health contracts to include the Eden Highway Association and the Eden Police Club; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

5. Appointments – 2009 Recreation Summer Staff

Supervisor Nellis read correspondence from Susan Brass, Recreation Director stating that all 2009 summer employment applicants have been reviewed. It is with their unanimous recommendation that the applicants listed on the 2009 Summer Staff Assignments be appointed at the salaries and positions listed, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to approve the 2009 Summer Staff Assignments as recommended by the Recreation Advisory Board; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Appointment – Eden Fire Co., Inc.

Supervisor Nellis read correspondence from Chris Colvin, Eden Fire Chief recommending the addition of Matthew VanKoughnett to the active roster of the Eden Fire Department pending a physical and arson check.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to add Matthew VanKoughnett to the active roster of the Eden Fire Department pending a physical and arson check; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? - None ; Motion carried.

6. Inter-municipal Agreement – Highway Equipment

Supervisor Nellis stated that an Inter-Municipal Agreement for shared highway equipment has been received and authorization for Supervisor Nellis to sign the agreement is required. The agreement states that the five (5) towns – Eden, Boston, Colden, Concord and Collins would be co-owners of the equipment, each owning 20%.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to authorize Supervisor Nellis to sign the Inter-Municipal Agreement on shared highway equipment subject to review by William Trask, Town Attorney, being co-equal owners with 20% co-ownership with the five (5) towns – Eden, Boston, Colden, Concord and Collins; seconded by Councilman Vacco; All "Ayes"; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors:

Will Smutz

Adjournment:

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to adjourn the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 9:20 P.M.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Executive Session of the Eden Town Board at 11:00 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jo Hultquist
Town Clerk