

October 24, 2007

**MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD  
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET  
EDEN, NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 24, 2007  
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

**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.

**New and Unfinished Business:**

**1. Eden Emergency Squad – Repair of Vertical Light Tower**

Scott Hultquist and John Sheffer were present to make recommendation to the Town Board regarding two quotes received to repair the Vertical Light Tower. One quote was from the manufacturer, The Will-Burt Company in the amount of \$3,150.00 and the second quote was from William Shoemaker in the amount of \$3,388.00.

The recommendation is to award the bid to The Will-Burt Company in the amount of \$3,150.00. The Town Board was assured that sufficient funds were available in the 2007 Emergency Squad budget.

**MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Pew to award the bid to repair the Vertical Light Tower to The Will-Burt Company in the amount of \$3,150.00; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

**2. Time-Warner Cable Franchise Renewal**

Councilwoman Pew stated that the Code Review Committee and the Technology Committee had previously met and discussed the Time-Warner Cable Franchise renewal. After much discussion the committees decided to seek input to put together a draft proposal, which would then be submitted to William Trask, Town Attorney for his review. Councilwoman Pew stated that the franchise expires August 2008.

Supervisor Nellis stated that this item would be tabled and moved to “Old Business” to be reviewed and discussed at a future Town Board Meeting.

**3. Request from Highway Superintendent to create an additional part-time laborer position**

Supervisor Nellis read correspondence from Ron Maggs, Highway

Superintendent regarding additional part-time laborer positions to be used during busy times, vacations, and sick time. Currently the Highway Department has six part-time positions filled, as allowed by Erie County Personnel Department. Mr. Maggs is recommending making a request to Erie County Personnel Department to add one more part-time position.

After much discussion the following motion was offered:

**MOTION** was made by Councilman Ventry to make request to Erie County Personnel Department to add two part-time positions to the Eden Highway Department, which would be a total of eight part-time positions, and would not impact the highway budget; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

**4. Correspondence from Rural Transit Service, Inc., Re: Support of the Van Program through the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant Year**

Supervisor Nellis read correspondence from Brenda Henderson, Executive Director for Rural Transit Services, Inc. regarding a resolution authorizing the Town of Eden to support the van program for the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant year.

**MOTION** was made by Supervisor Nellis to support the van program for the 2008-2009 and list it as such on the Community Development Block Grant application; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

**5. Presentation on Strategies and Action Steps for Tourism Development in the Southtowns of Erie County**

Supervisor Nellis gave a presentation, which is on file in the Town Clerk’s office, A “Tourism Toolkit”, Strategies and Action Steps for Tourism Development in the Southtowns. Meeting on a monthly basis, representatives from the seven towns/villages are moving forward to find ways to attract people to stop and shop in the unique shops and dine in the local restaurants.

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

Supervisor Nellis closed the Work Session Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**MOTION** was made by Councilman Krycia to open the Public Hearing for suggestions for the Grant Application for the Community Development Block Grant; 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  
Community Development Block Grant  
Suggestions for Grant Application**

Supervisor Nellis explained the purpose of the public hearing is to listen to any concerns or questions that citizens have. Supervisor Nellis stated that up to \$90,000.00 is available in areas of the Town of Eden defined as having sufficient low and moderate income.

The following persons spoke:

Mike Bolo, 9998 Clarksburg Road, suggested signage coming into and going out of Eden on the North and South ends of Town. Later in the meeting a student suggested the same.

Frank Mantione, 2722 Kulp Road, suggested the Chamber Park, as it is in disrepair and the maintenance should be contracted out to a professional landscaper. Mr. Mantione also suggested building a Senior Citizen Center and repairs to the ASA Warren Historical House at 8639 S. Main Street.

Councilman Krycia suggestion sidewalk repairs, if needed throughout the Town.

Robert Stickney, 2718 Lourdes Drive, suggested landscaping around the Town Hall and preservation of the front of the Town Hall building.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Supervisor Nellis closed the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m.

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

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

**6. Generator Purchase – Disaster Preparedness Board**

Supervisor Nellis read correspondence from Robert Stickney and Morey Dole, Co-Chairman of the Disaster Preparedness Committee regarding the purchase of 4 generators as listed:

2 Onan Homesite 2400 @ \$382.96 = \$	765.92
2 Onan Homesite 6500 @ \$715.61 = <u>\$</u>	<u>1431.22</u>
Total	\$2197.14

**MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Pew to approve the generator purchase as presented to purchase (4) generators at a total cost of \$2,197.14; seconded by Councilman Vacco; All "Ayes"; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

**MOTION** was made by Councilman Vacco to make the following designation for Community Development Block Grant Application for the year 2008-2009, which is due by October 29, 2007;

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION  
2008-2009  
RESOLUTION**

To authorize Supervisor Glenn R. Nellis to submit application for the following project for Community Development Block Grant Funding for the 2008-2009 Project Year:

1. New Van for Eden Senior Citizens Transportation
2. Participation with Rural Transit Service Inc. Program
3. A Recreational Vehicle-friendly parking lot behind 8544 N. Main Street

Seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Nellis stated that the water project on Hemlock and Depot Street had cost the town \$40,747.00 to date.

Supervisor Nellis stated that the Erie County Department of Environmental and Planning, in cooperation with the Niagara County Department of Economic Development

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announced a joint training session for municipals officers to be held on Monday, November 26, 2007 at Eden Town Hall. Representatives from the New York State Department of State will present two topics: 1) Planning Board Overview and 2) The Municipal Comprehensive Plan. A mandatory training requirement for Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals went into effect as of January 1, 2007 to fulfill four-hours of training required under the new law.

The times are as follows:

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Planning Board Overview

7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – the Municipal Comprehensive Plan

**Hearing of Visitors:**

Mike Bolo, 9998 Clarksburg Road

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Pew 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 8:45 P.M.

**Executive Session:**

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Executive Session of the Eden Town Board at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jo Hultquist  
Town Clerk