

March 13, 2024

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING– EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 East Church Street
Eden, NY 14057
March 13, 2024 7:00 P.M.**

This meeting was held in-person and virtually through GoToMeeting.com. The meeting link was made available to the public prior to the meeting.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

RICH VENTRY - SUPERVISOR
SUSAN WILHELM - COUNCILMEMBER
MICHAEL BYRNES - COUNCILMEMBER
GARY SAM - COUNCILMEMBER
VINCENT VACCO - COUNCILMEMBER

OTHERS PRESENT:

Emily Hawkins - Town Clerk
Marlene Grunder - Administrative Assistant
Ron Maggs - Highway Superintendent
Lisa Winter - Bookkeeper
Bill Trask - Town Attorney

Supervisor Ventry called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

#44-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to open the Public Hearing for the purpose of considering Proposed Local Law No. 1-2024, imposing a 6-month extension on the existing moratorium on the issuance of applications and permits for the Siting of Wind Energy Conversion System Projects; seconded by Councilmember Byrnes; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:01 PM.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Eden, New York, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Eden Town Board in the Eden Town Hall, 2795 East Church Street, Eden, New York on the 13th day of March, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Local Time, for the purpose of considering Proposed Local Law No.1-2024 which, if approved, would impose a 6 month extension on the existing moratorium on the issuance of applications and permits for the Siting of Wind Energy Conversion System Projects in the Town of Eden.

Copies of the proposed local law are available for review in the office of the Town Clerk. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

There was no one present to be heard.

#45-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry close the Public Hearing and open the Regular Meeting; seconded by Councilmember Byrnes; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

#46-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve the minutes from February 12, February 14, and February 28, 2024; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Budget Transfers:

For December 31, 2023

From Account	To Account	Reason for Amendment	Amount
SF917 Fire - Fund Balance	SF3410.2 Fire - Equipment	Encumbrance for Port a Pond (Reducing amount East Eden Can Use in 2024)	\$3,703.42
A899.1 Restricted EMS	A4540.4 Ambulance - Contractual	Overbudget	\$3,249.69

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A3989.4 Other Public Safety	A3510.4 Control of Dogs - Contractual	Correct prior budget transfer pulled from wrong account	\$700.00
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Assign Fund Balance To:

Assign \$50,000.00 to Highway Specific Highway Projects (D915.3) for Roads
 Assign \$3000.00 to General Non Rec (A915.6) for Croops Mill Project
 Assign \$2824.03 to General Non Rec (A915.6) for Off Road Drainage Knoll Rd (\$1000) and 2023-02 (1824.03)
 Assign \$11,100.00 to General Non Rec (A915.6) for IT Costs
 Assign \$20,000 to General Rec (A915.5) for Playground Equip/Maint Upgrades

Encumbrances

SF3410.2 \$3,703.42 - Firematic - Port a Pond
 SF3410.2 \$1,234.35 - Saia - Pagers

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SW917 Water - Fund Balance	SW.8320.4 Water Maintenance	2024 Town & County Taxes	\$7.62
SF3410.2 Fire - Equipment	SF917 Fund Balance	Reduce amount of East Eden Itemized to cover Port a Pond ordered in 2023	\$3,703.42
A1620.4 Town Hall - Contractual	A1620.2 Town Hall - Equipment	Copier	\$5,024.79

Use of Assigned Funds

SF915.2 Assigned Fire Bldg Maint for SF3410.4- Grant Writer \$5,400.00
 SF915.2 Assigned Fire Bldg Maint for SF3410.4- EE Firehall Generator Repair
 \$1,185.00

#47-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve the Budget Transfers as presented; seconded by Councilmember Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Audit of Bills:

March Payables 2023

DESCRIPTION	VOUCHER NUMBERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	915-939	\$11,395.05
Fire Dept. Fund	326-332	\$2,324.98
Recreation Fund	203-208	\$1,194.23
Water Fund	22-22	\$706.32
Street Lights Fund	52-53	\$422.42
Refuse Fund	26-26	\$48,283.12
Highway Fund	366-370	\$14,587.76
Capital	13-13	\$518.00

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DESCRIPTION	VOUCHER NUMBERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	19-93	\$77,493.53
Fire Dept. Fund	6-33	\$7,723.70
Recreation Fund	7-18	\$2,772.80
Water Fund	1	\$15
Street Lights Fund	1-2	\$1,332.38
Refuse Fund	1-2	\$49,640.25
Highway Fund	4-30	\$77,475.02

#48-2024: MOTION was made by Councilmember Vacco to approve the Audit of Bills as presented; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Departmental Reports:

Department reports for the month of March 2024 were submitted by Rick Kirst, East Eden Fire Chief; Malcolm VanKoughnett, Eden Fire Chief; Susan Johnson, Assessor; Nicholas Blaszc, Eden Police Chief; Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk; Dave Rice, Code Enforcement Officer/Building & Maintenance; Drew Riedel, Recreation Director; Nick Blaszc, Dog Control Officer, & Joseph Ghosen. All reports are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Remove Joe Enterline from the active roster of the East Eden Fire Department with gratitude for his service.

#49-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to declare surplus 26 sets of old turnout gear or damaged gear that is 15-24 years old and to be disposed of; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: No comment.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Appoint Nicholas Blaszc as Police Chief:

Supervisor Ventry gave the history of Nick Blaszc’s career with the Eden Police Department:

- 2000 joined the Reserve Police
- 2002 worked at Police Dispatcher
- 2004 hired as Part Time Police Officer
- 2005 hired as Full Time Officer
- Promoted to Sergeant
- 2019 promoted to Lieutenant
- 2024 appointed as Eden’s 5th Police Chief

#50-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to appoint Nicholas Blaszc as full time Police Chief; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

2. Police Chief Contract:

#51-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve the agreement between the Town of Eden and the Eden Police Chief; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

3. Acknowledge Resignation of Cindy Henry:

Supervisor Ventry acknowledged Cindy Henry’s resignation as Court Clerk effective December 31, 2023, with gratitude for her many years of service to the Town.

4. Local Law 1-2024:

TOWN OF EDEN

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2024

A local law extending a temporary moratorium on the issuance of applications and the granting of permits, licenses or approvals for the Siting of Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) Projects pursuant to Chapter 217 of the Town of Eden Code in order to allow for the consideration and possible adoption of appropriate amendments to existing regulations pertaining to such land uses,

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Eden (“Town”) as follows:

WHEREAS, on or about September 13, 2023, the Eden Town Board adopted Local Law No. 3 of 2023 imposing a six (6) month moratorium on the issuance of applications, permits or approvals for siting, locating and establishing Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS), as defined there in, in the Town of Eden in order for existing local laws and regulations relative to WECS to be updated, and

WHEREAS, the updates and revisions to existing laws and regulations are currently under review and discussion, but additional time is required to complete the process of such updating same to address such concerns and issues and enact new laws, ordinances or regulations, and/or appropriate amendments to existing laws, ordinances or regulations to properly address community impacts, concerns or issues in a manner which is meaningful and consistent with the Town’s comprehensive plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Eden hereby declares that no new applications shall be issued and no permits or approvals shall be granted by any officer, department, board or agency of the Town of Eden with respect to the siting, location or establishment of Wind Energy Conversion System Projects within the Town of Eden pursuant to Eden Code Chapter 217 for an additional period of six (6) months from the effective date of this local law, unless earlier terminated by other local law, duly adopted.

As used in this law, the term “Wind Energy Conversion System [WECS]” and/or “WECS Project(s)” follow the definition set forth in Chapter 217 of the Town of Eden Code.

This local law is intended to supersede all applicable provisions of the Town of Eden Code, to the extent required to give effect to the provisions hereof for the effective period hereof.

#52-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve Local Law #1-2024 extending a temporary moratorium on the issuance of applications and the granting of permits, licenses or approvals for the Siting of Wind Energy Conversion System Projects pursuant to Chapter 217 of the Town of Eden Code in order to allow for the consideration and possible adoption of appropriate amendments to existing regulations pertaining to such land uses; seconded by Councilmember Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

5. Presentation form Patty Meckes:

Patty Meckes, President of Citizens Against Wind Turbines in Lake Erie (CAWTILE), presented on the push by NYS to put wind turbines in Lake Erie:

- 50-100 wind turbines in Lake Erie
- 500 feet tall, placed 2 miles out
- “no-go” zone for boaters for 3000 feet
- Placement will unearth pollution from the settlement in the lake, affecting drinking water, fish population, etc.
- High energy costs, grid does not support supply
- Ask all towns in Erie County to support a resolution against the wind turbines

6. Portable Sanitation Facilities for Parks:

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7. Civil Service Position:

#54-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to create a second part time dog control civil service position; seconded by Councilmember Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

8. Dog Control Officers:

#55-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to appoint Nicholas Blaszczyk and Judith Bigelow as part time dog control officers at an annual salary of \$9,500 each to be paid bi-weekly plus \$60 per mandatory court session; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

9. Recreation Appointments:

2024 SUMMER MAINT STAFF		
Position	Name	Pay Rate
Maintenance Worker	Trevor Masocco	\$19.00
Maintenance Worker	Jacob Rotterman	\$18.00
Maintenance Worker	Evan Belleisle	\$18.00
Maintenance Worker	Jamie Clerc	\$18.00
2024 SUMMER DAY CAMPT STAFF		
Position	Name	Pay Rate
Elementary Supervisor	Tera Baker-Clerc	\$3,700.00
Elementary Lead	Connor Johnson	\$18.00
Gorcica Lead	Sharon Wright	\$19.00
Mini Camp Leader	Deanne Glenndenning	\$19.00
Sports Lead	Alyssa Johnson	\$17.50
Arts & Crafts Lead	Lilia Qi	\$16.50
Camp Counselor	Ella Archabald	\$16.00
Camp Counselor	Madison Baker	\$16.00
Camp Counselor	Emma Cockerel	\$17.00
Camp Counselor	Jordan Lauer	\$16.00
Camp Counselor	Emma LaVerdi	\$17.00
Camp Counselor	Carly Profic	\$16.50
Camp Counselor	Mya Schrecengost	\$17.00
Camp Counselor	William Schrecengost	\$16.50
Camp Counselor	Reece Taylor	\$17.00
Camp Counselor	Lillianna Rowles	\$15.50
Camp Counselor	Elijah Qi	\$15.50
Camp Counselor	William Archabald	\$15.50
Camp Counselor	Lauryn Brown	\$15.50
Camp Counselor	Alexis Ecker	\$15.50
Camp Counselor	Troy Pressing	\$16.50
Camp Counselor	Ciara Clark	\$15.50
Camp Counselor	Dezarae Blaszc	\$17.00
Concert Counselor	Marlene Grunder	\$18.00
Substitute	Kathryn Preischel	\$15.50
Alternate	Bridget Sullivan	\$15.50
Alternate	Isabel Thomas	\$15.50
Alternate	Mary Schmitz	\$15.50
Alternate	Cheryl Dunmire	\$17.00
Alternate	Ella Podkulski	\$15.50
Alternate	Jaidyn Nestor	\$15.50
Alternate	Liam Gullo	\$15.50
Alternate	Hailey Cooper	\$15.50
Alternate	Hanna Barrett	\$15.50
Alternate	Isabella Amo	\$15.50

Alternate	Savannah Rathert	\$15.50
Alternate	Raquelle Moores	\$15.50
2024 SUMMER POOL STAFF		
Position	Name	Pay Rate
Aquatics Director	Ivan Bitnun	\$4,400.00
Head Lifeguard	Camille Profic	\$19.50
Lifeguard	Olivia Stalker	\$17.50
Lifeguard	Lilly Phillips	\$17.50
Lifeguard	Rachel Phillips	\$17.50
Lifeguard	Peter Mroz	\$17.50
Head Instructor	Samantha Mason	\$19.50
Instructor	Caroline Coleman	\$18.50
Instructor	Adam Dibble	\$18.50
Instructor	Savannah Koszuta	\$17.50
Instructor	Danielle Gephart	\$17.50
Instructor	Eli Noecker	\$17.50
C.I.T.	Brady Mason	\$17.50
C.I.T.	Abby LaVerdi	\$17.50
C.I.T.	Grace Canfield	\$17.50
C.I.T.	Sophia Noecker	\$17.50
C.I.T.	Maya Hartman	\$17.50
C.I.T.	Tyler Wakelam	\$17.50
Substitute	Mia Scott	\$16.50
Substitute	Evan Noecker	\$16.50
Alternate	Mia Norman	\$16.00
Alternate	Gianna Lenz	\$16.00

#55-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry approve the recreation appointments as presented; seconded by Councilmember Byrnes; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

10. Off-Road Drainage:

#56-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to appoint Larry Howe and Bert Feasley to the Off-Road Drainage Committee for 3-year terms; seconded by Councilmember Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Supervisors Report:

- Town will hold informational meeting on proposed windmills over the next few months
- Recruitment for Volunteer Fire and EMS

Susan Wilhelm:

- Erie County Recycling Board offering composting kits for \$30 each

Hearing of Visitors: Dan Malarkey

#34-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry adjourn the Regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Byrnes; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk