

MINUTES

**WORK SESSION MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
JANUARY 26, 2000
7:30 P.M.**

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GLENN R. NELLIS	-	SUPERVISOR
EDWARD C. KRYCIA, JR.	-	COUNCILMAN (Deputy Supervisor)
MARY LOU PEW	-	COUNCILWOMAN
VINCENT V. VACCO	-	COUNCILMAN
GEORGE F. ZITTEL	-	COUNCILMAN (Absent)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Jo Hultquist	-	Town Clerk
DianaRae Walker	-	Deputy Town Clerk
Anna M. Knack	-	Administrative Assistant

Call To Order:

Supervisor Nellis called the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to order at 7:34 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Supervisor Nellis welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that one item be added to the agenda, Water Projects.

New and Unfinished Business:

2.) Water Projects

Supervisor Nellis reviewed a letter received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture; New York Rural Development dated January 24, 2000 and is on file in the Town Clerk's office. The letter pertained to the Pre-eligibility Determination Notification Water System Improvement Project regarding Water District #4. The letter stated that the proposed project is eligible for USDA, Rural Development, RUS funding consideration and that the proposed project ranking score is 95 points, meaning that the project is a priority and will be funded on a "funds available" basis and the Town would be notified when the funds are available.

The proposed project estimated funding is as follows:

Rural Development Grant	\$797,600.00
Rural Development Loan	\$1,062,400.00

The estimated EDU cost would be \$631.00 or 1.8% of the MHI (\$35,040.00). The letter also stated that based upon the estimated funding package, the Town may submit a full application for funding.

There was discussion regarding the availability of funds and John Reid of R & D Engineering stated that there are a few programs between the Federal and State Governments that could possibly help make funding available.

Mr. Reid also explained that an archaeological study and report would need to be completed as part of the application and as soon as there is a thaw the study could be conducted. The archaeological study is to determine whether areas have been previously disturbed and if not and a site is found it would be excavated before anything could be done to the site, however Mr. Reid indicated that if a site is found the Town has the ability to move the lines to the other side of the road if necessary. Mr. Reid also noted that the lines would be staked out, as would the tank sites.

Wilbert Smutz of 3094 East Church Street asked if Water District #4 was a brand new district. Supervisor Nellis stated "yes" and that it has been a team effort with the work of John Reid, Anne Knack, William Trask, Town Attorney and the residents of Water District #4 that has brought the project to submitting the application for funding.

Joyce Bischof of 2840 Paxon Road asked if all water districts have to go through an archaeological study. Mr. Reid answered that they do, however in the case for Derby Road it was determined by pictures that none was needed and that he tried for Water District #4 and it was determined that a study was needed.

Mr. Reid also expressed to the residents' present that they again should send letters to their congressman and senators regarding the need for water. Residents' present also stated that they have received responses via letters and phone calls from their representatives.

Mr. Reid also reported that the hydrants on Ferrier Road have been tested and they are functional and the Fire Department has been notified. Supervisor Nellis stated that he would make sure that the Fire Department is aware that the fire hydrants are functional.

1.) Retirement Policy – Review & Approval

Supervisor Nellis stated that the Town Board as part of an effort to establish personnel policies has drafted a policy for Retirement Option for Accumulated Sick Days for full-time employees not covered by Collective Bargaining Agreement. Supervisor Nellis reviewed the Town of Eden Personnel Policy No. 1-2000 which is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Eligible employees would be full-time employees of the Town of Eden with at least ten years of full-time equivalent service.

Supervisor Nellis stated that the policy has been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney, William Trask.

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to approve the Town of Eden Personnel Policy No. 1-2000, seconded by Councilman Krycia; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor’s Report:

Supervisor Nellis reported that an informational workshop is scheduled for Wednesday February 16, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall regarding Environmental Quality Incentives Program Grants available to Eighteenmile Creek Watershed Farm Owners and Operators. Supervisor Nellis also noted that farmers in the Eighteenmile Creek Watershed in Erie County are eligible for “cost-share grants” through the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program and those applications are accepted from January 18 through February 29, 2000.

Supervisor Nellis also reported that the Master Plan meeting held January 13, 2000 was well attended and everyone who attended that meeting will receive copies of notes from the meeting and that additional copies will be available in the Supervisor’s office and the Town Clerk’s office. Supervisor Nellis also stated that the next Master Plan meeting would be held Thursday February 10, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Supervisor Nellis reported that a letter dated January 19, 2000 regarding the Community Development Block Grant for \$90,000.00 to acquire Recreation access road to Swartz Field was denied.

Supervisor Nellis also stated that Local Community Training Program provided by Urban Development are holding two meetings Saturday February 12, 2000 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and Saturday February 26, 2000 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at 465 Main Street, Buffalo on the 5th floor. There will be additional workshops in March and May.

Lastly Supervisor Nellis reported that Belmont Shelter Corp. is offering free housing counseling to answer questions regarding rental assistance, apartment searches, housing opportunities, landlord/tenant rights, mortgage default or foreclosure intervention, housing rehabilitation programs, budget/credit counseling, home ownership programs, finding & evaluating mortgages and reverse mortgages. Counseling will be available at the Hamburg Town Hall on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday between 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. and the Community Action Organization in Angola on the 2nd & 4th Friday between 9:00 A.M. – 12 noon.

Hearing of Visitors:

There were none.

Adjournment:

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

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Work Session of the Eden Town Board at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jo Hultquist
Town Clerk