

MINUTES

**WORK SESSION MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
MARCH 22, 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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Call To Order:

Supervisor Nellis called the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to order at 7:37 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 Work Session and asked that two items be added to the agenda they were as follows:

- 2.) Fire Specifications for Purchases of various fire equipment supplies
- 3.) Training Request – East Eden Fire Department

New and Unfinished Business:

- 1.) Unsafe Building – 2743 West Church Street

Supervisor Nellis stated that a letter was received from the Building & Zoning Inspector, Scott Henry. The letter indicates that he has done an investigation on a premises in response to a complaint received regarding a private detached garage, which from the street appears to have sustained substantial damage to its roof and wall framing. Included with the letter were photographs of the structure and a copy of a letter sent to the homeowner notifying her of the necessity of having the private garage repaired or demolished in order to make it safe. There has been no response from the homeowner regarding the matter and the Town of Eden Code Sec. 90-

8 requires the Town Board to consider the report and concur it will be necessary to order notice to be served upon the owner of their determination. Supervisor Nellis noted that the letter to the homeowner states that an application to repair the garage has been made, however it is incomplete in that it does not include a survey/site plan as prescribed by Town Code. Copies of the letters and the Eden Town Code are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Councilman Vacco stated that he has spoken with the homeowner, JoAnn Maziarz today and explained the need the Building & Zoning Inspector is asking for in the application. Councilman Vacco explained that the homeowner was unclear of what the Building & Zoning Inspector was asking for and he felt that he has straightened it out with her. Councilman Vacco suggested that the Town Board give the homeowner a little more time, now that she understands what is needed to adhere to the application requirements to complete the repair work.

Councilman Vacco proposed that no action be taken at this time, Councilwoman Pew supported Councilman Vacco's request, and however she inquired about when the application was made. Councilman Vacco stated that he did not know and did not ask the homeowner or the Building & Zoning Inspector.

Supervisor Nellis stated that any action required be tabled until the next Town Board meeting on April 12, 2000 allowing the homeowner time to submit the survey/site plan as prescribed by Town Code.

2.) Fire Specifications for Purchase of Various Fire Equipment Supplies

Supervisor Nellis turned to Kevin Schoenthal, East Eden Fire Chief to explain the request. Chief Schoenthal stated that every year Eden and East Eden Fire Departments request their allotments of fire equipment supplies. Chief Schoenthal requested a bid opening date of April 11, 2000 at 4:30 P.M. in the Town Clerk's office.

MOTION was made by Councilman Zittel to schedule a bid opening date for fire equipment supplies on April 11, 2000 at 4:30 P.M. in the Town Clerk's office; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All – "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

3.) Training Request – East Eden Fire Department

Supervisor Nellis stated that the board received communication from William Laing, Eden Fire Chief requesting permission to send eleven members to the New York State Fire Expo in Syracuse, New York June 8 – 10, 2000. Chief Laing requested for only the entrance fee of \$30.00 for the four officers and the training fee of \$150.00 each for the seven firefighters with a total amount of \$1,170.00. Chief Laing expressed that the training being offered is a valuable program. The training consists of four-hour sessions in live fire conditions and it includes the firefighting survival-training program that trains firefighters to also save their own. The members that are chosen to go will be responsible for their own room and board as well as transportation and are asking that the Town pay for the \$150.00 training fee. The letter is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Councilman Zittel asked Chief Laing that if members attend the course would that mean at every working fire there would be a fast team on site. Chief Laing stated that eventually Eden would like to develop a fast team just as many of the areas around Eden are working on. Chief Laing stated that only Newton-Abbott Fire department currently has an established fast team.

MOTION was made by Councilman Zittel recommending to the Town Board to accept Chief Laing's recommendation to send the eleven members to the New York State Fire Expo in Syracuse New York, June 8-10, 2000 for training that would also lead to the fast team approach of saving lives in Eden; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All – "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Nellis stated that the members of the American Legion were present and Supervisor Nellis turned to Fred Strozewski to explain the event that is coming up. Mr. Strozewski stated that the Newell Faulkner Post has been chosen to host the 82nd Convention of Erie County. Mr. Strozewski asked that Paul Moore the 1st Vice Commander and Pete Rokowski give the details on this event. Mr. Moore stated that the Newell Faulkner Post was asked to host the countywide convention June 2 & 3, 2000. The members of the American Legion in Eden have been working on details since November 1999. They have planned a Veterans and Military parade for Saturday June 3rd at 6:00 P.M. There would be 50 to 80 units invited which includes 45 American Legion Posts and military units that would like to attend. The American Legion would like to show the town that they are here to stay. Camping would be offered on the American Legion grounds, which Mr. Moore felt it would give a boost to the Town of Eden. Starting June 2nd there would be about 450 delegates & alternates at the post for meetings and the parade would close the convention. Line-ups would gather behind the Town Hall and behind Smith's Hardware near the ball diamonds. There would be possible helicopters and a tank and the possibility of General Colin Powell attending the convention.

Councilwoman Pew indicated how this will be a great honor for the Town of Eden to host the convention and parade.

Councilman Zittel asked if the Eden Police Department has been contacted to support this weekend. Mr. Moore stated that they have been and also stated since William Laing, Eden Fire Chief was present, that if the helicopters become a definite that the helicopters would need one fire apparatus on scene when they land. Chief Laing stated that it would not be a problem.

Councilman Zittel asked if there would be any advertising on this. Mr. Moore stated that a program booklet is being worked on and anyone wanting to place an ad in it may do so.

Councilwoman Pew also proposed that advertisement be placed on the Eden web site. Mr. Moore felt that the more advertisement the better and the American Legion is planning on contacting the local news stations to receive more coverage.

Supervisor Nellis thanked the American Legion for their efforts in planning this event and bringing this convention to the Town of Eden.

Supervisor Nellis then reported that over 700 residents responded to the questionnaire regarding the Flood Mitigation Study. A majority expressed that they did not have problems with flooding, however over 100 residents expressed concerns about particular problems and

turned in videos tapes and maps that have been turned over to the Drainage Committee. The Drainage Committee met with our consultant U.R.S. Greiner and have reviewed the questionnaires turned in and are working on a putting together a report that will be shared with the Drainage Committee by the end of May and then will be presented to the Town Board in June.

Supervisor Nellis stated that any additional questionnaires received would be forwarded to the Drainage Committee.

Hearing of Visitors:

Leroy Houck of 2242 New Jerusalem Road
Ruth Szalasny of 3048 Belknap Road

Adjournment:

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

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to go into Executive Session at 8:20 P.M.

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Executive Session of the Eden Town Board at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jo Hultquist
Town Clerk