

MINUTES

**WORK SESSION MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
FEBRUARY 28, 2001
7:30 P.M.**

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Call To Order:

Supervisor Nellis called the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to order at 7:40 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 proposed to the Town Board members a change in dates for the March Town Board meetings. Supervisor Nellis stated that due to the Easter vacation weeks there would be no meeting held March 28, 2001 and April 11, 2001, the two meetings would be combined on April 4, 2001.

MOTION was made by Councilman Zittel to combined the March 28, 2001 and April 11, 2001 Town Board meetings on April 4, 2001; seconded by Councilman Vacco; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Budget Transfers:

Supervisor Nellis stated that there were two budget transfers, from account A1355.4 to A909 in the amount of \$4,719.92 for the Assessors computer equipment purchased in 2000 and from account A1620.4 to A1620.2 in the amount of \$50.00 for vacuums for the Town Hall.

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to approve the Budget Transfers as stated by Supervisor Nellis; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Resolution - Authorizing the Town to renew its Natural Gas Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the County of Erie

Supervisor Nellis stated that the contract is the same as the current contract that the Town has with Erie County. Supervisor Nellis felt that the desire of the Commission of Public Works was to have an up-to-date contract with the current commissioner and the County Executive. Supervisor Nellis asked for authorization to sign the renewal contract with the caveat upon further review of the Town Attorney.

MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia to authorize Supervisor Nellis to sign the renewal contract for Natural Gas Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the County of Erie upon further review by Town Attorney, William Trask; seconded by Councilman Zittel; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Authorization for the Town of Eden Emergency Preparedness Committee to attend conference

Supervisor Nellis requested authorization for Robert Stickney and Maurice Dole, Co-Chairmen of the Town of Eden Emergency Preparedness Committee to attend the “Statewide Mitigation Coordinators” conference being held by the State Emergency Management Office in Utica, New York on April 3rd and 4th. The conference expenses would be funded by Project Impact funds.

MOTION was made by Councilman Zittel to grant permission to Robert Stickney and Maurice Dole, Co-Chairmen of the Town of Eden Emergency Preparedness Committee to attend the “Statewide Mitigation Coordinators” conference in Utica, New York on April 3rd and 4th; seconded by Councilman Vacco; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Schedule Public Hearing for April 4, 2001

Supervisor Nellis stated that the Town’s Bond Council forwarded to the Town through John Reid of R & D Engineering, a request and resolution to advertise for a public hearing pertaining to Water District No. 4 on April 4, 2001 at 8:00 P.M.

Supervisor Nellis read the following Resolution:

Presentation and Discussion:

- Dr. Ron Coan – Executive Director, Erie County Industrial Development Agency
- Erie County Economic Development Alliance
- Business Survey

Dr. Coan introduced himself and began his presentation by explaining what the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA) goals and objectives are. Dr. Coan gave some background information on ECIDA and explained how the Economic Development Alliance (EDA) was formed. It is a unique coalition of local towns and development agencies uniting to provide a streamlined business development delivery system for the region. Dr. Coan went on to explain the benefits for Town of Eden joining the alliance. After completing his presentation, Dr. Coan opened the floor for discussion. A copy of the handout that Dr. Coan passed out is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Discussion ensued with questions from residents present. The following residents asked questions;

Wilbert Smutz of 3094 East Church Street
Mary Jane Bolo of 9998 Clarksburg Road
William Carpenter of 3780 Yochum Road

Councilman Krycia, Councilman Zittel and Councilman Vacco stated questions and comments in favor of joining the EDA and negotiating a contract.

After the discussion Supervisor Nellis thanked Dr. Ron Coan for taking the time to present to the Town of Eden the information pertaining to the ECIDA and EDA. Supervisor Nellis requested a Motion to join the EDA and authorization to negotiate a contract.

MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia who stated that after reading over the information provided thoroughly that the Town of Eden join the Economic Development Alliance (EDA) and authorize Supervisor Nellis to negotiate a contract with the Erie County Industrial Agency (ECIDA); seconded by Councilman Zittel who stated that he felt positive it was a gain for the Town of Eden. Supervisor Nellis, Councilman Krycia and Councilman Vacco were in agreement, the Motion was then put to vote; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor’s Report:

Supervisor Nellis requested, because of the extensive paperwork required for Water District No. 4, that Kathy McCarthy, part-time secretary in the Supervisor’s office be approved to work as an independent contractor for the project. This arrangement would not make her a full-time town employee with benefits but instead hire her beyond her town employee hours to handle the secretarial paperwork for this important project.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Nellis to approve hiring Kathy McCarthy as an independent contractor to support the additional work for Water District No. 4; seconded by Councilman Zittel. There was a brief discussion that the additional hours do not make Mrs. McCarthy’s town job description full-time and does not include benefits. The additional hours would be until the project is completed and the funding would be through the grant for Water District No. 4. After the brief discussion the Motion was put to vote; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Councilman Vacco stated that while attending the New York State Association of Towns conference in New York participated in a session presented by the New York State Consumer Protection Board pertaining to the “Do Not Call” telemarketing registry bill signed by Governor George E. Pataki in October 2000. Councilman Vacco stated that “Do Not Call” pre-registration forms would be available in the Eden Library and Town Clerk’s office for those residents interested in having their names appear on the registry to eliminate unwanted calls from telemarketers.

Lastly Supervisor Nellis stated that the Town of Eden would be hosting the second summit on E-Government on March 29, 2001 at 7:00 P.M in the Town Hall and that the agenda would be available soon.

Hearing of Visitors:

There were none.

Adjournment:

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

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Work Session of the Eden Town Board at 8:35P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jo Hultquist
Town Clerk