

MINUTES

**WORK SESSION MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 24, 2001
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
Ann Knack	-	Administrative Assistant

Call To Order:

Supervisor Nellis called the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to order at 7:35 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Nellis led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence out of respect for the victims of the September 11, 2001 tragedy and other events that have occurred recently.

Supervisor Nellis then welcomed the students in attendance and gave a brief explanation of the difference between a Work Session and a Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

Supervisor Nellis then recognized in the audience Marty Szal, who has been custodian for the Town Hall for 33 years. Mr. Szal has filed his resignation to be effective October 31, 2001. Supervisor Nellis asked Mr. Szal to attend the Town Board Meeting of November 14, 2001 for proper recognition.

New and Unfinished Business:

1.) Proposal – Community Development Block Grant Project Applications

Supervisor explained that based upon the main criteria which is having a certain percentage of low and moderate income people based on 1990 census, the 2000 census is not available to be used with this application, and the location on the West side of Route 62, he has concluded that the following proposal should be taken into consideration. Supervisor Nellis went on to explain the specific areas to be included in the Grant Application. This would include playground equipment for Minekime and Swartz Field for children ages 5 – 12, safety fence at Minekime, replacement of back-stop, picnic shelters, new bleachers, and

all to be handicap accessible. The request for Minekime Field would be \$36,000, for Swartz Field, \$31,500 and \$20,000 for a new Boys & Girls Club for ADA/Bathroom Facilities that is expected to be underway shortly. The total request is approximately \$87,000.00 and the maximum request for this grant is \$90,000.00. The application must be received by November 5, 2001 with a decision in December and an announcement in early January 2002. The Boys/Girls Club is a not-for-profit organization separate from Town Government and whether or not it can be included in this grant application package will be determined. If not, it would become the second item and Rural Transit Van Service the third item to be considered in the following Resolution.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

To authorize Supervisor Glenn R. Nellis to submit applications for the following projects for Community Development Block Grant Funding for the 2002-2003 Project Year, as prioritized, and also enter into a contract with Erie County should these projects be approved for funding:

1. Area-Wide Improvements of Neighborhood Recreation Facilities to include the Eden Boys & Girls Club ADA/Bathroom Facilities.
3. Participation with Rural Transit Van Service.

Seconded by Councilman Zittel; All – “Ayes”; Opposed; None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

2.) Approval of Amendments to the Code of the Town of Eden.

Supervisor Nellis received a call this afternoon from Town Attorney, William Trask who recommended that this item be placed on the agenda for the Town Board Meeting of November 14, 2001 to allow him more time to review the amendments with Town Engineer, Andrew Reilly.

3.) Establish hearing date – November 7th – Town of Eden 2002 Budget

Supervisor Nellis had set the hearing date for November 14, 2001 at the last Town Board Meeting but after learning that the State Law requires that the Budget hearing take place the first Thursday after Election Day, the hearing date has been set for November 7, 2001 at 7:30 P.M.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to set the 2002 Budget Hearing for November 7, 2001 at 7:30 P.M.; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None: Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor’s Report:

Supervisor Nellis reported that he took a walking tour with Michael Christner, Senior Landscape Architect from the State Department of Transportation, and our Town Planner, Andrew Reilly on Main Street taking a look at the four corners and areas along the way in terms of parking on the street, behind the Hardware Store, but particularly the right-of-way the State maintains through our hamlet which is called Route 62. Mr. Christner made several notes that he will be taking back to the other members of his office and will get back to us with some sort of report in about 2 weeks. They may want to meet in a working session and go over the results.

The Erie County Association of County Governments has scheduled a presentation on Thursday, October 25, 2001 conducted by the FBI regarding terrorism in the Buffalo area. There are several members from the Town of Eden planning to attend. Recently Supervisor Nellis, our two Disaster Preparedness Coordinators, and the Chief of Police met with Sheriff Gallivan recently regarding the same situation.

Hearing of Visitors:

There were none.

Adjournment:

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to adjourn the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and contract considerations; seconded by Councilman Krycia; 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 7:55 P.M.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Executive Session of the Eden Town Board at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jo Hultquist
Town Clerk