

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 30, 2002
7:30 P.M.**

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GLENN R. NELLIS	-	SUPERVISOR
MARY LOU PEW	-	COUNCILWOMAN (<i>Deputy Supervisor</i>)
GEORGE F. ZITTEL	-	COUNCILMAN
VINCENT V. VACCO	-	COUNCILMAN
TIMOTHY J. WALKER	-	COUNCILMAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Jo Hultquist	-	Town Clerk
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Call To Order:

Supervisor Nellis called the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

MOTION was made by Councilman Zittel to close the Special Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis closed the Special Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 7:30 P.M.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to open the Public Hearing to review the proposed Budget of the Town of Eden for the 2003; seconded by Councilman Zittel; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

7:30 P.M.

To review the Proposed Budget of the Town of Eden for the year 2003. The proposed tax rates for 2003 are:

General	-	\$1.53 per thousand
Highway	-	\$2.53 per thousand

Light	-	\$.15 per thousand
Fire	-	\$.72 per thousand
Garbage	-	\$122.00 per household

A home assessed at 100,000 would show a net increase of \$6.00 on their tax bill or a 1.27% increase.

Supervisor Nellis explained the purpose of the Public Hearing was to listen to any concerns or questions that citizens have. Supervisor Nellis then reiterated the increase in the budget and the reduction in Refuse from \$147.00 to \$122.00 with thanks to Councilmen Walker and Vacco.

The following residents made comments regarding the proposed budget:

Wilbert Smutz, 3094 East Church Street
Ruth Szalasny, 3048 Belknap Road

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Supervisor Nellis closed the Public Hearing at 8:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

8:00

To consider Town of Eden Proposed Local Law No.7-2002, which, if adopted, would amend the Mandatory Recycling Law of the Town of Eden by adding “mixed or other paper” to the definition of Recyclable Materials.

Supervisor Nellis commented that the amendment was a state requirement to amend the Local Law and stated that approval was needed by October 31, 2002.

The following residents made comments regarding the proposed budget:

There were none.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Supervisor Nellis closed the Public Hearing at 8:05 P.M.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilman Zittel; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Councilman Walker to open the Special Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilman Zittel; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to adopt Proposed Local Law #7-2002 as Local Law #5-2002; seconded by Councilman Walker; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

New and Unfinished Business:

1.) Community Development Block Grant Application 2003-2004

Supervisor Nellis explained that two of the three items to be considered had been determined at the last Town Board Meeting with the exception of the first priority item. It was suggested by Supervisor Nellis to consider the purchase of a new car/van for Senior Citizen Transportation at approximately \$25,000.00. After much discussion the following motion was offered.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Nellis to make the number one priority for the Community Development Block Grant a new car/van purchase for the Senior Citizen Transportation at a cost of approximately \$25,000.00; seconded by Councilman Zittel; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Councilman Walker expressed his concern regarding a discussion held at the previous Town Board Meeting, specifically about access to Swartz Field. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that a working committee of 5, including 2 Town Board members be established.

2.) Economic Development Committee

Supervisor Nellis read correspondence from Darla Granger, Rural Development regarding the Rural Economic Development Rural Business Enterprises Grant Program. Supervisor Nellis stated that Bill Carpenter and Gary Neureuter have been involved in getting the program started. The Grant Program, which is a 3-year revolving loan, would enable the recipient to apply for a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 with the total grant amount of \$250,000.00.

Supervisor Nellis stated that a committee be established consisting of Gary Eye, Ann Knack, Bill Laing, David Clemens, Ruth Bucki and Lou Ursiti.

MOTION was made by Councilman Walker that the Eden Town Board supports the Rural Economic Development Rural Business Enterprises Grant Program and authorizes Supervisor Glenn R. Nellis to submit a grant application for a Business Revolving Loan Fund to Rural Development for their consideration; seconded by Councilman Vacco; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Councilman Walker publicly thanked the Department Heads and especially Ann Knack for all the work that went into the budget process.

Supervisor’s Report:

Supervisor Nellis reported that a meeting was held with Rural Development and contractors for the pump station and water line and everything is in order and the work is ready to begin. A meeting with the residents in Water District No. 4 will be held on November 6, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. in the Eden Town Hall.

Hearing of Visitors:

There were none.

Adjournment:

MOTION was made by Councilman Walker to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilman Zittel; All "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Special Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 8:25 P.M.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Executive Session of the Eden Town Board at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jo Hultquist
Town Clerk