

November 8, 2007

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
NOVEMBER 8, 2007
7:30 P.M.**

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GLENN R. NELLIS	-	SUPERVISOR
MARY LOU PEW	-	COUNCILWOMAN (<i>Deputy Supervisor</i>)
EDWARD KRYCIA, JR.	-	COUNCILMAN
VINCENT V. VACCO	-	COUNCILMAN
RICHARD S. VENTRY	-	COUNCILMAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Call To Order:

Supervisor Nellis called the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to order at 7:40 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Note: The Public Hearing that was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. was delayed until 7:55 p.m. The Town Board convened into Executive Session from 7:40 p.m. until 7:55 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING
7:55 P.M.**

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to review the Proposed Budget of the Town of Eden for the year 2008. The proposed tax rates for 2008 are:

General	-	\$2.05 per thousand
Highway	-	\$3.21 per thousand
Light	-	\$.16 per thousand
Fire	-	<u>\$.80 per thousand</u>
		\$6.22 per thousand

Net increase of \$0.06 per thousand, a home assessed at \$100,000 would show a net increase of \$8.00 on their tax bill for the above items.

The Garbage rate for 2008 is \$175.00 per unit, up from \$173.00 in 2007.

Supervisor Nellis stated that copies of the Proposed 2008 Budget have been made available in the Town Clerk's office and at the meeting tonight.

Supervisor Nellis stated that the only change in the Proposed Budget is the Emergency Squad line item, contractual, which would increase by \$3,500, from \$80,000 to \$83,500. The total amount would remain the same.

Supervisor Nellis then opened up the Public Hearing to residents present for their questions concerns.

The following residents made comments regarding the proposed budget:

Wilbert Smutz, 3094 East Church Street asked how the Town Board budgeted for the rapid rise in fuel costs? Supervisor Nellis stated that Ron Maggs, Highway Superintendent, estimates the cost to the best of his ability and there is enough flexibility in that portion of the budget to cover the expenses.

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 Krycia; All "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to open the Special Meeting; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis opened the Special Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Supervisor Nellis recommended that the Town Board consider approval of the 2008 Budget as presented.

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to approve the 2008 Budget of the Town of Eden; seconded by Councilman Krycia; "Ayes"; Nellis, Krycia, Vacco, Ventry; Opposed? – Pew; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Pew stated she opposed the 2008 budget for the following reasons; to address the adoption of a Personnel Policy and the question of health insurance for elected officials.

Councilman Krycia stated that all Town Board members probably have some concerns with the entire budget, but the responsibility is for the Town Board to put a budget in place in a timely fashion.

Councilwoman Pew stated that it is a fair budget, but there needs to be fairness throughout the entire budget.

Wilbert Smutz asked Councilwoman Pew if she would benefit from the health insurance and Ms. Pew stated that, "no" she would not.

Councilman Ventry stated that the Town Board made compromises, but on a whole it is a good budget.

Councilman Vacco stated that it is a good budget, a good effort was made and he is very comfortable with the result.

The entire Town Board publicly thanked Ann Knack, Lisa Winter and Supervisor Nellis for all the hard work that went into the 2008 Budget.

New and Unfinished Business

1. Community Block Grant Application

Supervisor Nellis stated that the Town Board would like to revise the ranking order of the projects listed on the Community Development Block Grant application to the following:

1. A Recreation Vehicle-friendly parking lot behind 8544 N. Main Street
2. Participation with Rural Transit Service, Inc. Program
3. New Van for the Eden Senior Citizen Transportation

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to authorize Supervisor Glenn R. Nellis to submit application as presented for the Community Development Block Grant; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All "Ayes"; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

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Adjournment:

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

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jo Hultquist
Town Clerk