

July 22, 2009

MINUTES

**WORK SESSION MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
JULY 22, 2009
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:

Heather J. Ohmit	-	Deputy 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.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. 7:45 P.M. – Presentation of Eden’s Proposed Farmland Protection Plan

Supervisor Nellis introduced Diane Held, Plan Consultant from American Farmland Trust. Diane Held introduced the members of the Agriculture Committee, presented highlights of the Proposed Farmland Protection Plan and answered questions from the Town Board.

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

Supervisor Nellis closed the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 8:00 pm.

MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia to open the Public Hearing for Eden’s Proposed Farmland Protection Plan; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All “Ayes”; Opposed? -None; Abstain? –None; Motion carried.

**8:00 PM
Public Hearing
Eden’s Proposed
Farmland Protection Plan**

The following citizens made favorable comments:

Mike Bolo
David Zittel
Councilman Krycia

Supervisor Nellis stated that copies of the report are on file in the Town Clerk’s office. A two-week time period is allowed for additional comments and feedback.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Supervisor Nellis closed the Public Hearing at 8:15 pm.

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? –None; Abstain? –None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis closed the Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION was made by Councilman Vacco to open the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? –None; Abstain? –None; Motion carried.

2. Review of Quotes for new doors – Eden Town Hall (Conservation Measure)

The following quotes were received for new doors in the Eden Town Hall:

National Overhead Door	Front Door-\$1590. Side Door -\$1690. Back Door -\$1483. TOTAL -\$4713.
Door Specialties Inc.	Front Door-\$1775. Side Door -\$1725. Back Door -\$1795. TOTAL -\$5295.
Grosso Door & Hardware	Front Door-\$2175. Side Door -\$2190. Back Door -\$1955. TOTAL -\$7320.

It is the recommendation of the Eden Town Board to award the contract to National Overhead Door.

MOTION was made by Councilman Ventry to award the contract for new doors in the Eden Town Hall to National Overhead Door; seconded by Councilman Vacco; All "Ayes"; Opposed? –None; Abstain? –None; Motion carried.

3. Quotes for Replacement of Roof on the Salt Barn at the Highway Department

Ron Maggs, Highway Superintendent, received the following four estimates for replacing the roof on the salt barn:

VENDOR	QUOTE
Felschow Construction	\$9,950
Richard Zulick Jr. Roofing & Siding	\$11,540
Village Home Improvements	\$13,250
Bruce Mosher's M & M Siding, Inc.	\$17,000

It is the recommendation of the Eden Town Board to award the contract for replacement of the roof on the salt barn to Felschow Construction. It was noted by Supervisor Nellis that the bid from Felschow Construction was received before Mr. Felschow was appointed as Chief of Police, and before a contract was signed with the Town Board regarding his employment. Supervisor Nellis stated that the issue was

discussed and cleared with the Town Attorney. Supervisor Nellis stated that it is expected that the construction will not interfere with Mr. Felschow's duties as Chief of Police.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to accept the bid from Felschow Construction for replacement of the roof of the salt barn; seconded by Councilman Vacco; All "Ayes"; Opposed? –None; Abstain? –None; Motion carried.

4. Lovell Safety Management, Re: Workers Comp Coverage for Municipal Executive Officers

Supervisor Nellis stated that correspondence was received from Lovell Safety Management regarding Workers Comp. Coverage. The Eden Town Board needs to pass a motion insuring that there is appropriate coverage for all paid and non-paid workers.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Nellis to approve Workman's Comp coverage for all paid, non-paid, elected and appointed employees and volunteers of the Town of Eden; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All "Ayes"; Opposed? –None; Abstain? –None; Motion carried.

5. Resignation and Appointment of Public Safety Dispatcher

Supervisor Nellis stated that correspondence was received from the Eden Police Department regarding the resignation of Nicholas Blaszczyk from his position as part time public safety dispatcher. Chief Felschow has requested the appointment of Justin Miller to fill this vacancy.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to accept the resignation of Nicholas Blaszczyk from the position of part time public safety dispatcher; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? –None; Abstain? –None; Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to appoint Justin Miller to fill the vacancy of part time public safety dispatcher at the established rate of pay; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? –None; Abstain? –None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis stated that correspondence was received from Police Chief Felschow indicating that there is a balance of \$5311.19 remaining from the previously allotted \$10,000. for new computers for the police department. Police Chief Felschow requests that the remaining balance be used to purchase other needed equipment for the police department, including an immediate request to purchase a handheld radar unit for approximately \$589.00.

MOTION was made to authorize the police department to use the remaining balance of \$5311.19 to purchase other needed equipment, including up to \$600.00 for a new handheld radar unit, with the stipulation of bringing each piece of equipment up for approval by the Eden Town Board by Councilwoman Pew; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? –None; Abstain? –None; Motion carried.

Councilwoman Pew stated her thanks to Charlie Dias for securing the computers at a great cost savings and commended him for his efforts on this.

6. Fire Department Appointments

Fire Chief Colvin sent correspondence requesting the addition of Joseph Hart and Matt Morse to the active roll for the Eden Fire Department, pending a physical and arson check.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to add Joseph Hart and Matt Morse to the active roll for the Eden Fire Department, pending physical and arson check; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? –None; Abstain/ -None; Motion carried.

7. **Electrical Inspectors**

Supervisor Nellis commented on the current issue regarding certified inspectors and NY State requirements. He stated that the Town of Eden requires inspection by a NY Board of Fire Underwriters certified inspector and that the current crisis has been caused by the Underwriters going out of business.

Comments were made by Bob Stickney and Bob Pietrocarlo.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Nellis that Attorney Bill Trask and Code Enforcement Officer Scott Henry are authorized to work with the Towns of Hamburg and Evans to put together an acceptable arrangement for electrical inspections and to continue to search with other municipalities to resolve this problem; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All "Ayes"; Opposed? -None; Abstain? -None; Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to close the Work Session of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All "Ayes"; Opposed? -None; Abstain? -None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis closed the Work Session of the Eden Town Board at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Pew to open the Public Hearing for the MS4 Annual Report; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All "Ayes"; Opposed? -None; Abstain: -None; Motion carried.

**8:40 p.m.
Public Hearing
MS4 Annual Report**

David Johnson of Nussbaumer & Clarke presented the MS4 Annual Report.

Supervisor Nellis stated that copies of the report are on file in the Town Clerk's office. A two-week time period is allowed for additional comments.

No comments were received from the public.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Supervisor Nellis closed the Public Hearing at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilman Vacco; All "Ayes"; Opposed? -None; Abstain? -None: Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis closed the Public Hearing at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia to open the Work Session of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilman Vacco; All "Ayes"; Opposed? -None; Abstain? -None; Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Nellis reported that the Verizon cell tower and equipment shelter would be going up on Friday, July 24th.

Hearing of Visitors:

Mary Jane Bolo
Joe Klug

Adjournment:

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MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia to adjourn the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilwoman Pew; All Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Ohmit
Deputy Town Clerk