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MINUTES

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
AUGUST 27, 2014
7:30 P.M.**

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GLENN R. NELLIS	-	SUPERVISOR
MARY LOU PEW	-	COUNCILWOMAN (<i>Absent</i>)
EDWARD KRYCIA, JR.	-	COUNCILMAN
RICHARD S. VENTRY	-	COUNCILMAN
FRAN MCLAUGHLIN	-	COUNCILMAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Jo Hultquist	-	Town Clerk
Lisa Greiner	-	Administrative Assistant

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.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Presentation by Chamber of Commerce on Eden Hamlet Streetscape Committee – Richard Minekime

Richard Minekime, representing the Eden Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Eden Hamlet Streetscape Committee made a presentation to the Town Board to outline the plans the committee has discussed and asking for the cooperation of the Town Board. Mr. Minekime stated that this is a multi-year effort and the committee would like to work with the Town Board when they review the Comprehensive Plan, which is up for review next year.

Supervisor Nellis stated that past studies have been done on the Hamlet Streetscape and that they would be shared with the committee.

2. Emergency Resolution to replace Communications Tower behind the Town Hall

Supervisor Nellis read the following resolution:

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
TOWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the public communications antenna tower behind the Town Hall was recently struck by lightning, imperiling emergency services communications capabilities, which are critical to public safety;

WHEREAS, during a recent inspection, it was determined that this tower is not structurally safe, resulting in the inspections being limited to a height of 80' of this 120' self-supportive tower because the poor condition of the joint bolts at each level up to 80',

making access to the antennas and associated equipment at the top of the tower hazardous; and

WHEREAS, Kenilworth Electronics Company, which specializes in tower replacement has reviewed and given us an estimate of cost to replace this tower, all antennas, ground kits and associated hardware, including foundation and grounding grid; and

WHEREAS, temporary police/EMS dispatch antennas would be kept in place during replacement construction with limited impairment of critical radio communication to one day and non-critical radio to possibly two days; and

WHEREAS, the Eden Town Board considers the replacement of this tower to be an emergency requiring procurement pursuant to Guideline 6 of the Town of Eden Procurement Policy, due to the current impact on public safety and emergency communications capabilities.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Eden Town Board authorizes the replacement of this tower and all antennas, ground kits, associated hardware, foundation and grounding grid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under emergency guidelines in our Procurement Policy this tower replacement contract of up to \$37,000 be awarded to Kenilworth Electronics Company; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Eden Town Supervisor, Glenn R. Nellis, is authorized to sign all paperwork required to get this project done as quickly as possible given the emergency need for adequate communications by Town Government.

MOTION was made by Councilman Krycia to approve the resolution as presented; seconded by Councilman McLaughlin; All “Ayes”: Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

3. Schedule of upcoming 2015 budget sessions with Department Heads

Supervisor Nellis reviewed the upcoming budget sessions with the Town Board.

4. Sidewalks on Schoolview

Supervisor Nellis requested that this item be “tabled” and moved to Old Business to be discussed at a future Town Board Meeting.

5. Discussion: Establish School Zone with reduced speed limit of 25 mph on Schoolview Drive

Supervisor Nellis introduced Sandra Anzalone, Superintendent of Eden Central Schools who had submitted the following correspondence dated August 8, 2014:

“Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the Eden Central District transportation routes will change and more students may be walking to and from school. Because of this upcoming change, a few months ago the District requested that the Eden Speed Committee re-convene. As you know, in addition to yourself and other representatives from the Town of Eden and Eden CSD, Michael Asklar, traffic safety engineer for Erie County Department of Public Works and Angelo Borgese, civil engineer for NYS DOT were present. I appreciate the “safety of our children first” dialogue which occurred at the meeting.

As a result of that dialogue, the District respectfully requests that the Eden Town Board consider our recommendations below and adopt resolutions, which would create safer passage for our students to and from school:

- Establish school zones with reduced speed limits of 25 mph on Schoolview Road from the intersection of Main and Schoolview to as close to the intersection of Jennings and Schoolview as the regulations allow.
- Install school zone signs with flashing lights in the school zones of Schoolview and Main Street (Route 62). We believe that lights, flashing at specific times during the day when students are out and about, will bring greater awareness to drivers.
- Erect “No Passing on Shoulder” signs on Route 62 within the school zone.
- Install a left-turn green arrow southbound on Route 62 at the intersection of Schoolview with a coinciding delayed red light northbound on Route 62.
- Reconfigure the intersection of Schoolview and Weller to improve sight lines and slow traffic. The District owns the property at the corner of Schoolview and Weller and is willing to discuss use of this land in order to reconfigure the intersection.

After much discussion the following motion was offered:

MOTION was made by Councilman McLaughlin to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on Schoolview Drive from Route 62 to Jennings Road in the Town of Eden; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

6. Dale Keegan – ISC Telecom – Phone System Presentation

Supervisor Nellis introduced Mr. Dale Keegan who gave a short presentation regarding the updating of the phone system for the Eden Town Hall and the Highway Department. The current system is 11 years old. The plan is to streamline operation with a combination of IP and digital systems. A comprehensive study was done in March of this year of the current system and the cost of upgrading to a new system.

7. Resignation/Appointment – Part-time Police Officer

Supervisor Nellis received correspondence from Michael Felschow, Chief of Police, regarding the resignation of Ryan Young, Part-time Police Officer, effective August 20, 2014.

MOTION was made by Councilman McLaughlin to accept the resignation of Ryan Young, effective August 20, 2014 with thanks and appreciation for his service; seconded by Councilman Krycia; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Nellis received correspondence from Michael Felschow, Chief of Police, regarding the appointment of Joseph Alessi, Part-time Police Officer, effective immediately.

MOTION was made by Councilman McLaughlin to appoint Joseph Alessi, Part-time Police Officer effective immediately at a rate of pay of \$18.27/day shift and \$19.44/night shift; seconded by Councilman Ventry; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor’s Report:

- Eden Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a town-wide garage sale on September 13, 2014.
- Southtowns Coalition is having a fundraiser “Barn Dance” on October 4, 2014 at the American Legion in Eden.
- Councilman McLaughlin stated for the record that the American Legion Post 880 in the Town of Eden represents the Town of Eden with an excellent color guard at events throughout the County of Erie.
- Councilman McLaughlin stated that a Veterans Town Hall Meeting would be held on Friday, September 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Freedom Hall, 3495 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo New York which is open to all veterans, family

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members and the public to provide feedback on VA operations and recommendations for VA programs.

Hearing of Visitors:

Carrie Jacobs, 3069 Schoolview Drive stated her concerns of walkers on Schoolview Drive, for the 2014-2015 school year with more students walking to and from school. There are no crossing guards or cross walks on Schoolview Drive. Mrs. Jacobs is also concerned with the snow banks in the winter, as there are no sidewalks on the south side of Schoolview Drive.

Don Schasel, representing Eden/North Collins food pantry, stated that the food pantry is currently at the Holy Spirit Church in North Collins, since 2007, but has outgrown that facility. Mr. Schasel was asking the Town Board to consider purchasing property in the Town of Eden to house the food pantry and a senior center to offer the senior citizens in the Town of Eden a place to have programs everyday. Mr. Schasel stated that the food pantry committee would be willing to apply for grants and hire a grant writer for that purpose.

Richard Minekime suggested using the GLP school for the purpose of a food pantry, senior center and to move the Boys/Girls Club also to that facility.

Adjournment:

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

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

Executive Session:

Supervisor Nellis adjourned the Executive Session of the Eden Town Board at 945 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jo Hultquist
Town Clerk