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MINUTES

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
APRIL 25, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MELISSA HARTMAN	-	SUPERVISOR
RICHARD VENTRY	-	COUNCILPERSON
MICHAEL BYRNES	-	COUNCILPERSON
SUSAN WILHELM	-	COUNCILPERSON
GARY SAM	-	COUNCILPERSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

Janet Cunfer	-	Deputy Town Clerk
Debbie Gregoire	-	Administrative Assistant
Lisa Winter	-	Bookkeeper

Call to Order:

Supervisor Hartman called the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Hartman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion on Resolution – Dig Once Policy Requested by Legislature of Erie County.

Supervisor Hartman received the following resolution from the Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County:

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
CLERK'S OFFICE
BUFFALO, N.Y., March 15, 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *That at the 6th Session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers, in the City of Buffalo, on the **Fifteenth** day of **March, 2018 A.D.**, a Resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, this Legislature has gone on record supporting the expansion of twenty-first century, broadband internet in Erie County by approving a resolution to form the Erie County Broadband Committee as well as funding a broadband feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Broadband Committee released a white paper analyzing the state of broadband in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the white paper found that a large expense in expanding fiber cable was the excavation costs associated with installing conduit; and

WHEREAS, aside from the expense, digging and laying conduit is often an inconvenience to motorists, pedestrians and businesses; and

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WHEREAS, adopting a “Dig Once” policy where conduit is installed while roads or right of ways are already being excavated will be a significant step towards the expansion of twenty-first century internet in Erie County, a tremendous cost savings to taxpayers, and a potential revenue source when conduit is leased.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County shall adopt a “Dig Once” policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Commissioner of Environment and Planning shall oversee its implementation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Legislature encourages all municipalities within Erie County to adopt this policy as well; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature forward certified copies of this resolution to the Erie County Executive, the Honorable Mark Poloncarz; Commissioner of Environment and Planning, Thomas Hersey; ECIDA Chairwoman Brenda McDuffie; and all supervisors and mayors of towns and villages and cities within Erie County.

REFERENCE: INTRO.2-5(2017)

ATTEST

Robert M. Graber

Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County

Upon receipt, Supervisor Hartman forwarded the resolution to the Town of Eden Planning Board. The Planning Board submitted the following comments to Supervisor Hartman:

DIG ONCE PLANNING BOARD COMMENTS

JOE EPPOLITO

While I understand the importance of cost savings, I would anticipate the expansion of fiber cable would take decades to complete if ever with a “dig once” policy. Are there other options such as overhead lines?

WILLIAM ZITTEL

Bill agrees with the resolution.

SCOTT GREEN

Seems like this would be better suited for larger scale county and state projects in which large stretches were completed at one time.

DAVID JOHNSON

I don't have any problem with it.

FRANK MEYER

I see the resolution as kind of obvious and something we would all try to do anyway, but in reality, there will be issues. I would get it in place as a bargaining chip.

WILLIAM MAHONEY

I generally agree with the resolution because of its potential cost savings. What I don't know if there is a plan to install the wiring in the conduit in the next year, 2, 5 or never. The conduit would add cost to a project that if it is county paid for then the county will own the conduit. If it is paid for by the town then the town would own the conduit and potential lease the conduit? I'm not certain of the possibility/probability of using this conduit as technology continues to change. It would be more cost effective to install it

with other work, however, if it isn't used it will be a waste of money. A few things for the Town Board to consider?

BRIAN REED

In general, it's a good idea. But I don't think it's practical for communication service providers. There is the question of who owns and maintains the ducts. Also, most communication companies have different build schedules, customer needs, and financial objectives. It is difficult enough to coordinate moves from pole to pole when those are replaced. Just look at the number of double wood poles along Main Street. Coordination of multiple providers would be very difficult. Additionally, preplanning for service vaults and handholes for distribution and splicing would be needed.

I think at minimum we adopt the policy to encourage the "one dig" approach, but with the understanding it may not be practical.

I do agree with the Erie County Broadband Committee that broadband expansion is slower than desired and construction costs and scheduling are a limiting factor. We should continue to monitor approaches that are working for other communities in NY and across the country.

ANDREW ROMANOWSKI

I am good with the resolution.

The Eden Town Board members discussed several questions they had about the resolution. Councilperson Wilhelm wanted to know who pays for this work and she would like more details regarding those costs. Supervisor Hartman's response was that the cost will probably be included in the project costs. Councilperson Ventry added that those costs might be paid by the County or by the Town. Supervisor Hartman said that she will research how many other towns have adopted this resolution.

Councilperson Ventry suggested tabling this resolution to allow more time for research and discussion. Supervisor Hartman stated that the resolution will be moved to old business and be revisited at a later date.

2. Purchase of 2018 Ford Explorer 4 Door AWD Police Interceptor.

Supervisor Hartman began the discussion by thanking Lisa Winter for her assistance with this process. The Town of Eden used the County Bid for the following vehicle purchase order from DeLacy Ford:

Purchase Order – 2018 Ford Explorer – 4 Door

Purchase Price Per County Bid (218023-004)	\$27,313.00
Must Replace 51Y Spot Light with 51R	
Must Include PI Utility Mirror ZD7	
Requested Add-Ons to be billed separately:	
18S 100-Watt Siren/Speaker	\$ 300.00
53M Sync Voice Activated System	\$ 295.00
86T Rear Taillamp Housing	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
	\$ 655.00
Total Due upon Delivery	\$27,968.00

After some discussion, it was agreed that no decision would be made at this time regarding possible trade-in of the fourth vehicle.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the purchase order of the 2018 Ford Explorer 4 Door AWD Police Interceptor for \$27,313.00 with the Add-Ons for \$655.00, totaling \$27,968.00, contingent upon the replacement of the 51Y Spot Light

with the 51R Spot Light, and the inclusion of the PI Utility Mirror ZD7; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

3. Eden Recreation – Request to rent portable Sanitation facilities.

A recommendation was submitted by Joseph Winiecki, Chairman, Town of Eden Recreation Advisory Board, to approve the bid for Portable Sanitation Facilities (Temporary) from Ball Toilet & Septic Services in the amount of \$2,924.50. This amount represents a \$1,000.00 increase over last year. The increase includes \$910.00 for a Handicap Accessible unit at Swartz Field. That Handicap Accessible unit was included after requests from the community were received.

Councilperson Wilhelm read a statement from Amy Porter, Eden Recreation Director, that mentioned that one unit will be removed from the Eden High School location (Schoolview Rd. behind the greenhouses). Supervisor Hartman calculated that this would create a savings of \$244.00 for the season. Councilperson Ventry suggested approving the bid price while continuing discussion of necessary facilities.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Ball Toilet and Septic Services bid, not to exceed \$2,924.50; seconded by Councilperson Sam; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors:

There were none.

Work Session – Presentation by Peter Forsgren, COO, Three + One

Supervisor Hartman introduced Peter Forsgren and welcomed him to the meeting. She thanked him for travelling from Rochester to participate. Supervisor Hartman invited Mr. Forsgren after learning of his involvement with the Town of Aurora.

Mr. Forsgren began his brief presentation with background about his company, Three + One, and the type of service he provides to municipalities. His firm works with towns to maximize earning value of reserve accounts. The company does not actually manage the town’s funds but will suggest appropriate strategies based on funds availability.

Supervisor Hartman asked Mr. Forsgren to explain how the process worked with the Town of Aurora. Mr. Forsgren responded that he couldn’t give specifics. After suggesting growth strategies to Aurora, the data is re-evaluated every 3 months and updated.

Councilperson Ventry asked how many towns Three + One serviced in New York State. The answer was 4 to 5, but Mr. Forsgren only used the Town of Aurora in his discussion by permission. Councilperson Ventry also asked how the company got paid. The answer was that a contract is written for 12 months of service at a cost of \$9,900.00 for the first year. There is a guarantee included that the Town would recover at least that amount through the investments. Mr. Forsgren gave an example that a town with \$1,000,000.00 should be able to expect \$17,000.00 in annual earnings on that money.

Supervisor Hartman asked if there were any other questions. There were none. Supervisor Hartman thanked Mr. Forsgren for his input. She mentioned that the Town Board would review the information and get back to him.

Adjournment:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to adjourn the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

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Supervisor Hartman adjourned the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 7:35 P.M.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Hartman adjourned the Executive Session of the Eden Town Board Meeting at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Janet Cunfer
Deputy Town Clerk