

October 23, 2019

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
October 23, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Emily Hawkins	-	Town Clerk
Lisa Winter	-	Bookkeeper
Marlene Grunder	-	Administrative Assistant

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: There were none

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Approve Generator Maintenance for East Eden Fire:

Councilperson Ventry asked what the yearly maintenance included compared to the cost of a new generator. Bob Stickney replied that the maintenance includes an oil change, tune up, and general maintenance. The cost of a new generator would be \$20,000-\$40,000 depending on the building.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the generator maintenance agreement with Cummins Sales & Service in the amount of \$795.00; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

2. Air Monitoring Quote for Controlled Demolition:

The Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Eden and LaBella Associates, D.P.C is for the Asbestos Abatement Air / Project Monitoring for the controlled demolition of 9723 New Oregon Road. Supervisor Hartman stated that the cost of this project will be paid for by the County.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Professional Service Agreement from LaBella Associates as written in the bid; seconded by Councilperson Sam; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

3. Approve Fire Budget as Part of the Town Budget:

Supervisor Hartman stated that a public hearing was held on October 15, 2019 and that there were no visitors present to be heard. The proposed budget has a tax rate of \$1.32 per thousand.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Fire Budget as part of the Town Budget; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

4. Resolution for Community Development Block Grant:

Supervisor Hartman stated that the Community Development Block Grant would be submitted to receive funding for a new senior car and for Rural Transit which the Town supports yearly. At the public hearing it was asked that the Town look into funding for special needs playground equipment and after additional research this grant cannot be used toward that funding.

MOTION was made by Councilperson Wilhelm to sign, submit, and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for the following projects upon approval of ECCDBG: Senior Car and Rural Transit; seconded by Supervisor Hartman; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

5. Amend Equivalent Dwelling Units Assigned Values for Master Water Improvement Project:

Town of Eden

Equivalent Dwelling Unit Assignments

Revised 10/23/2019

<u>Assessment Property Class Description</u>	<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
Agricultural Vacant Land (Productive)	105	0
Poultry & Poultry Products	111	3
Dairy Products	112	5
Cattle, Calves & Hogs	113	3
Sheep & Wool	114	3
Horse Farm	117	3
Field Crops	120	3
Truck Crops	140	5
Vineyard	152	3
One Family Year Round Residence	210	1
One Family Year-Round Residence with Accessory Apartment	215	1 Per Unit Wepax Rd not in MWIA
Two Family Year-Round Residence	220	2
Three Family Year-Round Residence	230	3
Rural Residence with 10 or more acres	240	1.5
Primary residential, also used in agricultural production	241	4
Estate	250	2 + 1 Per Unit
Seasonal Residences	260	1
Residential - Multi-Purpose/Multi-Structure	280	1 Per Unit
Residence with Incidental Commercial Use	283	Commercial Use Class +1
Vacant Land	300	1
Residential	310	1
Residential Vacant Land	311	1
Residential Land Including a Small Improvement (not used for living accommodations)	312	1
Rural Vacant Lots of 10 Acres or Less	314	1
Rural Vacant	320	1
Residential Vacant Land Over 10 Acres	322	1
Other Rural Vacant Lands	323	1
Vacant Land Located in Commercial Areas	330	1
Vacant Land Located in Industrial Areas	340	1
Commercial	400	2
Apartments	411	One Per Apartment Unit
Mobile Home Parks (trailer parks, trailer courts)	416	One Per Mobile Unit
Camps, Cottages, Bungalows	417	1 Per Unit
Inns, Lodges, Boarding and Rooming Houses, Tourist Homes	418	1 Per Mobile Unit
Restaurants	421	Two + 1 Per Additional Unit
Snack Bars, Drive-Ins, Ice Cream Bars	423	Two + 1 Per Additional Unit
Night Clubs	425	3
Fast Food Franchises	426	5
Auto Dealers - Sales and Service	431	10
Service and Gas Stations	432	4 + 2 for Gas Pumps
Auto Body, Tire Shops, Other Related Auto Sales	433	4
Parking Lot	438	1
Fuel Storage and Distribution Facilities	441	2
Mini Warehouse (Self Storage)	442	2 Per Building+1 Each Additional Unit
Grain and Feed Elevators, Mixers, Sales Outlets	443	6 + 2 Each Additional Building + 1 Per Unit
Cold Storage Facilities	446	15
Other Storage, Warehouse and Distribution Facilities	449	2 + 1 Each Additional Unit

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the amended list of Equivalent Dwelling Units; seconded by Councilperson Sam; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

6. Close out the USDA Revolving Loan Fund Program:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman close out the USDA Revolving Loan Fund Program and return the funding of \$58,941.21 to USDA Rural Development; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

7. Amend Agreement with Onsolve – Code Red Weather Warning:

Supervisor Hartman stated that this amendment is to add a free service for CodeRED weather warning to the current agreement with Onsolve. This would be an opt in service for residents to receive weather alerts.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the amendment to the current agreement with Onsolve to add the CodeRED Weather Warning subscription at no additional cost; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

8. Approval of County's Snowplow Contract:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Intermunicipal Snow Removal and Ice Control Agreement with Erie County; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the meeting of the Eden Town Board and open the Public Hearing for the Town Budget; seconded by Councilperson Sam; All – "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 PM.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF EDEN, NEW YORK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary budget of the town of Eden, Erie County, New York, for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2020 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the said Town Hall 2795 East Church Street in said Town, where it is available for inspection by any interested persons at all reasonable hours. FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of said Town of Eden will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Town Hall at 7:15pm on the 23th day of October, 2019, and that at such hearing any persons may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled, or for or against the preliminary budget as compiled, or for or against any items for items herein contained. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the section 108 of the Town Law that the following are proposed yearly salaries of the Town Officers of this Town, to wit:

Supervisor: \$43,068

Councilmen (4 each): \$11,706

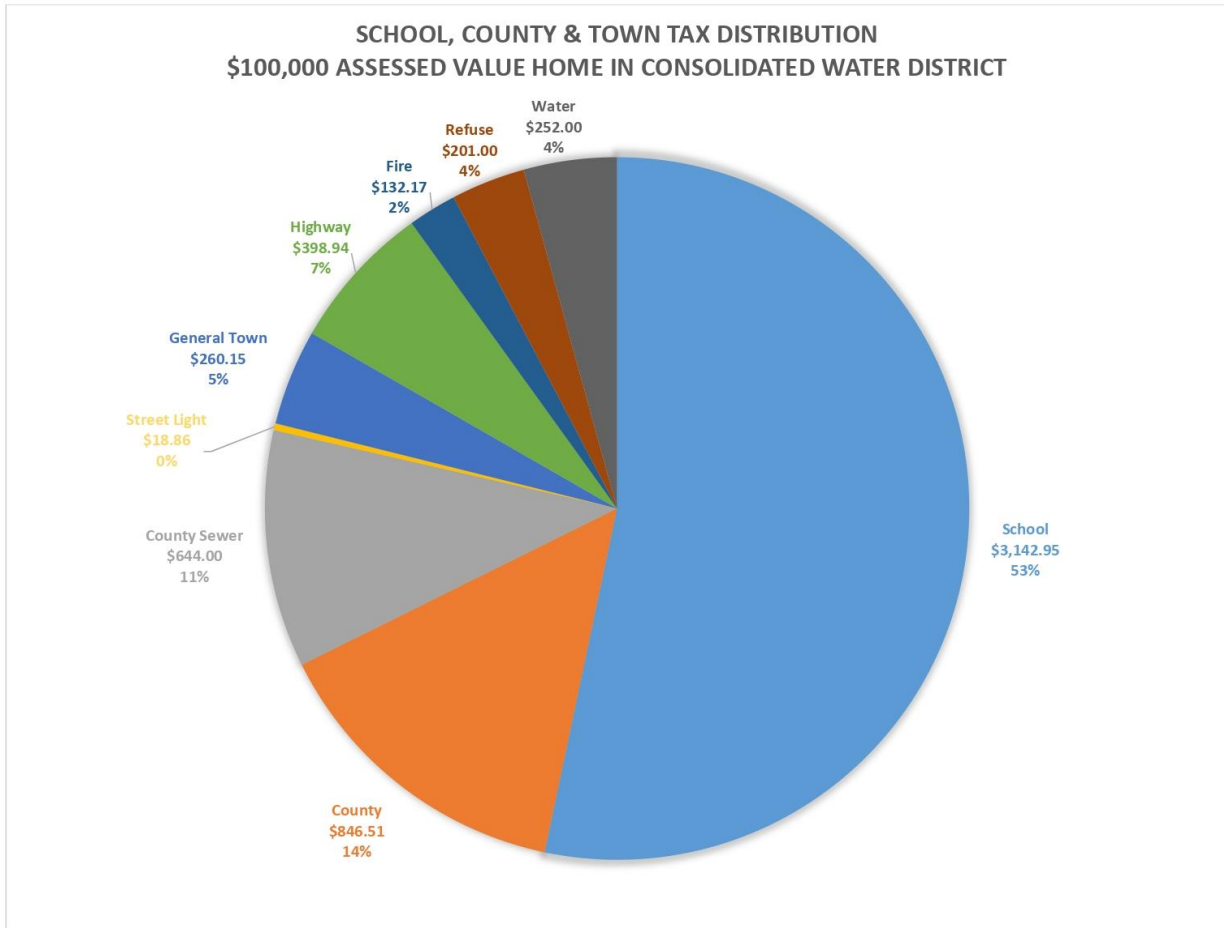
Superintendent of the Highways: \$79,360

Town Clerk: \$41,480

Supervisor Hartman addressed the following regarding the proposed budget:

- Budget includes an overall 3.71% increase which is under the tax cap
- Budget includes a 12.78% increase to the General Fund addressing:
 - Two pending police retirements in 2020
 - Restoring funding for the Code Enforcement Officer position from part time to full time
 - Restoring the recreation program from four weeks to five and a half weeks
 - Decreased revenue from court fees
- Highway Fund increase of 1.93% which is a general increase in contractual budget
- Street Light Fund increase of 1.56% which is about a penny per thousand
- Fire increase of 2%
- Water – amount depends on district, many have already seen a reduction
- Refuse is a 2% increase which includes an addition of two large bulk garbage pick up days (up to 10 items in June/October)

Supervisor Hartman presented the following pie chart representing the break down of yearly Town, County, and School Taxes:



Supervisor Hartman asked if there was anyone present to be heard:

Ed Krycia stated the 12% increase which is about \$0.28 is unacceptable.

Supervisor Hartman stated that in 2016 there was a shortfall for employee contracts and retirements of \$464,000.00 in sick reserves. The deficit has been reduced by 46% at this time and the number reflects two pending police retirements as well as the restoration of the full time Code Enforcement Officer position. Supervisor Hartman recognized the increase and stated that part of proper budgeting when agreeing to contracts should have proper planning and reserves in order to pay for that.

Mr. Krycia asked which line items were affected for the reserves. Lisa Winter replied that page 4 under Interfund Transfers shows the sick bank increase.

All those having been heard, desiring to be heard, Supervisor Hartman closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman stated that the scheduled public hearing of the Tax Cap Override was unnecessary as the town will not be exceeding the tax cap.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to return to the regular session; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman opened the regular session at 7:33 PM.

Hearing of Visitors:

John Artmeier asked if the Town Board has a status on the proposed solar farm.

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Supervisor Hartman stated that the project had the Positive SEQR Declaration and that it was still with the Planning Board.

Bill Sickau stated that the 9th Annual Eden Fire Department and Eden Police Group's chicken BBQ is Sunday November 10th from 11:00 AM until sold out. Pre-sale tickets are available or you can get them at the door.

Adjournment:

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

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk