

MINUTES

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
JANUARY 22, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Emily Hawkins	-	Town Clerk
Marlene Grunder	-	Administrative Assistant

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Hearing of Visitors on Agenda Items on: There were none.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. NY Class Municipal Agreement:

Emily Hawkins stated that the NYCLASS agreement is for opening an interest-bearing account for the Town and County tax collection cycle. Tax collection monies are currently being deposited into a zero interest checking account and with the opening of the NYCLASS account the Town will have the ability to earn approximately 1.52% daily compounding interest on any deposited funds before they are transferred to the Supervisor at month end.

Municipal Cooperation Resolution

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (“Section 119-o” empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, town and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS, the Town of Eden wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 14, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Town of Eden wishes to assure the safety and liquidity of its funds;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on behalf of Town of Eden.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; All "Ayes"; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

2. Declare Three Office Desks and Chairs Surplus:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to declare three desks and three chairs from the building and assessor's office surplus; Seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All "Ayes"; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

3. Parking on George Street:

The following letter was received from a resident regarding adding a no parking zone on George Street.

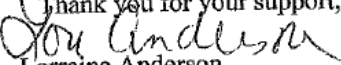
November 14, 2019

Melissa Hartman
Town Supervisor

Dear Missy,

I am requesting that the town place a No Parking Zone from the corner of George St. and Main St. down about 120 feet on the right side (looking from Main St) of George St. bordering my property. We feel it is a safety hazard around the turn due to the cars trying to park on the corner. It also backs up Main St. during the summer. There are a lot of cars and pedestrians crossing and feel someone is going to get hurt. Trees used to line the street to prevent that from happening – but were taken down due to the limbs and overgrowth into the street. I have pictures showing the grass to the road before the cars destroyed the green space moving in as far as they could to be off the road. We felt the rocks kept them from doing so and kept within the Eden Rural Theme.

Per the request of the highway superintendent –Ron Maggs we removed the rocks on our property to stop this because he informed us they were in the right of way and understandably in the way for the snow plows. At the suggestion of Ron Maggs and yourself, I am writing this letter to ask for a No Parking Zone instead of the rocks. Ron Maggs suggested and supported the idea for this also. Ron Maggs informed my husband there are a lot of No Park Zones in Eden to prevent this. So with his recommendation we would like to ask the town to make this area a No Park Zone.

Thank you for your support,

Lorraine Anderson
and family.

Supervisor Hartman stated that cars are parking on the corner of George Street and Main Street and that cars are also backing out of the parking spots at Dairy Queen which creates congestion and is a safety concern.

Councilperson Sam stated that 120' of no parking seemed like a large area and he would like to go measure the distance and get an idea of the area that is in question.

Councilperson Wilhelm stated that she spoke to Ron Maggs and he also said they could add gravel to the right-of-way to stop damage occurring to the grass on the property.

After additional discussion the Town Board will review the area in question for a future decision on the no parking zone request.

Hearing of Visitors:

There were none.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman close the Eden Town Board Meeting and open the Fire Commissioners Meeting; Seconded by Councilperson Sam; All "Ayes"; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman closed the Town Board Meeting at 7:09 PM.

Fire Commissioners Meeting:

Present: Mike Hart, Eden Fire Chief and others
Rick Kirst, East Eden Fire Chief and others

1. Goals and Initiatives for 2020:

Chief Hart stated the goals and initiatives for the Eden Fire Department:

- Continue the build specifications for Truck 7-1
- Host a junior boot camp in the summer of 2020
- Grow the cancer prevention program and improve SOP's
- Continue training standards

Chief Kirst stated the goals and initiatives for the East Eden Fire Department:

- Continue to increase and retain firefighters – attend Recruit NY and high school career day
- Continue training standards
- Finish kitchen updates
- Prepare for truck specifications for replacement of East Eden Service 7 truck (2021)

There was additional discussion regarding recruitment and retainment for East Eden Fire amongst the Town Board and the Fireman present.

2. Presentation by Clark Patterson Lee on a Potential New Fire Hall:

Supervisor Hartman began the presentation by stating that the current Eden Fire Hall has American's With Disabilities Act compliance issues and a lack of storage. The Town needs to decide if they will move forward with a retrofit of the current hall or build a new hall. If the Town decides to build a new hall a Mandatory Referendum, in which the Town votes on the matter, would be necessary

Brian Kulpa from CPL presented an idea of what a \$3.4 million dollar facility would include. The rendering contained eight dual bays with eight doors, an up to standards decontamination room, separate laundry facilities, 50 stalls, 54 air tank stalls, and an equipment repair shop. The site also included a loft area for trainings or additional storage and a kitchen and multiuse room with a covered outdoor patio. As some of the firemen noted, the facility did not include showers or enough extra storage which are two major concerns that need to be addressed from the current firehall.

After additional discussion Supervisor Hartman stated that she was unsure at this time what the board would decide but that she expected a decision in the next few months.

Adjournment:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to adjourn the Fire Commissioners Meeting; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman adjourned the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Emily Hawkins
Town Clerk