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MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
July 8, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

**This meeting was held in person and live streamed through GoToMeeting.com. The meeting link was made available to the public prior to the meeting in order to listen, observe, and participate. Members of the public were also able to attend the meeting in person.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:

Michael Felschow - Eden Police Chief
Mike Hart - Eden Fire Chief
Rick Kirst - East Eden Fire Chief
Ronald Maggs - Highway Superintendent
Amy Porter - Recreation Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Town Board Minutes of June 10, 2020 as presented; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Town Board Minutes of June 10, 2020; there were none.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Town Board Minutes of June 24, 2020 as presented; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; All “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Town Board Minutes of June 24, 2020; there were none.

Petitions: There were none.

Budget Transfers:

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From Account	To Account	Reason for Amendment	Amount
A2170 Community Development Income	A6989.4 Other Economic Assistance - Contractual	NY Main Street Grant for 8572 North Main Street	\$50,000

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Budget Transfers of June 2020, as presented; seconded by Councilperson Sam; All “Ayes”? Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Audit Bills:

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DESCRIPTION	VOUCHER NUMBERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	399-467	\$97,333.53
Highway Dept. Fund	139-165	\$34,583.53
Fire Dept. Fund	126-148	\$14,313.10
Recreation Dept. Fund	58-67	\$671.10
Refuse and Garbage Fund	No Activity	
Street Lights Fund	15-17	\$4,309.97
Water Fund	10-11	\$586.08
Capital Fund		
H8230.405	No Activity	
H8320.406	No Activity	
H8302.407	No Activity	

MOTION was made by Councilperson Wilhelm to approve the Audit of Bills as presented; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All “Ayes”? Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Departmental Reports:

Department reports for the month of June 2020 were presented by Rick Kirst, East Eden Fire Chief; Mike Hart, Eden Fire Chief; Robert Pietrocarlo, Chairman Board of Assessors; Michael Felschow, Eden Police Chief; Ronald Maggs, Highway Superintendent; William Trask, Town Attorney; Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk; Supervisor Hartman for Dave Rice; Acting Code Enforcement Officer; and Amy Porter, Recreation Director. All reports are on file in the Town Clerk’s office.

Ron Maggs stated that due to COVID-19 budget restrains the Highway Department is patching roads instead of paving roads for 2020. The Highway Department is moving forward with the specifications for the scheduled pick up truck replacement. Supervisor Hartman noted that the pickup truck replacement is not part of the budget restrains as the town has specific reserve accounts that by law can only be used towards certain purchases which don’t fall within the budget cuts.

Amy Porter stated that sanitation units had been delivered at miscellaneous parks that are currently being used for fields and playgrounds. Councilperson Wilhelm expressed concern over the spread of disease and cleanliness and urged additional signage be added to the outside of the units.

It was noted that the sanitation units were following Department of Health Guidelines to have public bathrooms at parks that are in use. The recommended signage is located on the inside of the door and above the toilets. Additional signage will be considered for the outside of the units.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: There were none

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Negative Declaration for Signage Code:

SEQRA NOTICE LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR TOWN OF EDEN ZONING AMENDMENTS

Whereas, the Town of Eden Town Board has proposed amendments to the current Zoning Code specific to signage regulations;

Whereas, the proposed amendments have been prepared in accordance with the Town’s 2018 Comprehensive Plan, **Cultivate Eden**.

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA), the project is determined to be a Type 1 Action which is subject to a coordinated review, though no other agencies have jurisdiction over legislative adoptions by the Town of Eden; and

Whereas, the Town Board declared itself as Lead Agency for the proposed action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 on September 11, 2019.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that based upon examination of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), its own independent analysis of the Proposed Action, and comparison with the criteria for

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determining significance under 6 NYCRR 617.7, the Town Board finds that the Proposed Action will not have a significant environmental impact and hereby issues a Negative Declaration; and

Be it Further Resolved that this determination is based on the facts and conclusions as noted in the attached EAF.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Councilperson Sam; All “Ayes”? Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

2. Set Public Hearing for Signage Code:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to set the Public Hearing to August 12, 2020 at 7:45 PM Local Time for the purpose of considering the proposed amendments to the Signage Code; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; “Ayes” – Hartman, Wilhelm, Byrnes, Sam; Opposed? – Councilperson Ventry; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

3. Code Review Committee Recommendations:

Tabled.

4. Acknowledge Court Audit:

WHEREAS, the Unified Court System of the State of New York requires that town justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective town auditing board, and that such records be examined and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board’s proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED that the Town board of the Town of Eden has received the audited Statement of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursement for the Town Justices from Drescher & Malecki, LLP, independent auditors.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All “Ayes”? Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

5. Senior Car Bid – Community Development Block Grant:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford Escape from Delacy Ford on the New York State bid amount of \$23,400.09 funded by the 2020 Community Development Block Grant with a town responsibility at 5% of purchase price equal to \$1,070.00; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All “Ayes”? Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

6. Appoint John McCarthy as Part-Time Police Officer:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to appoint John McCarthy as Part-Time Police officer at a rate of pay or \$23.00 per hour; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; All “Ayes”? Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

7. Appoint Gregory Savage as Police Chief:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to appoint Gregory Savage as Eden Police Chief effective July 27; 2020; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All “Ayes”? Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

8. Approval of Police Chief Contract:

MOTION was made by Councilperson Wilhelm to approve the Police Chief Contract as presented; seconded by Councilperson Sam; All “Ayes”? Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the Regular Meeting and Open the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All “Ayes”? Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:30 P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

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**TOWN OF EDEN, NEW YORK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Eden, New York, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Eden Town Board in the Eden Town Hall, 2795 East Church Street, Eden, New York on the 8^h day of July, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. Local Time, for the purpose of considering the proposed amendment to the Town of Eden Zoning Law to establish new Mixed-Use Zoning Districts and Design Standards. The design standards can be reviewed on the Town's website, <http://edenny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MU-FINAL-2.pdf> or are available in the Town Clerk's Office by appointment. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Supervisor Hartman asked if there was anyone present to be heard: There were none.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the Public Hearing and open the Regular Meeting; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All "Ayes"? Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:32 P.M.

Supervisor's Report:

- Recognition of Chief Felschow's and Officer McCarthy's retirement will take place at the August 12, 2020 Town Board Meeting.
- Up-date on COVID-19 procedures
- Up-date on budget shortfalls: 1/3 of town budget relies on revenue which has significantly decreased. Local Governments have received zero stimulus funding. Summer recreation programs and keeping the pool closed are part of the budget cuts. All departments are working on cuts and reviewing their 2021 budgets.
- Recognition to those within the town that have worked tirelessly through the COVID-19 pandemic

Susan Wilhelm: Library is open, call 992-4028 for assistance.

Hearing of Visitors: There were none.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the Regular Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All – "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk