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MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
October 28, 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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Call to Order:

Supervisor Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Resolution for Community Development Block Grant:

MOTION was made by Councilperson Wilhelm to authorize Melissa Hartman, Town Supervisor, to sign, submit, and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for the following projects upon approval of ECCDBG;

- A. Green Street and Welch Lane sidewalk repair and ADA Compliance, requesting \$45,714.00
- B. Rural Transit

seconded by Councilperson Sam; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

2. Approve Fire Budget as Part of Town Budget:

The Public Hearing was held on October 20th and there were no visitors present to be heard.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the 2021 Fire Budget as part of the 2021 Town Budget in the amount of \$426,927.00 or \$1.18 per thousand; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

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3. Eden Bowling LLC – 30 Day Municipality Notification for Liquor License:

The Town received copy of the Standardized Notice Form for Providing 30-Day Advance Notice to a Local Municipality for the liquor license for Eden Bowling, LLC. This item is informational only.

Hearing of Visitors: There were none.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to open the Public Hearing for the 2021 Town Budget; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

The meeting was opened at 7:15 P.M

**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, 2021 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 28th day of October, 2020, 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: \$44,360

Councilmen (4 each): \$12,057

Superintendent of the Highways: \$81,741

Town Clerk: \$42,741

Supervisor Hartman began the Public Hearing by discussing topics regarding the 2021 Town Budget:

- Difficult budget year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Town made budget cuts in areas that have the least effect on residents
- Highway Department took the largest budget cuts
- 2020 revenue from sales tax, mortgage tax, and court fines was lower than expected
- Information received from Erie County suggests that sales tax projects for the 4th quarter will be higher than anticipated and can affect the 2021 budget
- 2021 Budget includes an increase of 1.34%, which is \$0.11 per thousand or \$11 per hundred thousand of assessed value and an increase of \$4 per garbage unit
- 2021 Recreation Summer Program will be at full price per participant which is expected to cost \$290 for the session

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- Due to the higher projects of sales tax revenue for the 4th quarter there will be some changes to the 2021 budget which may include a 0% increase or the addition of a full-time police position, a decision will be made at the next Town Board Meeting

No persons were present to be heard.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the Public Hearing for the 2021 Town Budget; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 PM.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to open the Public Hearing for the Tax Cap Override; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Eden, New York, notice is hereby given that the following public hearings will be held by the Eden Town Board in the Eden Town Hall, 2795 East Church Street, Eden, New York on the 28th day of October, 2020:

1. At 7:30 P.M. Local Time, for the purpose of considering Proposed Local Law No.4-2020 which, if approved, would allow the real property tax levy in the 2021 Town budget to exceed the tax levy limit pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 3-c (5).

Copies of the proposed local law are available for review in the office of the Town Clerk. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Supervisor Hartman stated that the Town will not be going over the tax cap.

No persons were present to be heard.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the Public Hearing for the Tax Cap Override and go into executive session; seconded by Councilperson Sam; All – “Ayes”; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:31 PM.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Hartman adjourned the Executive Session of the Eden Town Board Meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Emily Hawkins
Town Clerk