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MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 East Church Street
Eden, NY 14057
June 8, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

This meeting was held in-person and virtually through GoToMeeting.com. The meeting link was made available to the public prior to the meeting.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:

Ron Maggs - Highway Superintendent
Amy Porter - Recreation Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

#126-2022: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Town Board Minutes of May 11, 2022 as presented; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman asked if there were any additions or corrections; there were none.

#127-2022: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Town Board Minutes of May 25, 2022 as presented; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman asked if there were any additions or corrections; there were none.

Audit Bills:

DESCRIPTION	VOUCHER NUMBERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	319-397	\$96,037.67
Fire Dept. Fund	114-128	\$4,585.73
Recreation Fund	56-82	\$8,302.78
Water Fund	8	\$15.00
Street Lights Fund	18-22	\$1,342.61
Refuse Fund	8-11	\$96,796.99
Highway Fund	134-161	\$147,925.15
Capital Fund		
H8230.405	No Activity	
H8320.406	No Activity	
H8302.407	No Activity	
Drainage District SD 4	No Activity	

#128-2022: MOTION was made by Councilperson Ventry to approve the Audit of Bills as presented; seconded by Councilperson Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Departmental Reports:

Department reports for the month of June 2022 were submitted by Scott Crowe, East Eden Fire Chief; Matt Colvin, Eden Fire Chief; Susan Johnson, Assessor; Greg Savage, Eden Police Chief; Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk; Dave Rice, Code Enforcement Officer; Amy Porter, Recreation Director; Nick Blasz, Dog Control Officer, & Joseph Ghosen. All reports are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

#129-2022: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to award the bids for various fire equipment for Eden Fire Department in the amount of \$31,690.66 as presented; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

#130-2022: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to award the bids for various fire equipment for Eden Fire Department in the amount of \$11,476.07 as presented; seconded by Councilperson Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: There were none.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Presentation by Miriam Hoelscher:

Miriam Hoelscher, a Town of Eden resident, graduate of SUNY Morrisville, and future agriculture teacher, presented on the importance of agriculture curriculum in our school systems. Ms. Hoelscher highlighted the following:

- Promote Agriculture in schools with three methods:
 - Classroom Instruction
 - Future Farmers of America (FFA) – afterschool programs
 - Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) – work-based learning opportunity outside the classroom
- Collaborate with other schools/programs to widen learning opportunities

Councilperson Wilhelm ask if Ms. Hoelscher would be presenting to the School Board and thanked her for her presentation.

Ms. Hoelscher stated she plans to meet with the High School Principal.

Supervisor Hartman stated that Eden has a strong Farmland Protection Plan and the Master Plan identifies further farmland priorities.

2. Special Use Permit – Crown Castle:

#131-2022: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman approve the Special Use Permit for Crown Castle at 8635-8637 East Eden Rd.; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: all; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

3. Acknowledge Resignations:

Supervisor Hartman acknowledged the resignation of Justin Kehr, part-time police officer, effective May 29, 2022 with gratitude for his service.

Supervisor Hartman acknowledged the resignation of Corey Sauberan, part-time police officer, effective May 15, 2022 with gratitude for his service.

Supervisor's Report:

- Thank you to the Highway Department for hanging the Hometown Hero Banners
- Recapped the Memorial Day Ceremony and thanked the Eden Legion for their continued service to our veterans.
- Main Street Grants have been awarded

#132-2022: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman open the Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the application for Schunk's West Hill Grill for an Amusement/Entertainment License; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; Ayes: all; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:30 PM.

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a PUBLIC HEARING to be held by the Eden Town Board at the Eden Town Hall, 2795 East Church Street, Eden, New York at 7:30 PM on the 8th day of June, 2022. The purpose of the said Public Hearing is to consider the application of Schunk's West Hill Grill, 4274 Keller Rd., Eden, NY, for an Amusement/Entertainment license for live outside music events. All interested parties may attend and be heard.

There was no one present to be heard.

#133-2022: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman close the Public Hearing and open the Regular Session; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: all; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:31 PM.

4. Amusement/Entertainment License for Schunk's West Hill Grill:

#134-2022: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Amusement/Entertainment License for Schunk's West Hill Grill at 4247 Keller Rd., subject to the following conditions:

1. The business must notify the Town of Eden Building Department no later than 15 days prior to any event held under this License. At the time of receiving notification the information from conditions 2 and 3 must be provided.
2. The business must provide a map of the property showing the location of the stage, pedestrian area, parking area, location of any tents and any other conditions out of normal business.
3. The business must provide proof of the locations for liquor consumption from the SLA if serving liquor.
4. The business must pass an inspection from the Town of Eden Building Department before each event or series of event.

seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: all; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

5. Discussion with the Recreation Board:

Joe Winiecki, Recreation Advisory Board President, presented the following message from the Eden Recreation Advisory Board:

Thanks for the time and opportunity to come to the Board Meeting

The RAB believes that Swartz Park should be the top priority for improvements

The RAB believes the Town Board should commit to improvements to Swartz Park, with the intent to complete improvements in a timely fashion.

The RAB believes the Town Board should commit to fund a Grant Writer to assist the Town Board in securing additional funds for projects.

The RAB's #1 priority is the completion of a paved fitness trail at Swartz Park.

The RAB's #2 priority is the completion of permanent bathrooms (with utilities) at Swartz Park.

Kate McShea, Recreation Advisory Board Member, further stressed the importance of a paved fitness trail and explained the benefits the trail will provide for all ages. As a resident on Main Street, she explained the number of people who walk or bike and the issue with lack of sidewalks.

She stated that while the bathrooms are a 100% need, that the fitness trail is a great opportunity to create a bigger focus and community support to further future development in the park.

6. Discussion on ARPA Funding – Legion/Recreation:

Councilperson Ventry stated he reviewed the original proposal given as by Supervisor Hartman and offered the following changes:

- Majority of funding towards Swartz Park – borrowing money to complete bathrooms/structure (if needed)
- Ok with funding for Police Car
- Understands need to fund Recreation Truck in order to not deplete reserves
- \$5,000 to the Legion for the roof repairs instead of the proposed \$30,000

Supervisor Hartman stated that the funding needs to be used to benefit the highest number of people, especially those that suffered the most during the pandemic. She stated the Legion as a not for profit benefits more people

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than another other not for profit in town. She expressed that the repairs to the roof are \$60,000, some funding coming from NY Main Street Grant, some funding from Town and two private fundraising events.

Councilperson Wilhelm expressed her desire for most of the funding to go toward Swartz Park for bathrooms and a building. She stated that putting bathrooms at Swartz Park is something that has been discussed for many years and the funding gives the Town and opportunity to do the project. She further stated that if the ARPA funds do not cover the costs of the park that they should explore other funding sources.

Councilperson Byrnes stated he is in favor with moving forward with the bathrooms at Swartz Park and thought Councilperson Ventry provided a good breakdown of funds and the Board can adjust from there.

The Board agreed to move forward with the budget transfer to use ARPA funding for the purchase of a new police car.

Budget Transfers:

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From Account	To Account	Reason for Amendment	Amount
A4089 Federal Aid - Other	A3120.2 Police - Equipment	ARPA funds for purchase of new Police Car	\$34,939.00
A2665 Sale of Equipment	A3120.2 Police - Equipment	Trade in of Police Car	\$2,000.00
D878.2 Reserve - Highway Equipment	D5130.2 Machinery - Equipment	Reserves used for equipment to install on chassis of Mainline Truck #15	\$88,380.00

#135-2022: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Budget Transfers and as presented; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Councilperson Ventry questioned the urgency over the funds to the Legion as they are also running their own fundraiser.

Supervisor Hartman stated that the Legion approached the Town for assistance as there were not a lot of options for non-profits for funding during the pandemic. She stated the Legion received the Main Street Grant and needed the \$30,000 as a match to that grant.

Councilperson Sam stated he was in favor with putting \$15,000 towards the roof and that it is a responsibility to give funding to the Legion and our Veterans and it should be funded and in good condition.

Councilperson Sam and Councilperson Ventry disclosed that they are both members of the Legion but neither were involved in any planning or decision making and were not members of any Legion Boards.

The Town Board had additional debate on giving the Legion \$10,000-\$15,000.

#136-2022: MOTION was made by Councilperson Sam to approve the sum of \$15,000 in ARPA funding to be given to the Eden Legion; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; Ayes: Hartman, Byrnes, Sam; Opposed: Ventry, Wilhelm; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors: There were none.

#137-2022: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the Regular Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk