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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD

2795 East Church Street

Eden, NY 14057

March 8, 2023 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
SUSAN WILHELM	-	COUNCILPERSON
MICHAEL BYRNES	-	COUNCILPERSON
GARY SAM	-	COUNCILPERSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

Emily Hawkins	-	Town Clerk
Amy Porter	-	Recreation Director
Marlene Grunder	-	Administrative Assistant
Ron Maggs	-	Highway Superintendent
Lisa Winter	-	Bookkeeper

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

#27-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Town Board Minutes of February 8, 2023 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.

Petitions: There were none.

Budget Transfers:

December 31, 2022

From Account	To Account	Reason for Amendment	Amount
D2680 Insurance Recoveries	D5130.4 Machinery - Contractual	Insurance Proceeds to Repair Truck #12 Repair done in 2023 - Encumbered	\$7,887.37
A1120 Sales Tax Revenue	A915.6 Assigned Non Rec	Assign for Eden/East Eden 100 Year Anniversary Celebration	\$7,500.00
A1410.1 Town Clerk - Personal	A1410.4 Town Clerk - Contractual	Preservation of Books	\$2,810.80
SF2770 Misc Revenue	SF3410.4 Fire-Contractual	Overbudget	\$4,100.00
A1990.4 Contingent Fund	A1420.4 Legal -Contractual	Article 7 Proceedings	\$1,600.00
A899.1 Restricted - EMS	A4540.4 Ambulance	Revenue Recovery for Budget	\$1,918.15
A7110.1 Parks & Ground - Personal	A7110.4 Parks & Ground - Contractual	Budget Adjustment	\$1,100.00
A7150.1 Playground & Rec Personal	A915.5 Special Rec Facilities - Contractual	Assigned Recreation - Water Tractor	\$4,000.00
A7150.1 Special Rec Facilities - Personal	A7150.4 Special Rec Facilities - Contractual	Budget Adjustment	\$3.00
A1440.4 Engineering - Contractual	A8010.4 Zoning - Contractual	Code Book Updates	\$1,100.00

#28-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Budget Transfers from December 31, 2022 as presented; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Encumbrance

A7110.4 Hamburg Radiator V#12 \$950.00

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D5130.4 Eden Collision V#40 \$7887.37
 A1410.4 Kofile V#134 2810.80
 A8010.4 General Code V#117 \$5060.00
 SF3410.2 MES \$2005.05

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A915.6 Assigned Non Rec	A7550.4 Celebrations	Use of Assigned funds for Eden/East Eden 100 year celebration	\$7,500.00
D878.2 Highway Equipment Reserve	D5130.2 Machinery - Equipment	2023 Chevy Silverado 3500HD per permissive referendum	\$40,410.00
SF3089 State Aid	SF3410.4 Fire - Contractual	Chainsaws DEC Grant	\$2,245.00
A6989.4 Other Economic Assistance	A1410.4 Town Clerk - Contractual	Use of Funds for Grants for Record Scanning	\$2,000.00
SW8320.4 Maintenance - Water	SW9710.640 WD#4 Bond Principal	WD#4 Bond Principal	\$1,772.47
SW8320.4 Maintenance - Water	SW9710.740 WD#4 Bond Interest	WD#4 Bond Interest	\$1,424.62
A2705 Gifts & Donations	A7140.4 Playground & Rec Centers	Community Foundation Grant for Snow Shoe-Winterfest	\$300.00
A915.5 Assigned - Recreation	A7110.2 Parks & Grounds - Equipment	Water Tractor	\$4,000.00

#29-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Budget Transfers from March 8, 2023 as presented; seconded by Councilperson Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Audit Bills:

Payables

DESCRIPTION	VOUCHER NUMBERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	954-959	\$6,977.49
Fire Dept. Fund	307-311	\$15,075.56

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DESCRIPTION	VOUCHER NUMBERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	82-162	\$93,498.57
Fire Dept. Fund	26-56	\$22,886.45
Recreation Fund	25-40	\$9,493.21
Water Fund	1-4	\$109,386.77
Street Lights Fund	3-7	\$9,752.90
Refuse Fund	1-2	\$47,613.09
Highway Fund	28-59	\$91,176.45

#30-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Audit of Bills as presented; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Departmental Reports:

Department reports for the month of March 2023 were submitted by Scott Crowe, East Eden Fire Chief; Malcolm VanKoughnett, 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.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: There were none.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Resignation of Recreation Director, Amy Porter:

A PROCLAMATION
Is hereby established
By the Eden Town Board
HONORING AMY PORTER

WHEREAS, Amy Porter has honorably served the Town of Eden residents for 6-years as the Eden Recreation Director,
 and

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WHEREAS, she has worked countless hours for the benefit of our town residents, their families and children through recreational programming and the oversight of building and grounds maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Amy's contributions to our community's youth are to be commended, specifically in her revamping of the summer recreation program especially through the covid-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, under Amy's leadership, she was able to start many new programs, including the annual Slow roll event, Youth Activity Night, Stargazing, Pickleball and Family Night Swim Program.

WHEREAS, Amy was also able to resurrect Eden's Annual Winterfest, a long-time favorite weekend for our residents, and

WHEREAS, her many contributions to the success of the Town of Eden including the office of Town Supervisor, Town Board and individual departments are deeply appreciative, join us in saying "thank you" to Amy Porter for her public service,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that, by act of this Town Board meeting on March 8, 2023, we honor Amy Porter for her dedication to the Town of Eden and its residents.

2. Annual It Contract with Nick Miller:

#31-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the annual IT contract with Nicholas Miller with the monthly service cost at \$2,605.20 for Town Hall and \$80 monthly for Eden Fire; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

3. Reappoint Lamont Beers:

#32-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to appoint Lamont Beers as Chairman to the Conservation Board for a 1-year term; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

4. Personnel Policy:

Tabled to March 22, 2023.

5. Special Use Permit – Eden Solar:

#33-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the Special Use Permit for Eden Solar at 7501 Sisson Highway for the operation of a utility scale solar energy system. The permit will expire on 12/31/2023 and all conditions have been met; seconded by Councilperson Sam; Ayes: Hartman, Wilhelm, Sam; Opposed: Byrnes; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Councilperson Byrnes stated he has been opposed to this project since the beginning.

6. Annual Police Reform Review:

Tabled to March 22, 2023.

7. Ratify appointment of Brenda Klinczar:

#34-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to appoint Brenda Klinczar as part time assessor clerk at the rate of pay of \$18.00 per hour for up to 19 hours per week effective March 6, 2023; seconded by Councilperson Sam; Ayes: Hartman, Byrnes, Sam; Opposed: None; Abstain: Wilhelm; Motion carried.

Councilperson Wilhelm stated she abstained from the vote because of the process.

8. Recreation Staff Appointments:

Tabled to March 22, 2023.

9. Climate Smart Pledge:

Climate Smart Communities Pledge

WHEREAS, the New York State Climate Smart Communities ("CSC") program was created to provide local governments with guidance on how to improve environmental stewardship, save taxpayer dollars, and advance community goals for long term community health, safety, economic vitality, resilience, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the State makes available grant funding for projects to increase natural resiliency to future risks like floods, improve emergency preparedness and response systems, and increase the resiliency of critical infrastructure through the Climate Smart Communities Grant program; and

WHEREAS, Climate Smart Communities receive an advantage over non-participating communities during the Climate Smart Grant scoring process; and

WHEREAS, CSC certification requires adopting a non-binding Resolution which includes the specific ten-point pledge developed by the State, and appointment of a Climate Smart Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Eden believes it in the best interest of the Town to become a Certified Climate Smart Community and to adopt the CSC pledge; and

WHEREAS, adopting the CSC pledge does not obligate or bind the Town to take any specific action and participation in the CSC program is voluntary and without cost to the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Eden, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

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1. Build a climate-smart community.
2. Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.
3. Decrease energy use.
4. Shift to clean, renewable energy.
5. Use climate-smart materials management.
6. Implement climate-smart land use.
7. Enhance a community resilience to climate change.
8. Support a green innovation economy.
9. Inform and inspire the public.
10. Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

#35-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve the resolution as read; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: all; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

10. Appoint Recreation Director:

#36-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to appoint Andrew Riedel as part time Recreation Director at an annual compensation of \$25,000 to be paid bi-weekly effective March 9, 2023; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: all; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

#37-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to to accept the resignation of Amy Porter as Recreation Director and allow up to five hours per week effective March 9, 2023 through March 31, 2023 at her regular rate of pay; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; Ayes: all; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

11. Recreation Portable Sanitation Facilities:

#38-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to approve Roger Gloss for Portable Sanitation Facilities at an amount not to exceed \$730 per month; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; Ayes: all; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

12. Summer Recreation Information:

Summer Recreation will be held at the Eden Legion Post 880 and will run through July 28th.

Susan Wilhelm: Library received a facilities grant to replace the carpet, tile, and molding.

Hearing of Visitors:

The following residents spoke: Bill Kender, Carol Knight, & Dan Malarkey

#39-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the Regular Meeting of the Eden Town Board and enter Executive Session for Personnel; seconded by Councilperson Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk