

October 25, 2023

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – EDEN TOWN BOARD

East Eden Fire Hall

8097 East Eden Rd.

Eden, NY 14057

October 25, 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:

RICH VENTRY	-	SUPERVISOR
SUSAN WILHELM	-	COUNCILPERSON
GARY SAM	-	COUNCILPERSON
VINCENT VACCO	-	COUNCILPERSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Supervisor Ventry called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: No public comment.

#160-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2024 Budget; seconded by Councilmember Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

**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, 2024 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 7:00pm on the 25th day of October, 2023, 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: \$55,295
Councilmen (4 each): \$13,238
Superintendent of the Highways: \$89,750
Town Clerk: \$46,910

Supervisor Ventry explained the breakdown of each line item for a single-family home with an assessed value of \$100,000 within the consolidated water district and sewer district.

There was no one present to be heard.

#161-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to close the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2024 Budget; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Community Development Block Grant:

#162-2023: MOTION was made by Councilmember Wilhelm to authorize Richard Ventry, 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; Rural Transit; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

2. Town Hall Roof Bids:

#163-2023: **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Ventry to award the Masonry Repair for Areas A, B, and C portion of the Eden Town Hall Roof and Masonry Project to Horizon Masonry Restoration, Inc. at 4142 Broadway, Depew, New York for \$115,950.00; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

#164-2023: **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Ventry to award the Roof Replacement Area B (South Area) portion of the Eden Town Hall Roof and Masonry Project to Jameson Roofing, 3649 Lake Shore Drive East, Dunkirk, NY in the amount not to exceed \$189,000; seconded by Councilmember Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

#164-2023: **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Ventry to award the Roof Replacement Area C (East Area) portion of the Eden Town Hall Roof and Masonry Project to Titan Roofing, 200 Tapely Street, Springfield, MA in the amount not to exceed \$170,000; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The following bids were received:



Clerk *Police*

ROOF BID TABULATION				
CONTRACTOR	B. ROOF RESTORATION & SHINGLE AREA A (HIGH WORK AREA)	C. ROOF REPLACEMENT AREA B (SOUTH AREA)	D. ROOF REPLACEMENT AREA C (EAST AREA)	E. ROOF REPAIR & REPLACEMENT ALL AREAS (INCLUSIVE OF AREAS A, B, C)
Progressive Roofing	399,000 Alt: 100K	189,000	199,000	787,000
Jameson Roofing	383,000 Alt: 38K	189,000	184,000	740,000
Titan Roofing	285,000 Alt: 225K	220,000	170,000	675,000
JOS A. Sanders	312,022 Alt: 26,983	252,432	225,430	790,890 Alt EPDM-A

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MASONRY BID TABULATION				
CONTRACTOR	B. MASONRY REPAIR A (HIGH WORK AREA)	C. MASONRY REPAIR AREA B (SOUTH AREA)	D. MASONRY REPAIR AREA C (EAST AREA)	E. MASONRY REPAIR ALL AREAS (INCLUSIVE OF AREAS A, B, C)
Morris Horizon Masonry	228,488	19,741	10,082	202,758
Horizon	∅	∅	115,950	115,950

3. Police Proclamation:

Proclamation Honoring the Eden Police Department's 50 th Anniversary

WHEREAS, on November 4th, 2023, the Eden Police Department will celebrate its 50 th Anniversary of service to the Town of Eden; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eden Supervisor and Town Board would like to honor its past and present police officers for 50 years of protecting the citizens of the Town of Eden, New York; and
 WHEREAS, the Eden police department was formed in May of 1973 under Chief Ronald Vohwinkel; and

WHEREAS, the force was expanded in October of 1973 under Chief John Cardarelli along with two patrolmen; and

WHEREAS, the police department was and still is united in their commitment to keep our town safe; and

WHEREAS, through their dedication to our town, Eden was the 5 th Safest Town in New York State in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the police have educated our community through programs such as radKIDS, DARE,

Car Seat Safety, Child ID, Bike Rodeo and other public safety events; and

WHEREAS, the Eden police department continues to protect and serve our community under Chief Gregory Savage along with three full-time officers, over thirteen part-time officers and police clerks; and

WHEREAS, the officers courageously put themselves in harm's way to ensure the safety and security of our community; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that, by act of this Town Board, we honor the Eden Police for 50 years of service to our town. We extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the past and current members for their sacrifices, service, and dedication to the people of the Town of Eden.

4. NYS Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program:

#165-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve the enhanced plan of the New York State Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program through Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company for Eden Fire Department in the amount of \$7,304.30 and for East Eden Fire Department in the amount of \$5,574.09; seconded by Councilmember Sam; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

5. Health Insurance:

#166-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve Independent Health insurance, iDirect Silver Copay HSAQ, effective December 1, 2023. The monthly rates are as follows: Employee only (549.39), Employee & Spouse (\$1,098.78) Employee & Child(ren) (\$933.96) and Family (\$1,565.76); seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors: None

Supervisor's Report:

- Meeting with Supervisors from surrounding Towns regarding the proposed windmills and our local laws
- Recreation Master Plan Committee – priority to Swartz Field

#167-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to open the Public Hearing for the possible tax cap override; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:30 PM.

Supervisor Ventry explained that at this time the Town does not plan to go over the tax cap.

There was no one present to be heard.

#168-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

#169-2023: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to close the meeting of the Eden Town Board and enter Executive Session for personell for the Building Department; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M. Executive Session was adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk