

MINUTES

**FIRE COMMISSIONER’S MEETING
REGULAR MEETING– EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 East Church Street
Eden, NY 14057
February 28, 2024 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 - COUNCILMEMBER
VINCENT VACCO - COUNCILMEMBER

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Transfers:

From Account	To Account	Reason for Amendment	Amount
SF2401 Fire Interest & Earnings	SF3410.4 Fire - Contractual	Interest Earnings for Budget	\$2,700.00
A1220.4 Supervisor - Contractual	A1220.1 Supervisor - Personal	Error on amount for prior budget transfer	\$624.00
A3060 State Aid-Records Management	A915.6 Assigned Non Rec	Assign Records Grant Money Received to 2024 Expense	\$37,482.00
A3510.4 Control of Dogs - Contractual	A3120.4 Police Contractual	Overbudget	\$700.00
A7140.4 Playground & Rec - Contractual	A7110.4 Parks & Grounds Contractual	Overbudget	\$740.00

#35-2024: MOTION was made by Councilperson Wilhelm to approve the Budget Transfers as presented; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Use of Assigned Funds

•A899 Commercial Permit Fee Returned-A2115 Entry Not done in Sept \$2940.00
*SF915.2 Assigned Fire Building Maintenance for SF3410.4 Fans for East Eden Bay Fans \$1783.89

Encumbrances

A3120.4 \$830.22 - AmChar Wholesale - Ammo
A7110.4 \$741.14 - Weller's Machine - Parts for Jacobson Mower

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Presentation from Rotella Grant Management:

Bernie and Anthony from Rotella Grant Management, presented to the Town Board.

- Providing grant writing for a variety of projects
- Wrote and received the Records Management Grant in the amount of \$75,000
- Will be meeting with Department Heads to create wish list needs in order to search for grants
- Need a capital improvement cost list ex. Highways, parks, town buildings, etc.
- Explained grant processes and how they will assist Town to prepare for grant opportunities

#36-2024: MOTION was made by Councilperson Wilhelm to open the Fire Commissioner’s Meeting and enter the Public Hearing for the purpose of considering adopting a Resolution authorizing a new exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:18 PM

There was no one present to be heard.

#37-2024: MOTION was made by Councilperson Wilhelm to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

**EDEN FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLVED, that following public hearing duly held on February 28, 2024, the Board of Commissioner of the Eden Fire District does hereby authorize and adopt the assessment exemption qualifications and amounts authorized by Section 466-a (1) of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York for Eden Fire District purposes to the same extent as set forth in Town of Eden Local Law No. 5 of 2023 adopted by the Eden Toan Board on December 13, 2023.

#38-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve the exemption standards for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers, as adopted by the Eden Town Board in Local Law #5-2023 on December 13, 2023 as presented; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

#39-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to close the Fire Commissioner’s Meeting and open the Regular Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

2. Acknowledge Jennifer Crowe’s Resignation:

The Town Board acknowledged the resignation of Jennifer Crowe effective February 29, 2024, with gratitude for her service.

3. Appoint Jennifer Crowe as an Alternate Planning Board Member:

#40-2024: MOTION was made by Councilmember Wilhelm to appoint Jennifer Crowe as Alternate Planning Board Member; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

4. Lawn Mower - Recreation:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR RICHARD S VENTRY TO EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE
RECREATION EQUIPMENT RESERVE OF THE TOWN OF EDEN SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE
REFERENDUM**

The Town Board of the Town of Eden, duly convened in a regular session does hereby resolve pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Eden be and is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$7800.00 from the Restricted Recreation Equipment Reserve Account A878.4 of the Town of Eden for a New Cub Cadet mower subject to permissive referendum.

#41-2024: MOTION was made by Councilmember Wilhelm to approve the Resolution as read; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

5. Set Public Hearing:

#42-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to set the Public Hearing extending a temporary moratorium on the issuance of applications and the granting of permits, licenses or approvals for the Siting of Wind Energy Conversion System Projects to March 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Work Session:

Sue Johnson, Assessor, gave an update on her department:

- Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Exemption: 61 applications received back, 117 were mailed out
- On a 92,000 assessment the approximate savings are \$444 in taxes
- Eden Heights Article 7 update

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- Discussion on assessments and the need for a re-evaluation in the Town
- Discussion on increasing assessments before/after sale of homes when improvements have been made and using Zillow to assess such improvements

Hearing of Visitors: None.

#43-2024: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to adjourn the Regular meeting and enter Executive Session for Police contractual; seconded by Councilmember Vacco; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM

Executive Session Ended at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk