

Selectboard

November 9, 2020

Virtual Hybrid Meeting with Town of Eden

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Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Roland Boivin; Dave Gagnier; Roger Audet (5:50 p.m.);
Brian Shackett

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chief Ed Webster; NHP/Eden FD, Brent Lanpher; Eden Selectboard Ricky Morin,
Bruce and Barbara Dewyea; Freeda Powers, Town of Eden

Virtual Attendees: Town Finance Director Alyson Cusson; Town Administrator Ron Rodjenski;
Michael at GMATV

Susan opened the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

1) **Welcome** & changes to agenda (no changes)

2) **Change to Bi-weekly Payroll** – The Board reviewed a memo from Ron Rodjenski dated November 9, 2020 to move from weekly to bi-weekly payroll in January 2021. Susan stated this system change was something the Board wanted to see with an option for extra transition time that would be good for some employees. Susan stated that the new time reporting system proposed for 2021 will also make Dave felt that the hardship would be for employees tied to auto pay on a schedule and the need to work with those companies to move dates. Dave asked if the change would cause more work and Alyson said no. The Board agreed to the concept and will add the final decision to the 11/16 agenda.

3) **Mark Lehouillier Resignation / Highway Dept.**– Susan reported that Mark L.'s last day is proposed to be November 18 to help with projects at Orchard Terrace and some other projects with no crew operational issues reported by Mark French. The Board discussed the paving of 30-feet of Fitch Hill Rd at Route 15 to protect against mud due to Route 15 road salt – the rest of Fitch Hill will be paved in 2021. Motion by Dave to accept Mark Lehouillier's resignation effective Nov 18th. Seconded by Susan. Voting: 2 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstained, no action. Motion by Roland to move into executive session to discuss personnel inviting Ron. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Roger Audet appeared. Motion by Brian to accept Mark Lehouillier's resignation with the last day of work being 11/18/2020. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

4) **Water Bills** – The Board reviewed the new water charges that were billed to the Town and County which are substantially higher than in the past resulting from new water bond payment of about \$107,000 per year. Susan noted that no one knew that 80-85% of the bond revenue would be coming from county, state, school, and municipal agencies. The next Village Trustees' meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 11th at 7:00 pm. and Susan stated she would attend.

5) **North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department** – Brent Lanpher reviewed the proposed FY2022 fire department budget. The salaries are increased to provide funds to meet the potential \$15.00/hr. minimum wage. Brent stated that the proposed budget is bare bones and as close as possible to level-funding as possible. The Board thanked the department coming and reviewing the proposed budget. Motion by Ricky Morin to accept the proposal from NHP/Eden FD. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 8 in favor motion (both boards voted), 0 against, motion passed. Brent noted that the citizen's petition supporting the current level of fire department spending that was submitted to the Selectboard at the last meeting was meant as a positive thing for the Selectboard to relieve the pressure of feeling the need to cut the fire budget.

6) **Town Orders** – Motion by Roger to approve the town orders. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

7) **Union Negotiations** – The Board asked Ron to send the final draft to the Union for review and confirm if there are any final edits before voting by the Selectboard.

8) **Adjourn** – Motion by Roland to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Seconded by Brian. So, voted.