

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION – EDEN TOWN BOARD
2795 E Church St.
Eden, NY 14057
March 25, 2026 @ 6:30 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:

RICHARD VENTRY	-	SUPERVISOR
SUSAN WILHELM	-	COUNCILMEMBER
VINCENT VACCO	-	COUNCILMEMBER (Absent)
TIMOTHY WALKER	-	COUNCILMEMBER
MICHAEL BYRNES	-	COUNCILMEMBER

OTHERS PRESENT:

Emily Hawkins	-	Town Clerk
Marlene Grunder	-	Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor

Budget Transfers:

Budget Transfers/Amendments
March 25, 2026
for
December 31, 2025

A899.1 Restricted EMS	A4540.4 Ambulance Contractual	Use of Reserves for EMS	\$638.80
A7150.1 Special Rec - Personal	A7310.4 Youth Contractual	Active Fees on Receivable Entry	\$65.00
A1990.4 Contingent Fund	A1680.4 Central Data Processing	Overbudget	\$700.00

Assigned Non Rec 915.6 transfer out to capital A9950.9 for roof \$22959.75
Assign prior transfer A9950.9 Nexamp offset Assigned Rec 915.5 \$22,000.00
Assign \$1767.87 to Highway Road and Equipment D915.3 for Harley Rake

#75-2026: **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve the budget transfers as presented; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Summer Recreation Employees:

2026 SUMMER DAY CAMP STAFF		
Position	Name	Pay Rate
Elementary Supervisor	Tera Baker-Clerc	\$4,300.00
Elementary Lead	Connor Johnson	\$20.00
Mini Camp / Elementary Lead	Sharon Wright	\$20.00
Mini Camp Leader	Deanne Glenndenning	\$20.00
Sports Lead	Alyssa Johnson	\$19.50
Mini Camp only	Giuliana Fodor	\$16.00
Camp Counselor	Allison Grunder	\$16.50
Camp Counselor	Ciara Clark	\$17.00
Camp Counselor	Lillia Qi	\$17.50
Camp Counselor	Lillianna Rowles	\$17.00
Camp Counselor	Jordan Lauer	\$17.50
Camp Counselor	Reece Taylor	\$19.00
Camp Counselor	Carly Profic	\$18.00
Camp Counselor	Ella Archabald	\$17.50

Camp Counselor	Bridget Sullivan	\$16.50
Camp Counselor	Elijah Qi	\$17.00
Camp Counselor	William Archabald	\$17.00
Camp Counselor	Madison Baker	\$17.50
Substitute	Hayley Wren Clerc	\$16.00
Substitute	Lucy Heffernan	\$16.00
Substitute	Paige Thompson	\$16.00
Concert Staff	Marlene Grunder	\$19.00

#76-2026: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve the recreation staff with rates of pay as presented; seconded by Councilmember Byrnes; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

2. Ivan Bitnum – Fall/Winter Swim Programs:

#77-2026: MOTION was made by Councilmember Wilhelm to approve Ivan Bitnum to coordinate the 2026 instructional swim 25-26 adult lap swim and the 25-26 family swim programs for a stipend of \$1,100.00 payable at the end of the instructional swim program in March 2026; seconded by Supervisor Ventry; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

3. Grant of Easement:

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GRANT OF EASEMENT

WATER DISTRICT NO. 6 OF THE TOWN OF EDEN A/K/A THE TOWN OF EDEN, having an address at 2795 East Church Street, Eden, New York 14057 (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"), is the owner of that certain parcel of real property commonly known as **7591 East Eden Road**, located in the Town of Eden, County of Erie in the State of New York, identified on the tax maps of the County of Erie as **SBL# 225.01-1-9.2**, and pursuant to that certain deed recorded with the Erie County Clerk on February 2, 1965, in Liber 7082 at Page 129 (the "Grantor's Land"), and Grantor, for consideration in the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, hereby grants to **NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION**, a New York corporation, having an address at 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, New York 13202 and **VERIZON NEW YORK, INC.**, having an address at 140 West Street, New York, New York 10007 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Grantees"), for Grantees and their lessees, licensees, successors, and assigns a perpetual and nonexclusive easement and right of way through, over, across, under and upon the Grantor's Land (the "Easement") under the following terms and conditions.

Section 1 – Description of the Easement. The Easement provides the Grantees with the right, privilege, and authority to:

- a. construct, reconstruct, relocate, extend, repair, maintain, operate, inspect, patrol, and, at their pleasure, remove any poles or lines of poles, supporting structures, cables, crossarms, overhead and underground wires, guys, guy stubs, insulators, transformers, braces, fittings, foundations, anchors, lateral service lines, communications facilities, and other fixtures and appurtenances (collectively, the "Facilities"), which the Grantees shall require now and from time to time, for the transmission and distribution of high and low voltage electric current and for the purpose of transmitting intelligence and communication data, by any means, whether now existing or hereafter devised, for public or private use, in, through, upon, over, under, and across that certain portion of the Grantor's Land described in Section 2 below (the "Easement Area"), and any highways abutting or running through the Grantor's Land, and to renew, replace, remove, add to, and otherwise change the Facilities and each and every part thereof and the location thereof within the Easement Area, and utilize the Facilities within the Easement Area for the purpose of providing service to the Grantor and others; and
- b. from time to time, without further payment therefor, to clear the Easement Area of obstructions or structures, and clear and keep cleared the Easement Area by physical and/or mechanical means, of any and all brush, trees, limbs, branches, roots, vegetation, or other obstructions; and
- c. from time to time, without further payment therefor, to clear and keep cleared by physical and/or mechanical means, the Grantor's Land beyond the bounds of the Easement Area, of any and all trees, limbs, branches, roots or vegetation that, in the sole judgment of the Grantees, due to species or structural defects or their tall growing nature, are likely to fall into or encroach upon the Easement Area or interfere in any way with the safe and reliable operation of Grantees' existing or proposed Facilities; and
- d. excavate or change the grade of the Grantor's Land as is reasonable, necessary, and proper for any and all purposes described in this Easement; provided, however, that the Grantees will, upon completion of the work, backfill and restore any excavated areas to reasonably the same condition as existed prior to such excavation; and
- e. pass and repass on foot and with vehicles and equipment, along, over, across and upon the Easement Area and the Grantor's Land in order to access the Easement Area and construct, reconstruct, relocate, use, and maintain roads, paths, causeways, and ways of access to and from the Easement Area as is reasonable and necessary in order to exercise to the fullest extent the Easement.

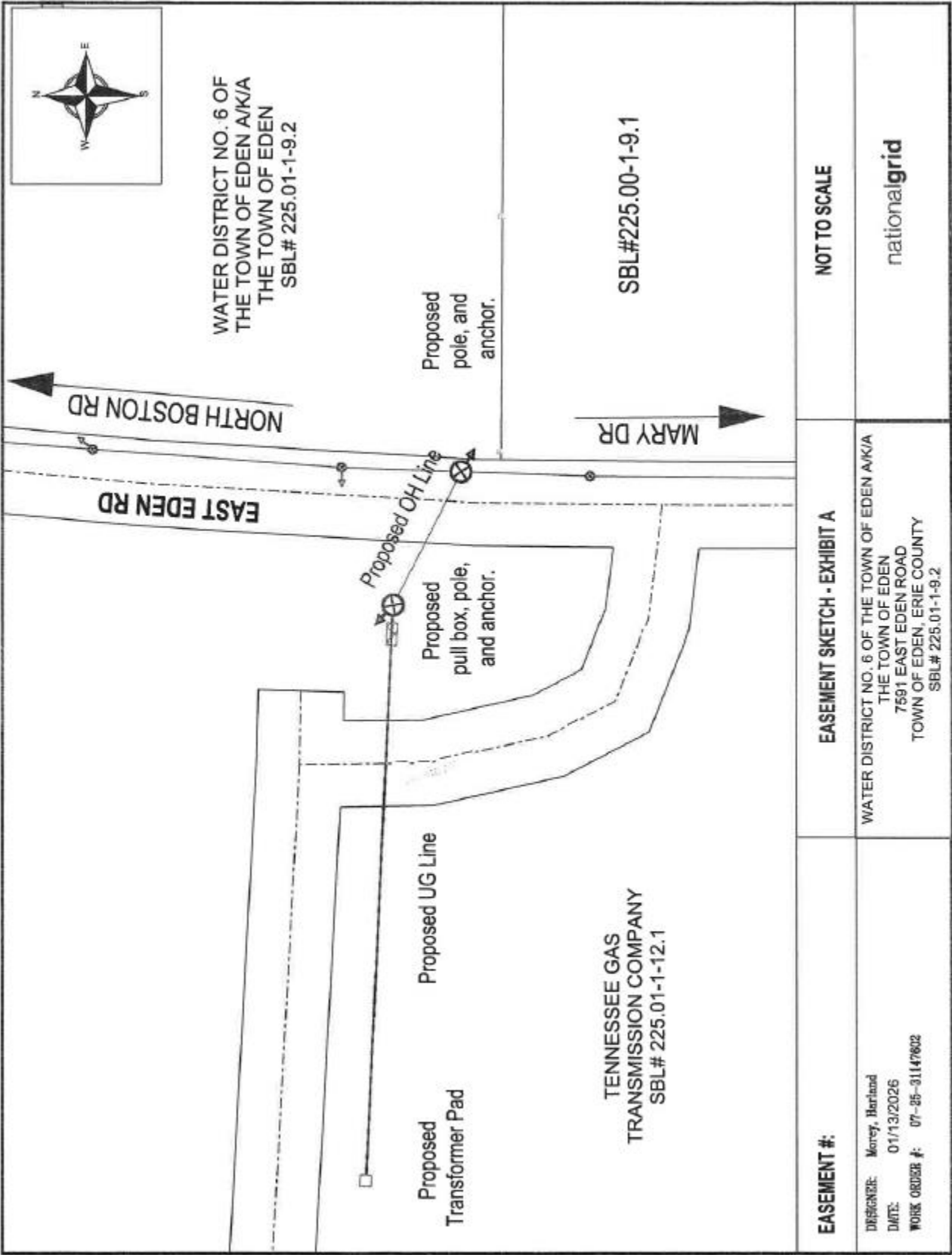
Section 2 – Location of the Easement Area. The "Easement Area" shall consist of a portion of the Grantor's Land twenty (20) feet in width throughout its extent, the centerline of the Easement Area being the centerline of the Facilities. The general location of the Easement Area is shown on the sketch entitled, "**Easement Sketch-Exhibit A, WR# 31147602**", which sketch is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and recorded herewith. The final and definitive location(s) of the Easement Area shall become established by and upon the final installation and erection of the Facilities by the Grantees in substantial compliance with **Exhibit A** hereto.

Section 3 – Facilities Ownership. It is agreed that the Facilities shall remain the property of the Grantees, their successors and assigns.

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Section 4 – General Provisions. The Grantor, for itself, its heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, hereby covenants and agrees with the Grantees that no act will be permitted within the Easement Area which is inconsistent with the Easement hereby granted; no buildings or structures, or replacements thereof or additions thereto, swimming pools, or obstructions will be erected or constructed above or below grade within the Easement Area; no trees shall be grown, cultivated, or harvested, and no excavating, mining, or blasting shall be undertaken within the Easement Area without the prior written consent of the Grantees; the Easement shall not be modified nor the Easement Area relocated by the Grantor without the Grantees’ prior written consent; the present grade or ground level of the Easement Area will not be changed by excavation or filling; the Grantees shall quietly enjoy the Grantor’s Land; and the Grantor will forever warrant title to the Grantor’s Land.

The Grantees, their successors and assigns, are hereby expressly given and granted the right to assign this Easement, or any part thereof, or interest therein, and the same shall be divisible between or among two or more owners, as to any right or rights created hereunder, so that each assignee or owner shall have the full right, privilege, and authority herein granted, to be owned and enjoyed either in common or severally. This Grant of Easement shall at all times be deemed to be and shall be a continuing covenant running with the Grantor’s Land and shall inure to and be binding upon the successors, heirs, legal representatives, and assigns of the parties named in this Grant of Easement.



#78-2026: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve Supervisor Ventry to sign and authorize the Grant of Easement as written between Water District No. 6 of the Town of Eden AKA the Town of Eden and

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Verizon for the parcel at 7591 East Eden Road subject to a permissive referendum; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

4. Addition to Google Workspace:

#79-2026: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve the additional Google Workspace users for \$142.80 per year for three years for a total of \$428.40; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

5. Portable Sanitation Units:

#80-2026: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve Roger Gloss for portable sanitation units for the 2026 outdoor recreation season; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

6. Special Use Permit Application – National Grid:

#81-2026: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to refer the Special Use Permit Application from National Grid to the Planning Board for their review; seconded by Councilmember Byrnes; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

7. Fire Truck:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR RICHARD S VENTRY TO EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE FIRE 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 \$1,332,795.00 from the Restricted Fire Equipment Reserve SF.878 of the Town of Eden for the purpose of Eden Fire Purchasing a new Sutphen Custom Pumper on Sutphen Monarch Chassis subject to permissive referendum.

#82-2026: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to approve the resolution as presented; seconded by Councilmember Walker; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors:

Kathleen & Patrick McAnaney and volunteers from the EAA. Discussion on baseballs fields and conditions of the Town Parks.

#83-2026: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter the Work Session; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The Work Session was opened at 7:25 PM

Work Session

Discussion: 1–5 year plan for the Town of Eden:

The Town Board discussed which projects will be most important over the next one to five years and how they plan to move forward with them. Many of these initiatives require advance planning in order to be eligible for grant funding, which may involve upfront costs for the Town. Because of this, prioritizing and preparing now will be critical to successfully completing these projects. Topics discussed included the possibility of a splash pad (location to be determined) and the addition of bathrooms at Swartz Field. The Town Board also expressed interest in surveying taxpayers to better understand community priorities.

#84-2026: MOTION was made by Supervisor Ventry to adjourn the Work Session and enter Executive for contractual; seconded by Councilmember Wilhelm; Ayes: All; Opposed: None; Abstain: None; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Emily Hawkins, Town Clerk