

March 11, 2026  
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:30 pm. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William VanRiper, Jr., Alan Hughson, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ryan Buzzetti.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Maureen Spencer, Ellen & Anthony Coolbaugh, Jeremy Watts, Joe & Cindy Frega.

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 3, #24-39, totaling \$1,293.33; and the Highway Fund Abstract 3, #17-32, totaling \$27,506.60; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 3, #34, totaling \$165.29.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

Audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 2, #8-22, totaling \$10,649.42; and the Highway Fund Abstract 2, #6-16, totaling \$18,126.92; the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 2, #20, totaling \$174.60; and the Fire District Fund Abstract 2, #23, totaling \$169,915.00 were signed by the Board on the off meeting month.

A motion was made by A. Hughson and seconded by M. Shutts to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Year-end, Organizational, and regular Board Meeting on January 14, 2026 and approve the minutes.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Reminder of the tire/e-cycle day on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 am at the Town Hall.
- Received a thank you note from Laura Kennedy for the flowers sent for Chub's funeral.
- Clerk read Kyle Wieder's resignation from Erin Town Justice position.
- Chemung County Spring Household Hazardous Waste collection day is Saturday, May 16, 2026. Pre-registration is required by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-734-4453 Wednesday, April 22-Wednesday, May 13, weekdays from 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00.
- Town Clerk asks permission to attend the NYS Town Clerks Annual Conference held in Albany April 19-22, 2026 for training. The conference fee is \$562.00 and the room fee is \$232.50 for double occupancy. She asks for reimbursement for meals not covered. No reimbursement should be needed for mileage as arrangements have been made to ride with another clerk.

A motion was made by D. Schmidt and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. for the Clerk to attend the above-mentioned training and to be reimbursed for mileage, if needed, and meals not covered.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING MARH 11, 2026;

1. RESOLUTION 21-2026 NOTING 2025 JUSTICE RECORDS HAVE BEEN DULY EXAMINED

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## RESOLUTION NOTING 2025 JUSTICE RECORDS HAVE BEEN DULY EXAMINED

Resolution By: M. Shutts

Seconded By: A. Hughson

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Justice records have been duly examined and fines collected and turned over to proper Town officials.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- Dealing with Justice Wieder's resignation. The Office of Court Administration takes over and appoints a temporary judge, which will be Judge Tuttle from the Town of Ashland. He will be paid the same salary as Judge Wieder. It is effective immediately. The Town then has time to figure out if they want to continue with Judge Tuttle or appoint someone new. The position will be up for election this year. Petitions need to be turned in between 5/19 and 5/26. We cannot eliminate the position. The position costs the Town. Come budgeting time it could increase and be put on the residents.

Planning Board- Deda Cedar- They are thinking of moving their meetings a week earlier due to the County Planning Board meetings. Would like to make a checklist for special permits to ensure they are completed in full. The process needs to be updated if the permits are to go to the Planning Board first for a check and then to the Town Board to be referred to the Planning Board for review. The Town Board agreed to approve the Planning Board to change the wording. There was a discussion regarding special permits, Town Board role vs. Planning Board role, completed permits, getting into an agreement with the County Planning Board that simple things do not have to go through them. There is training in June that Deda would like the new members to attend. It is at CCC put on by STC. The Board agrees that it is a good idea.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- A few members have passed away in the past couple of months. There is a just for fun bingo on 3/18, they are working on trips and trying to increase members. The Easter egg hunt will be 3/28 @ 1:00 pm at the fire department.

Joe Frega- Wood Fest – They have the grant application and are applying for \$15,000.00, expanding advertising to include Google, Yelp, What's Happening in the Twin Tiers magazine, etc., talking to hotel chains as possible sponsors, adding signage for carry in/carry out, generator is lined up from Corning. More volunteers are needed. Next meeting is 3/19.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- He walked through the woods on Monday regarding Breesport North Chemung Road. There is no house. There is a camper and a bus. He was within 20 yards of the bus and took pictures. He had permission from a neighbor and was not trespassing. They are under violation for the camper and bus and will be sent a follow up. Worked with Harold regarding abandoned trailer that was picked up today. Owner was issued an appearance ticket and Harold was reimbursed for expenses paid. There are 3-4 new houses set to go this spring with first plans for a partially straw house.

Highway Superintendent-Harold Spencer- They have been plowing and cindering and working on equipment for spring. On 2/11 he gave Soil and Water a \$100.00 donation to help remove the abandoned trailer off the seasonal road. Truck #4 needed the floor replaced. The shamrock flags are up. Will look into ordering new ones to replace those that are damaged. He asked to surplus the 1996 GMC because they cannot get parts for it. The Board agreed to surplus the 1996 GMC. Supervisor Schmidt will contact the insurance company to have it removed from the Town's policy. He also gave two (2) estimates to the Board regarding a new dump trailer. The Board approved the Load Trail 83" x 14" tandem axel dump low-pro for \$9,500.00. The County submitted the paperwork to Moss to give the

Town the Tiger mower. Supervisor Schmidt will follow up. He asked about the truck from Hornellsville. Supervisor Schmidt will follow up on that also.

Council Member VanRiper, Jr. asked about when the bridge on Langdon Hill will be closed for repairs. Harold said it is done through the State and there is no date yet.

The County is willing to put money up to help pay for a salt shed if the Town can write a grant. It would benefit the Town and the County. Harold was told that the chances of receiving a grant are good because of the creek. There is 30 ton of salt in the Town of Veteran's salt shed.

County Representative- Mark Margeson- Not at meeting.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt- Kyle Wieder is running for County representative against Joe Donovan. Cornell Cooperative Extension is asking for a donation for the fair program. The Board agreed to be a gold sponsor and donate \$200.00 and Harold and Mo Spencer will donate an additional \$100.00. January report from the Sheriff's Department - 54 incidents, 23 traffic tickets, 14 traffic stops, 2 traffic accidents, and 1 misdemeanor arrest. February Sheriff's report - 34 incidents, 6 traffic tickets, 8 traffic stops, and 2 accidents.

Highway Superintendent-Harold Spencer- He is picking up the broom 4/1 and will have it for two (2) weeks for almost \$12,000.00. They do recover the material and use some of it for fill. They are working on getting the pull broom working too. They are hauling material in for Austin Hill.

Supervisor – Dawn Schmidt – Justice Wieder submitted paperwork for a \$20,000 grant to redo the court entrance. Council Member VanRiper, Jr. and Council Member Shutts will look into what needs to be done. They will decide next month whether or not to proceed.

#### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Joe Frega – They will be doing the Hamlet cleanup on 4/18 and would like to drop off the bags of garbage in the Town dumpster. Asked about the Church Street damage when the bridge was done. Someone was going to look at it. Harold will follow up again.

With no further comments from the public Supervisor Schmidt closed this portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by M. Shutts to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.