

January 11, 2023  
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:07 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William VanRiper, Jr., Randy Evans, Daniel Delorme, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Wesley Rockwell, Joshua Blauvelt, Robert Romine, Darrell & Gayle Ackerman, Martin Moyer, Neil Veseke, Harold Spencer, Barbara Martin, Mark Anvoorts, Jennifer Back, Mark Margeson, Joe Donovan.

PUBLIC PRESENT ON ZOOM: Travis Knapp, Karin Patzke.

Supervisor Schmidt welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 1, #1-11, totaling \$8,003.72; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 1, #2, totaling \$271.63; and the Highway Find Abstract 1, #1-5, totaling \$2,241.59.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by R. Evans to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on December 14, 2022 and approve the minutes.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING JANUARY 11, 2023;  
1. RESOLUTION 17-2023 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER

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Resolution By: D. Delorme  
Seconded By: M. Shutts

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Erin hereby authorizes the amendment of the town 2023 budget:

This will increase the existing 2023 budget for the Fire District.

Fund		Debit	Credit
<u>SF3410.4</u>	Contractual	\$2,740.00	
SF1001	Real Property Taxes		\$2,740.00
Total		\$2,740.00	\$2,740.00

This resolution will result in the total Fire District Budget of \$159,630.00

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- The Board received a copy of the Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 for Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Erin. Supervisor Schmidt will forward the information to the Planning Board and ask for final comments back to the Board before the February meeting. (Deda Cedar is not at tonight's meeting). At the February Board meeting, Supervisor Schmidt would like to have the proposed local law for consideration and sent to the County Planning Board for review and, if accepted, set the public hearing. Comments need to be given to Diane before the February meeting, would like the Board to review and funnel any further comments to Deda.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- Deda was not at the meeting. Supervisor Schmidt informed the Board that two people are interested in joining the Planning Board-Mike Dipetta and Mark Anvoorts.

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by D. Delorme to appoint Mike Dipetta and Mark Anvoorts to the vacant positions of Planning Board Members.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar-Deda was not at the meeting.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken-He will have part 1203 from the State that the Town has to adopt and have ready for next month. He will send it to the attorney tomorrow.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler-They have been plowing and cindering roads as needed, filling potholes, trimming trees, cleaning ditches and hauling anti-skid. They have also been doing upkeep and maintenance on the trucks and equipment.

Buildings and Grounds- Councilman VanRiper, Jr. will have a plan and something in writing regarding the HVAC system for the Town Hall at next months meeting.

County Representatives-Mark Margeson and Joseph Donovan- Joe Donovan took Brian Hyland's seat. Joe was on the Town Board of Chemung for 6-7 years and is learning a lot since being elected to this position.

Mark Margeson-Chairman of the Legislature and Chairman of the IDA-The goal is for the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch to work together. There was a decrease in the county taxes, the tax levy changed, sales tax revenue went up. There is work being done on the fairgrounds. Chemung County Nursing Facility loses about \$5 million every year that the county has to make up. The connector road project is moving along. Everything is pretty much completed except for the round-a-bout on Route 13. The arena has been hosting professional lacrosse.

Councilman VanRiper, Jr. asked Steve Tyler about the counters on Langdon Hill Road that were put down to count traffic activity. He said if the bridge is going to be replaced it needs to be agricultural ready. The Town trucks barely fit. The bridge is too narrow.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt- The Town Clerk's 2022 Year End Report was received.

A motion was made D. Delorme and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to accept the Town Clerk's 2022 Annual Report.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

Received the contract for the Community Development Grant and asked for approval to acknowledge the grant for \$6043.00 to upgrade the phone system and replace the bleachers at the Park.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to acknowledge the contract for the Community Development Grant in the amount of \$6043.00 to be used to upgrade the phone system and replace the bleachers at the Park.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

#### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Josh Blauvelt-466 Park Station Rd.- He is here on behalf of the Horseheads Snowmobile Club. They would like a trail to the Erin Tavern using Walker Hill and Crosby Road. His father, Dave Blauvelt, has already spoken to Steve Tyler about this. Steve suggested they present their plan to the Board. There is about 100 yards where Laurel Hill meets Red Chalk that they would use the shoulder of the road, other than that they are the only Town roads they would be touching. They went to the Town of Cayuta about Burlingame and they are okay with it. They are in talks with Park Station about going along the outside of the fence. Their lawyer is reviewing some of the documents. The rest would all be private ground. The club would be in charge of grooming the snow. Josh said there is a New York State law/statute that states the landowner is not liable for anything that happens unless it is malicious. This will be advancing the trail from Van Etten and Alpine area. He also has a certificate of liability insurance where the Town of Erin is listed on it. It is insurance covered by the state umbrella that covers anyone that is a landowner or municipality and goes into the database and is covered under the liability insurance. He would need a landowner form filled out by the Town of Erin. Supervisor Schmidt would like to have it reviewed if approved by the Board. Snowmobile trail signs are put up before Christmas and are taken down about March.

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to approve what was presented by Josh Blauvelt pending any legal issue on the attorney's side and Supervisor Schmidt can sign so it doesn't have to wait until the February meeting.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

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 R. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.