

April 12, 2023  
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:32 pm. He then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Wesley Rockwell, Mark Margeson, Josh Blauvelt, Harold & Maureen Spencer.

PUBLIC PRESENT ON ZOOM: Paul, Halie Saunders.

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 4, #43-65, totaling \$39,555.37; and the Highway Find Abstract 4, #44-69, totaling \$22,900.55.

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

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on March 8, 2023 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- The Town of Erin will hold a tire collection and e-cycling day on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am -noon. Tires are \$3.00 each with or without rims.
- Chemung County is having an electronics day, must call to register and receive a voucher. Call 607-426-3149 Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-3:00 April 18<sup>th</sup> & April 20<sup>th</sup>. Drop off date is April 24<sup>th</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00-3:00.
- Chemung County Soil & Water Conservation District & Highway Association will sponsor a "Tire Collection Day" on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:00 am. The cost is \$3.00 per tire with or without rims. Available to Chemung County residents only. No businesses.
- Danielle Beauchamp submitted a letter of resignation from the Town of Erin Planning Board
- A letter of interest in the vacant position of Town Board Member was received from Alan Hughson

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by M. Shutts to appoint Alan Hughson to the vacant position of Town Board Member.

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

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING APRIL 12, 2023;

1. None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- No Report.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- Four (4) special use permits for subdivisions were received. Will need to move one (1) alternate up due to Danielle Beauchamp's resignation that will cause a vacant spot for an alternate. Public hearings have been set for two (2) of the permits on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Both need to be

referred to the County. Some of the Planning Board Members took the training at Corning Community College.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- Sewing class will be April 15<sup>th</sup>. Yoga is going well. Marg Krejcar is working on trips that will be decided on at next months meeting. There were 174 clients served at the Food Truck. The Easter egg hunt went well and was held at Park Station. Still waiting to hear about the CPR class. Donna Vergason is working on the silo project. Supervisor Schmidt cautioned to be considerate of art choice. Deda will email possible options.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- Clarified that the solar moratorium does not include residential solar. He thanked the Town Board for allowing him to purchase the new software. He passed out his monthly report that was generated by the new software stating what violations were given, what properties, and why they were given. Starting May 1<sup>st</sup> the Assistance Code Enforcement Officer will be in the Town one day per week. Residents that are not complying will receive appearance tickets.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- They have been trimming trees, cleaning up after the wind storm, cleaning ditches and sweeping anit-skid off the roads. They are working on summer equipment, changing oil, etc. getting ready to start grading roads. They have several pipes to change this year. The Town Hall was sprayed off with the water truck to remove some of the dust and dirt today.

Buildings & Grounds- Council Member VanRiper, Jr.-He met with Bob and John O'Connor last week. They are in the process of changing the layout LaBella had planned. The permit is secured. Tentative start date is June and will take 3-4 months.

County Representatives-Mark Margeson- Wood Fest will receive \$5,000.00 from the Tourism Committee. The legislative group offered up to \$1 million of funding to take care of the infrastructure for the Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The executive wants to have a cleanup day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with focus on five (5) different areas. Anyone that has an interest can go to the website to sign up and sign a waiver. The incubator project was approved. Tonight, at Horseheads Town Board meeting members of the community are having a support rally for the L. The neighbors have been complaining about the noise, traffic and permitting problem/issues. There is a meeting coming up regarding the fairgrounds and how to utilize it more, potentially putting up a few more buildings for Farm Bureau. Soil and Water and Stormwater have split up. Soil and Water will be a sub department of DPW being overseen by Andy Avery. The County will hire inspectors. The HSBC building was purchased from the developer. The plan is to consolidate 7-8 departments into that facility.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt- Received a letter from the County that the sales tax will stay the same this year. The Town's portion will be raised 3% in 2024. The Sheriff Department sent report for March. There were 26 blotters assigned; 4 cases, 7 traffic stops and 3 traffic accidents. The Comprehensive Plan contract has been signed with Southern Tier Central and Chelsea Robinson's group. She will get the trip policy information back to Deda as soon as she can. The resolution to change wording to council person will be in May once it is back from the lawyer. Chemung County Cooperative Extension 4-H Program asked for a donation for an event that happens at the fair at their building.

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by M. Shutts to sponsor the Chemung County 4-H Youth Exhibition program and donate \$100.00 in the Town's name.

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

Both Mark Margeson and Harold Spencer both wish to donate \$100.00 each in the Town's name to the 4-H group.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mark Margeson-Reminder if there are any projects that funding is needed to let him know. Discussion was had about highway department improvements and writing an application to the state through CFA for any needed updates. Part of the comprehensive plan is to look at a couple of grants to apply for.

Josh Blauvelt-Park Station Road- Asking about updates on the snowmobile trail and where the proposal stands. Per Supervisor Schmidt, the lawyer has several questions and they will finish it up. Josh will follow up next month. Steve Tyler will check on a road between Haskins and Hollenbeck Road to see if it is still considered a road. Josh also asked if there was any plan for Maple Drive. Steve Tyler said it will probably go back to dirt.

Representative from Tetra Tech- She was asked to stop by one of the applicants. Curious if there were any updates and if the information was received.

Code Enforcement Officer, John McCracken- Applications were received and are being reviewed by the Town Attorney, but it will not be acted on until after the moratorium. They will be notified of the next steps.

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 7:21 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.