

May 10, 2023
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Council Member Shutts called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:30 PM.

He then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William VanRiper, Jr., Randy Evans, Alan Hughson, Michael Shutts.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dawn Schmidt.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Shawn & Liisa Struzinsky, Mark Margeson, Neil Vesek, Val Kay, Maureen & Harold Spencer, Anthony Coolbaugh, Ellen Coolbaugh.

PUBLIC PRESENT ON ZOOM: Paul.

Council Member Shutts welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by R. Evans to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 5, #66-81, totaling \$13,036.71; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 5, #74, totaling \$278.32; and the Highway Find Abstract 5, #70-86, totaling \$22,617.56.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts. 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 April 12, 2023 and approve the minutes.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts. Nays: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A thank you letter was received from Environmental Emergency Services, Inc for the 2023 appropriation in the amount of \$500.00 received from the Town of Erin.
- The Sheriff Department sent report for April. There were 22 blotters assigned, 3 cases, 1 traffic stop and 1 traffic accident.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING MAY 10, 2023;

- RESOLUTION 25-2023 LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION & NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE DECLARATION-STEVEN CHAFFEE
- RESOLUTION 26-2023 LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION & NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE DECLARATION-PHYLLIS STERN
- RESOLUTION 27-2023 TO ACCEPT A RESIGNATION & MOVE ALTERNATE TO PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

RESOLUTION 25-2023

RESOLUTION FOR LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE DECLARATION-STEVEN CHAFFEE

Resolution By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

Seconded By: R. Evans

WHEREAS, the proposed action involves an application from Steven Chaffee for a two-lot minor subdivision at 1158 Breesport North Chemung Road, Erin, NY (Map Parcel No. 71-1-22); and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project requires a Special Use Permit from the Erin Town Board and is a Type II action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, a full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1 was submitted by the applicant, along with application materials; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law; and

WHEREAS, The Erin Town Board has reviewed an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for the action dated April 24, 2023 submitted by Steven Chaffee for a two-lot minor subdivision at 1158 Breesport North Chemung Road, Erin, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Erin Town Board as Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Erin Town Board adopts the findings and conclusions relating to probable environmental effects contained within the attached EAF and Negative Declaration and authorizes the Responsible Officer of the Town Board of the Town of Erin is hereby authorized and directed to take such further steps as might be necessary to discharge the Lead Agency's responsibilities on this action. 617.7 State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Negative Declaration Notice of Determination of Nonsignificance.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION 26-2023

RESOLUTION FOR LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE DECLARATION-PHYLLIS STERN

Resolution By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

Seconded By: R. Evans

WHEREAS, the proposed action involves an application from Phyllis Stern for a four-lot minor subdivision on South Greenbush Road, Erin, NY (Map Parcel No. 53.00-1-18.12); and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project requires a Special Use Permit from the Erin Town Board and is a Type II action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, a full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1 was submitted by the applicant, along with application materials; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law; and

WHEREAS, The Erin Town Board has reviewed an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for the action dated April 24, 2023 submitted by Phyllis Stern for a four-lot minor subdivision on South Greenbush Road, Erin, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Erin Town Board as Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Erin Town Board adopts the findings and conclusions relating to probable environmental effects contained within the attached EAF and Negative Declaration and authorizes the Responsible Officer of the Town Board of the Town of Erin is hereby authorized and directed to take such further steps as might be necessary to discharge the Lead Agency's responsibilities on this action. 617.7 State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Negative Declaration Notice of Determination of Nonsignificance.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION 27-2023

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A RESIGNATION & MOVE ALTERNATE TO PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Resolution By: R. Evans

Seconded By: A. Hughson

Be it resolved, the resignation of Danielle Beauchamp from the Town of Erin Planning Board was accepted by the Town of Erin Planning Board; and,

Be it further resolved that, Mark Anvoots will be moved up from alternate to fulfill the unexpired term of Danielle Beauchamp that ends December 31, 2023.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts. Nays: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- No report.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- Chaffe and Stern permits were both sent to Chemung County Planning Board. The Struzinsky permit is on the agenda for 5/22. Shawn Struzinsky had questions concerning Palmer Road. John McCracken will reach out to the Town attorney to see if Palmer Road is a Town Road or if it was abandoned. The Wentworth permit application is incomplete; no lot sizes, no tax map number. Deda asked what the status of the solar law was and if the attorney was still working on it.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- Yoga and sewing have ended for the summer. Wood Fest is June 2nd-4th. The Senior Group had 16 at the last meeting. They have a trip planned for September 14th to Cortland County Music Park for a Charlie Pride tribute dinner show. Only two (2) people showed up for the last Park Commission meeting so no plans were made for any activities. The Food Truck served 161 clients. Donna Vergason is working on the painting of the silo.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- He has been citing grass, junk, and debris and issuing permits.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since the last meeting they have been installing pipes, hauling gravel in and took a load of scrap metal. Steve has a check for the Board for \$613.60. The grader is getting repaired and so is the tractor. The tractor is a 1975 and Steve would like to replace it with a newer tractor. He has a quote for a new 2024 Kubota for \$44,272.00. It could take 2-6 weeks for delivery. He also has a quote for a 2021 Case 75A with 75 hours on it for \$38,000.00. He wants to see

the Case to make sure it isn't too big. He would like permission from the Board to purchase one or the other. He can use Chips money to purchase the tractor.

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to purchase either the 2024 Kubota or 2021 Case tractor not to exceed \$46,000.00.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts. Nays: None.

Old Business- Council Member VanRiper, Jr. has a meeting with Bob on Friday. He should know more at the next meeting in regards to the HVAC system.

County Representatives-Mark Margeson- Mentioned the School Board vote is 5/16 in Horseheads. School taxes are extremely high. The County is in a good financial position. Talking about sales tax relief on clothing and potential relief on utilities. Nothing is concrete right now. The County Executor put out a document today that we are not welcoming immigrants into the area. He put a state of emergency out.

Council Member Shutts – No report.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Linda Dacey-Thayer Rd- Hats off to the Highway Department. She appreciates all their hard work. She thanked Harold Spencer personally for his dedication and humility. She asked if there was anything further that could be done to clean up unkept properties and voiced her concern about the animals on some of these properties that do not have adequate grazing space. A discussion was had about the cost to the Town to clean up properties, court appearances and fines, neglect and animal control.

With no further comments from the public Council Member Shutts closed this portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by R. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts. Nays: None.