

October 10, 2024  
Town of Erin Budget Workshop

Supervisor Schmidt called the Budget Workshop of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 5:33 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Evans, Alan Hughson, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: William VanRiper, Jr.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Dave Blauvelt, Joe Donovan, Marge Krejcar, Harold Spencer.

Supervisor Schmidt welcomed everyone and the workshop began.

The changes in the budget are mainly in the electric, insurance, and healthcare. There is not a Board of Assessment Review so that account will be zeroed out. Supervisor Schmidt recommended doing a resolution to override the 2025 tax cap limit just in case it is needed. There will be at least a 2% increase. The Public Hearing has been scheduled for November 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM for the Town of Erin 2025 Budget.

With no further comments Supervisor Schmidt closed this portion of the meeting at 5:55 PM.

October 10, 2024  
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 5:55 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Evans, Alan Hughson, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: William VanRiper, Jr.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Dave Blauvelt, Joe Donovan, Marge Krejcar, Harold Spencer.

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

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by R. Evans to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 10, #135-146, totaling \$5,657.05; and the Highway Fund Abstract 10, #145-160, totaling \$79,245.93.

Motion Carried: Ayes: R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

A motion was made by A. Hughson and seconded by D. Schmidt to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board Meeting on September 11, 2024 and approve the minutes.

Motion Carried: Ayes: R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

- Received an email regarding SEQR Lead Agency Coordination for Chemung County Farm Pit
- Town Clerk accepted another position where she will be working Fridays. She will change days in January to now work Thursdays 1:00-5:00 pm instead of Fridays. There will be the same number of hours just a different day.

### AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 10, 2024;

- RESOLUTION 41-2024 TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2024 A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C
- RESOLUTION 42-2024 TO MOVE THE TENTATIVE 2025 BUDGET

### RESOLUTION 41-2024

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2024 A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C

Resolution By: M. Shutts

Seconded By: A. Hughson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Erin scheduled a Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2024 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C on November 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Erin Town Hall immediately followed by the November Town Board meeting.

Motion Carried: Ayes: R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

### RESOLUTION 42-2024

RESOLUTION TO MOVE THE TENTATIVE 2025 BUDGET TO A PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Resolution By: A. Hughson

Seconded By: M. Shutts

BE IT RESOLVED to move the tentative 2025 Budget to a preliminary budget.

Motion Carried: Ayes: R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- The final proposed solar energy systems law for the Town was sent and given to the Board to review. Comments need to be given within two (2) weeks to discuss at the November meeting.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- They have two (2) public hearings set for their next meeting on 10/28 and the SEQR will be done on both projects at that time. One is for the Marsh Road development and the other for Breesport North Chemung Road to add a section of property to a neighboring property. The Marsh Road project has to go to the County. It is being sold in 5-10 acre lots for either houses or recreational land. In the Code book, recreational properties need a special permit. Deda asked the Planning Board to look into what criteria/requirements need to be met for this.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- There were 20 people at the last senior luncheon. The senior group went on a bus trip to Cooperstown to the train robbery. There will be a senior dance at the fire station at 1:00 pm on 10/26. The Town Halloween party will be at 6:00 that same day. There is a benefit for Sherri News at the Town Tavern on 10/26 also. Joe Frega was informed that he needs to be in contact with Council Member VanRiper, Jr. prior to doing any work at the park.

The Highway crew cleaned out the logs that were pulled out. There needs to be a written plan for the park before any work is started. There is a liability issue involved. More communication is needed.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- No report. Was excused from meeting.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since the last meeting they have been cleaning ditches, trimming trees, cutting brush back along the roads, and installing drive pipes. They put two (2) coats of stone and oil on Langdon Hill from Rorick Hollow towards Bixby Road and one (1) coat of stone and oil on Shamrock Drive. They took two (2) loads of scrap to the scrapyard and Steve has a check for the Board for \$380.00. Truck 12 was taken to CAT because it was skipping. They said it needed a fuel injector and a fuel pump. After picking it up, it ran good for two (2) days and today it started skipping again so it is back at CAT. Steve is asking the Boards permission to put old truck #2, a 1999 Volvo, truck #3, a 1995 International and truck #26, a 1995 International up for surplus equipment so it can be put up for sale on the internet auction site.

Council Member Hughson talked about the NYS Pass Act where dealers cannot sell a diesel vehicle until they sell an electric one. This is starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a two (2) year push out for municipalities.

A motion was made by D. Schmidt and seconded by M. Shutts to allow the 1999 Volvo and the two (2) 1995 Internationals to be put up for auction.

Motion Carried: Ayes: R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

County Representative-Joe Donovan- There will be no more road money given this year. Sales tax is down, but the prices went up so it will be close. CAF is looking to hire 40 welders in the spring.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt- 4-H sent a thank you for the contribution the Town made for their program at the fair. Received a report for the Newtown Dam and questioned where it is located. Asked Steve to check and see if there is anything that needs to be done to be in compliance. Council Member Evans has concerns with the final proposed solar law with the setbacks not being included that the Board talked about at the special meeting. A discussion ensued about what fits in the current code/comprehensive plan and what was omitted from the marked-up copy that was sent to the attorney. Supervisor Schmidt suggested that the Board meet with the attorney to address their questions and concerns regarding the proposed solar law.

#### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Dave Blauvelt- Board of Fire Commissioner-The fire department's gasoline and diesel tanks are obsolete, old and leaking and less than 100 yards from Greenbush creek. They would like to share services with the Town on fuel. They were quoted over \$20,000 to replace what they have. They have enough fuel to get them through the rest of this year. There is an individual that wants the tanks once they are empty. Supervisor Schmidt asked Dave to check with Horseheads to see if they have an agreement with the municipality to share fuel services. Also, Dave thanked the Town for initiating the snowmobile trail. It was unanimously accepted by the County Legislature. He said that the Horseheads snowmobile club will do all the signage for the trail.

Harold Spencer-Breesport Road-Asked if it was okay to cut down a couple dead trees on Tuthill Ridge Road at the cemetery. He will cut them and dispose of the wood. The Board does not have a problem with that.

Deda Cedar-The Mobile Food Pantry serves 180-185 people monthly.

With no further comment from the public Supervisor Schmidt closed this portion of the meeting. A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by A. Hughson to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

