

March 12, 2025  
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., Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Randy Evans and Alan Hughson.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark Margeson, Joe Frega, Tim & Susan Matejka, Karen & Darin Benjamin.

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, #20-36, totaling \$10,801.03; and the Highway Fund Abstract 3, #22-47, totaling \$42,731.07; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 3, #35, totaling \$149.57.

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

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by D. Schmidt to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board Meeting on February 12, 2025 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- An email was received from the Town of Veteran regarding a possible local law for a battery energy storage system.  
Supervisor Schmidt suggested the Board come up with questions/concerns regarding the battery energy storage system prior to the next meeting in order for her to send an email to the Town of Veteran before their meeting on 4/10/2025.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING MARH 12, 2025;

1. RESOLUTION 19-2025 TO ACCEPT A RESIGNATION OF ASSESSOR
2. RESOLUTION 20-2025 TO APPOINT ACTING ASSESSOR
3. RESOLUTION 21-2025 TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2025 TO REMOVE/ERECT STOP SIGNS ON CHURCH STREET AND RODBURN PLACE IN THE TOWN OF ERIN

RESOLUTION 19-2025

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A RESIGNATION OF ASSESSOR

Resolution By: M. Shutts

Seconded By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

Be it resolved, the resignation of Terie Huseby from the position of Town of Erin Assessor, effective March 31, 2025, was accepted by the Town of Erin Town Board.

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

RESOLUTION 20-2025

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ACTING ASSESSOR

Resolution By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

Seconded By: M. Shutts

Be it resolved that Karen Hall, 73 Briggs Hill Road, Nichols, NY 13812, will be appointed the acting Assessor for the Town of Erin to fulfill the unexpired term of Terie Huseby starting April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025.

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

#### RESOLUTION 21-2025

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE STOP SIGN ON CHURCH STREET AT INTERSECTION OF CHURCH STREET AND RODBURN PLACE AND ERECT STOP SIGN ON RODBURN PLACE FACING NORTH AND ERECT STOP SIGN ON RODBURN PLACE FACING SOUTH IN THE TOWN OF ERIN

Resolution By: M. Shutts

Seconded By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

Be it resolved, that the Town of Erin Town Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing for April 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Town of Erin Town Hall located at 1138 Breesport Road, Erin, NY 14838 to receive public comment for the proposed Ordinance No. 1 of 2025, an ordinance to remove a stop sign on Church Street at intersection of Church Street and Rodburn Place and to erect a stop sign on Rodburn Place facing North and a erect a stop sign on Rodburn Place facing South in the Town of Erin.

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- Send Ordinance No. 1 of 2025 to remove/erect stop signs on Church Street and Rodburn Place in the Town of Erin.

Planning Board- Deda Cedar-Working on Lesky Road permit that borders the Town of Veteran. Also working on Article 2-special use permits. Number 11 needs to include more. Deda also asked the Board if there were any changes/suggestions to the procedures for uses requiring special permits that she handed out at the last meeting. She introduced Darin & Karen Benjamin who would like to divide a portion of their property on Becky Lane for son to possibly build a house on. They asked a few questions and decided to wait until the paperwork is complete before turning in their application.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- The Senior meeting had 24 at the last meeting. They are planning a trip to the Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat. The Easter egg hunt is 4/12 at the Fire Station at 1:00 pm. Sewing classes are going well and they are on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Joe Frega reported on Wood Fest-There was a meeting on 2/27, there is a new sponsor format, they added food options, there will be three (3) full days of activities with vendors. The next meeting is 3/27.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- He submitted the state report. There are a couple new houses that are in the process of getting permits in the next two (2) weeks. He will give the new Assessor access to where to look up permits on her own. John will follow up with the Town Attorney regarding attaching payment to taxes with the cleanup of the house on Fairview that burned. He will start general cleanup and issue warning tickets. Brandon will start in May.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since our last meeting they have been plowing and cindering as needed. Repairing equipment, cleaning up trees after storms and winds and steaming frozen driveway pipes and cross pipes. They have a vacuum sweeper truck rented for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in April to start cleaning roads in the hamlet and oil and stone roads. They had the grader out to do maintenance and they found an oil leak. One of the rams behind the blade is bad. They are going to have the Town of Horseheads pick it up and take it to 5 Star to have it repaired. Steve took a single aluminum scrap ring to the junkyard and received \$39.60 which he gave to Supervisor Schmidt.

Buildings & Grounds- Council Member VanRiper, Jr.- The next step is to come up with a plan for the drainage in front of the Town Hall.

County Representative- Mark Margeson- The application for Room Tax Money for Wood Fest was never submitted and the meeting was today to decide where the money was going to be allocated. The County Executive wants to support the festival but the criteria was not met. Mark will get together with Dawn to discuss other options. Obligations need to be met in a professional way. They would like to make a decision by Friday. Sales tax is a little light the first two (2) months; it is about \$2 million short of what was projected.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt- The Sheriff Department sent report for February. There were 34 incident reports, 2 uniform traffic tickets, 10 traffic stops, and 3 traffic accident. Roughly 78% of the property taxes for the Town of Erin have been paid. Supervisor Schmidt reminded everyone that it is an election year with Council Members and Town Clerk up for reelection. Petitions are going around.

#### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Susan & Tim Matejka- Palmer Road that borders their property keeps getting washed out and Tim uses his backhoe to repair. They have lost 7 feet the length of their property from gas well trucks going up and down that road. They would like to reclaim it. They are paying taxes on the property, but they are losing it. They were told Chesapeake was going to pay for the damages and asked if the Town received any payment. Nothing was received from Chesapeake. Suggested they contact Chesapeake directly regarding the damage. Susan also questioned what can be done about the trailers, junk and debris down the road from their house. She was told that the Town is looking into laws regarding this issue to limit the number of trailers allowed. Trailers cannot be cited.

Joe Frega-6 Church Street- Would like to do a cleanup day in the hamlet on 4/19. Asked permission to bring the garbage that is picked up to the Town Hall. Board approved the request.

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 M. Shutts to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.