

September 10, 2025
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:31 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William VanRiper, Jr., Alan Hughson, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Randy Evans, Michael Shutts.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ellen Coolbaugh, Maureen Spencer, Michael Cowan, Mark Margeson, Joe Donovan, Dave Blauvelt, John VanSkiver.

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

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by A. Hughson to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 9, #139-150 totaling \$9,346.43; and the Street Lighting Abstract 9, #148 totaling \$155.13; and the Highway Fund Abstract 9, #120-130, totaling \$62,567.14.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

A motion was made by A. Hughson and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on July 9, 2025 and approve the minutes.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025;

1. RESOLUTION 36-2025 TO SET THE 2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER 8, 2025 AT 5:30 PM.
2. RESOLUTION 37-2025 TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING 2026 BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2025 AT 5:30 PM.
3. RESOLUTION 38-2025 TO APPOINT SOLE ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN
4. RESOLUTION 39-2025 TO REFER SPECIAL PERMIT TO PLANNING BOARD FOR 394 NORTH GREENBUSH ROAD

RESOLUTION 36-2025

RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER 8, 2025 AT 5:30 PM.

Resolved By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

Seconded By: A. Hughson

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Budget Workshop be set for Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM, Erin Town Hall, 1138 Breesport Road, Erin. The Town Board meeting will start immediately following.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION 37-2025

RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING 2026 BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2025 AT 5:30 PM.

Resolution by: A. Hughson

Seconded by: W. VanRiper, Jr.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Budget Public Hearing be set for Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 5:30 PM, Erin Town Hall, 1138 Breesport Road, Erin. The Town Board meeting will start immediately following.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION 38-2025

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SOLE ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN

Resolution By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

Seconded By: A. Hughson

Be it resolved that the Erin Town Board shall appoint Karen Hall, 73 Briggs Hill Road, Nichols, NY 13812 as the Sole Assessor for the Town of Erin. This appointment will be to fulfill the six-year term beginning October 1, 2025 and will end September 30, 2031.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, A. Hughson, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION 39-2025

RESOLUTION TO REFER SPECIAL PERMIT TO PLANNING BOARD FOR 394 NORTH GREENBUSH ROAD

Resolution By: XX

Seconded By: XX

Whereas; Alison Lamb, 394 North Greenbush Road, Erin NY 14838 has requested a special permit to place a tiny home on a 12.9-acre lot, at 394 North Green Bush Road, Erin NY Tax map parcel no 3200-053-00-0001-009-000-0000.

Be it resolved that; The Erin Town Board shall refer said permit to the Town of Erin Planning Board for review.

Be it further resolved that; The Town of Erin Planning Boards recommendations shall be received by the Erin Town Board on or before the November 12, 2025 Town Council Meeting.

Motion Carried: XX

RESOLUTION WAS CANCELLED DUE TO NOT NEEDING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- No report

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- A draft of the revised zoning law with a letter of explanation was given to the Board members to review prior to sending to the attorney. They would like to put a limit of two (2) seasonal campsites in the districts and anything over that would need a special permit. The minimum square footage for housing will be removed and that will take care of the tiny homes and add accessory dwelling units. They will be limited to one/household and they cannot be larger than the primary building. All feedback for the revised zoning law needs to be back to Deda by September 19th for their next Planning Board meeting on September 22nd. Deda will email a copy of the current version of the zoning law for comparison. There are two (2) open positions for alternates on the Planning Board.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- There is a Halloween party October 25th at the fire station with a pot luck at 5:00 pm and the parade at 6:00 pm. The Senior Group is going on a train ride in Pennsylvania on October 26th. There were 22 people at the last meeting. Elections will be in November.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- Trying to catch up with a resident in town regarding the campers on his property to issue appearance tickets. There are 5-6 new houses being built. Meeting with the State regarding a manufactured home in Town that needs to be inspected that he has several questions for. The new energy code goes into effect after December 31st and there will be no gas only electric.

Highway Superintendent – Harold Spencer – They have been spraying dust oil on the roads. Austin Hill has been ground and it will be a couple weeks before they can put dust oil on that. Driveway pipes have been going in on the seasonal road for hunting camps.

County Representatives- Mark Margeson- Documentation was received in the form of a resolution that they will consider to eliminate the ban on electric. There is a legislative attorney looking at it now and he feels they are going to support the resolution with the State. Not sure if it will be by County or by municipality. There is some discussion regarding shared services and how they will be handled in the future. The County Exec wants to eliminate shared services with the City. There will be significant problems for the City if this happens. Working on the budget. Sales tax is up and down. There are currently 147 vacant, budgeted positions unfilled. There was a big issue the other night with a resolution that was voted on and approved. The Sheriff put a resolution forward to purchase equipment for the high crime areas. A group of people were at the meeting accusing the legislature of advocating for ICE to come into the community. The Sheriff put together a document explaining everything.

Highway Superintendent - Harold Spencer - He has the paperwork for the 2023 excavator. He will send it to Dawn Sutfin to see if it qualifies for CHIPS money first. DEC will be here in the morning to pick up the foam containers that were dropped on Walker Hill. Harold will try and get the vehicle information to give to Mark Margeson to pass along to the Sheriff.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt -Council Member VanRiper, Jr. will get together with Harold to discuss expanding the oil program next year to a number of roads. It will be a change to the budget. The roads are the biggest expense. Harold discussed that only one side of the road can be sprayed at a time and people need to try and drive on the other side to avoid picking it up with their tires. Harold picked a deputy and the resolution will be done at the next meeting.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Dave Blauvelt – Marsh Road – He is the Fire Commissioner and about 8 months ago he came to the Board to discuss shared services with the Town for fuel. The fire department has a key switch that turns the pumps on. There are currently about eight (8) drivers utilizing the pumps. They have a leaky diesel tank and it is too close to the creek. He will figure out diesel/gas usage per year and let the Board know.

Mike Cowan – Owns Sheesley Sewer Service – They recently lost their operation in Breesport. He is looking at 116-acre property at 326 Park Hill to take over that operation for septic disposal. They have had three (3) different sites in the past, 10-12 acres a piece and they were rotated each year. It was decided to go with two (2) to break them up a little due to the heavy metals. They also have storage for the winter months. They have a building with a dewatering operation to separate the liquids from the solids. The solids are taken to the County landfill. Looking for permission to move forward.

Deda Cedar- Concerned with contaminating the aquifer for the Town. DEC and storm water will need to be consulted and a special permit filled out and presented to the Board.

Council Member Hughson asked how the heavy metals were taken out. Crops are planted and then harvested. DEC requires testing so it does not accumulate. The gray water will be injected into the soil and occasionally disk the fields.

Harold Spencer – Asked if he could use his tractor to load wood that was cut and brought back from the Town that the residents don't want. He will load the wood and take it out of here. The Board is fine with that.

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 D. Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.
Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.