

May 8, 2019  
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 7:03 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Evans, Daniel Delorme, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Daniel Cleveland.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Irene & Willie Lind, Aaron Vergason-Hunt Engineering, Mark Margeson, Barb Burlew, Kenny Elston, Gary Ratchford, Edwin Masin, Harold Spencer.

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

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by R. Evans to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board Meeting on April 10, 2019 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Free rabies clinic at the Chemung County Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

- Dan Delorme spoke of a notice that was posted on the Town of Erin and surrounding communities' websites that came out from the schools about a suspicious vehicle on Jackson Creek Road and Evergreen Lane. The owner of the vehicle was questioned and was found to be unable to locate a house because of lack of house numbers. Residents are encouraged to have accurate numbers on their mailboxes and houses for better identification.

**AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, MAY 8, 2019;**

- 1. ESTABLISHES THE STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING**

**RESOLUTION 23-2019**

Resolution By: D. Schmidt

Seconded By: D. Delorme

**STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Erin hereby establishes the following standard work days for elected and appointed officials/positions and will report the following days worked to the New York State Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

| TITLE                            | NAME                  | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER<br>(Last 4 digits) | STANDARD WORK DAY | TERM<br>Begins/Ends | PARTICIPATES IN EMPLOYER'S TIME KEEPING SYSTEM (Y/N) | DAYS/MONTHS<br>(based on recorded activities) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| Town Clerk Elected               | Diane Wise-Hollenbeck | 0484                                      | 6                 | 1/1/2018-12/31/2021 | Y  | 17.83 days/mo                                 |
| Highway Superintendent Appointed | Steven Tyler          | 6689                                      | 8                 | 1/1/2019-12/31/2020 | Y  | 10 days/pay                                   |
| Town Supervisor Elected          | Dawn Schmidt          | 2218                                      | 6                 | 1/1/2018-12/31/2021 | Y  | 3 days/m                                      |
| Board Member Elected             | Daniel Delorme        | 3350                                      | 6                 | 01/01/18-12/1/21    | Y  | 1.21 days/m                                   |
| Board Member Elected             | Daniel Cleveland      | 7916                                      | 6                 | 1-1-2016-12-31-2019 | N  | N/A   |
| Board Member Elected             | Mike Shutts           | 0760                                      | 6                 | 1/1/2018-12/31/2021 | N  | N/A   |
| Town Justice Elected             | Kyle Wieder           | 1025                                      | 6                 | 1/1/2017-12/31/2020 | Y  | 6.03  |

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney-Still have not heard back on the closure for our court system for November-December 2016.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar-Met with Town Attorney and went over new law they want to enact. The Attorney said the languages in the old law and the new law needs to match and she will review that. Recommend approval of the Nexamp Solar Farm. Deda attended the Chemung County Planning Board meeting and they also recommend approval of the project. Need to work on

decommission plan. In a resolution they were given two (2) years to pick up a permit. The stipulations are that Nexamp needs to see DOT and a decommission plan needs to be added. Nexamp representative, Joe Fiori, spoke on project- specifically on the swell that prevents water from coming down and screening.

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by D. Delorme to accept and move forward with the Planning Boards recommendation for Nexamp to get their special use permit.

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

Planning Board-Deda Cedar-cont. – Planning Board talked about a moratorium and it's not really necessary now. They will work on getting a solar plan in place because eventually it will open up for more to come in and change the grid. Supervisor Schmidt recommends adding the growing and production of cannabis to their list due to the amount of crop land in our area. Still need two (2) alternates. Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar-39 kids and 24 adults attended the Easter egg hunt. Square dancing will start again in September/October. Doing a quarter auction fundraiser on June 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on Main Street. Bid on baskets for a quarter as a fundraiser for the park. Still working on Woodfest. There are 35 lumberjacks; 22 men, 13 woman, 14-15 carvers, still working on vendors. There will be one (1) bus to Seabreeze and tickets are \$25 each. There is a lot of interest in the Catskill Railroad of all ages. The issue is they want everyone to pay through their website and not everyone in town has internet service. One (1) bus will cost \$1, 765.00. Jen Bates said she will run a summer softball program. Will be working on the zucchini race once Woodfest is done. Steve (Shutts) has ideas for the park, but is very involved with Woodfest right now. Thank you to Harold (Spencer) for doing a great job at the park.

Code Enforcement Officer-John McCracken-John and Mike (Shutts) installed the cameras that were needed. Waiting for IT to hook them up. Mark Margeson spoke with the executive office and they would like to have a shared service agreement with IT to keep everything up to date. Recommended putting an agreement together. Mark will help push it through. CPE needs to put a magnetic block on the door in between the Court and Town Clerk offices that will be hooked to the alarm to be used as a panic button. Judge has access to Code office for phone use if needed. A camera was also installed by the front door. A couple permits for new homes have been issued. The issue from last month with the house that wasn't on the tax roll--a certificate of occupancy was issued back in 2017, checked with Assessor and County Assessor and they were not taxed last year on the house. That has since been changed and they will be billed for the year prior that they did not pay taxes on. The Assessor has copies of everything. Melissa Rosengotta from the Real Property Tax office emailed John properties in the town that she does not agree with the 911 numbers. She wants John to contact the residents. Supervisor Schmidt suggests a letter come from the County because they are requesting the change. Meeting DEC next Monday night at 5:00 PM because a couple properties are bringing tires and garbage in and burning them. DEC can charge them with a lot more. Service agreement in regards to the properties that need to be cleaned up and added to tax roll-Tom Skebey proposes that no money change hands but the Town of Erin, Town of Horseheads, and City of Elmira all go into a shared service agreement regarding code enforcement. When the agreement is renewed in September, the Town of Erin will be included.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since our last meeting we have been sweeping and cleaning up anti-skid. We have been patching potholes, cutting and trimming trees, repairing equipment and cleaning ditches. We changed the pipe in the creek on Chapman Road. We will start grading roads as soon as the weather permits. We are going to be putting another coat of stone and oil on Rumsey Hill, Kronus Road, North Greenbush, Church Street, Church Road, Rodburn Extension and Becky Lane. We did some more paperwork with FEMA and I think we have all the paperwork filled out that they

need. We are waiting to hear back from them. Also have a check for scrap metal for \$702.35. It was not a speed limit sign on Sandbank Road that was questioned at last month's meeting. It was a weight limit sign and a new one has to be ordered.

County Representatives-Brian Hylan-Spoke on the email regarding the Denver study on cannabis that he will forward to the Board.

Mark Margeson-Still no answer on sales tax. On the study of the legalization of marijuana- it will be a huge issue in this area. Broadband RFP went out and 4-5 responses are being reviewed. Suggested putting ideas together for any shared services agreements that might be needed. Supervisor Schmidt suggested using gas well pads as a key location for a potential tower. She has maps and landowner information. Also asked if a hotspot could be setup in town for kids to have access for a couple hours a night to do homework. Suggested starting a relationship with Twin Tiers Baptist who has service through Spectrum.

Dan Delorme talked about Spectrum website where residents can type in their address to see whether or not internet access will be provided within the next 12 months. It is not very accurate. Asked if the County could get a build out map from Spectrum to start to fill in the gaps. Mark Margeson will bring up ideas about pads, Spectrum and schools.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt- Received a letter from REDEC-Regional Economic Development and Energy Corporation-looking for a contribution to a loan fund. It is gap financing for business startups or business growth organizations.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by R. Evans to support REDEC with a donation of \$250.00 to their loan fund.

Motion Carried: Ayes: R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts. Nays: None. Abstained: D. Schmidt.

Supervisor Schmidt- looking for approval to reach out to a local engineering firm to develop a scope of work to review and conduct a survey of all the roads in the Town of Erin to establish the most cost efficient way to distribute maintenance dollars among the many roads that need attention. Once the scope of work comes back with a value it will go to a resolution hopefully within the next 45 days for the June meeting. Then spend the next 35-40 days doing the assessment with them and coming up with a plan which would be prior to budgeting. This will also open up the Town for grant opportunities.

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by M. Shutts to reach out to an engineer group to review and conduct a survey of all the roads in the Town of Erin to establish a cost efficient way to distribute maintenance dollars.

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

#### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Joan McNamara- Shamrock Drive-Has lived there for 48 years and they are having trouble with the water. Mrs. Mott needs a sump pump 24/7. Water runs down both sides of the road. Diversion ditch needs to be maintained by the Town because it was dug by the County for the Town of Erin. Supervisor Schmidt would like to see paperwork to see who owns the property and who needs to maintain the ditch. A discussion ensued about property owners, DEC, Town, and County responsibilities. Brian Hyland will reach out to Mark Watts regarding the issue at the top of Shamrock Acres. Mark Margeson recommended homeowners check with insurance carrier about buying an endorsement to homeowners insurance that covers inundation of water and upsurge from plumbing and heating systems.

Gary Ratchford-1614 Breesport Road- Historical Society will be set up at Woodfest. They are selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00 for a couple different packages. Drawings will be the last

day of Woodfest. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 6:00 PM. The Church breakfast is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

With no further comments from the public Supervisor Schmidt closed this portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by R. Evans to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 5, #88-105, totaling \$9,962.90; and the Highway Fund Abstract 5, #60-70, totaling \$13,528.90; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 5 #99-100, totaling \$174.99; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 5, #5, totaling \$6,763.55.

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

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by D. Delorme to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

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