

September 13, 2023  
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., Alan Hughson, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS LATE: Randy Evans arrived at 6:36 PM.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Harold & Maureen Spencer, Paula Miller, Marlene Little, Mary Benjamin, Joe Donovan, Marjorie Krejcar, Charlene Bell, Eleanor Argenitio, Jamie Eubanks, Joshua Blauvelt.

PUBLIC PRESENT ON ZOOM: David Chaar, Paul Saunders.

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

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 10, #140-153 totaling \$6,864.01; and the Street Lighting Abstract 10, #150 totaling \$523.13; and the Highway Fund Abstract 10, #137-147, totaling \$9,527.05.

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

A motion was made by A. Hughson and seconded by M. Shutts to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on August 9, 2023 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- A note was read from Dan & Linne Delorme thanking Steve, Harold and the rest of the Highway Dept for the fantastic work done on Jackson Creek Road.
- Free rabies clinic at the Erin Town Hall Thursday, October 12th from 6:00 PM– 7:30 PM. Pre-registration required at [www.chemungcountyny.gov/rabies](http://www.chemungcountyny.gov/rabies).

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023;

1. RESOLUTION 33-2023 TO SET THE 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER 11, 2023 AT 5:30 PM
2. RESOLUTION 34-2023 TO SET PUBLIC HEARING 2024 BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2023 AT 5:30 PM

RESOLUTION 33-2023

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Resolved By: M. Shutts

Second By: A. Hughson

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 Budget Workshop be set for Wednesday, October 11, 2023 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, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

Randy Evans arrived at 6:36 PM.

RESOLUTION 34-2023

RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING 2024 BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2023 AT 5:30 PM.

Resolution by: D. Schmidt

Second by: A. Hughson

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 Budget Public Hearing be set for Wednesday, November 8, 2023 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., R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- Supervisor Schmidt did a follow up with her on the snowmobile signage. The attorney is going to look into it further. It is not as easy as signing the document and putting up signs due to the liability.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- They are working on the special use permit for the autobody shop and one on North Greenbush. Tomorrow night is the Comprehensive Planning meeting at the fire station at 6:30 PM. The meeting is about setting the plan for the future development of the Town. Out of that, there will be revisions to Local Law No. 10 which are the zoning laws. There is a public hearing set for the autobody shop on 9/25 with the regular meeting to immediately follow. Has someone interested in joining the Planning Board but he works 2<sup>nd</sup> shift. Deda suggested putting in a letter of interest.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- Kathy Broom is working on a NY Citizen's Preparedness event on what to do when the power goes out and things like that. Still waiting to hear when that will be. Waiting to hear when yoga will start in the fall and also when the CPR class will be available. The Halloween party will be 10/28 at the fire station. The little free library is doing well, but it needs work on the doors because they won't stay closed. There will be a craft fair 11/11 at the fire station. The baseball field needs to have the pitcher's mound and baselines put in. Judd Parrot said he will use his equipment if the Board agrees. Councilmember Shutts will follow up with Judd Parrot on what work will be completed. Railings also need to be installed on the bleachers. There is a code on bleachers. Supervisor Schmidt will ask the Town Attorney what is required. Someone is checking with a company in Ithaca that does community builds for playgrounds. She is waiting to hear on that. The Senior Group had 17 seniors at the September meeting. The Charlie Pride trip was cancelled due to the bus not being full. Possible trip to Jim Thorpe on 10/17, but can't buy tickets online to reserve seats. The Mobile Food Pantry is going well. It is this Friday. Deda would like to plan a thank you after the December truck for the workers. There is a fundraiser for Brandon Morgan at JD's and a car cruise on 9/16, Erin Historical Society will have a community picnic on 9/23 at 1:00 PM, the auxiliary will be having a chicken and biscuit dinner on 9/24 at the fire department, the fire department is having a chicken BBQ before the Halloween party on 10/28, and the Erin Methodist Church will be having a Trunk or Treat on 10/31.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- Received two more special use permit applications. One from a Michael Low from Berwick, PA for a seasonal campsite and wants electric and the other from Charlene Bell on Fairview Road for a wholesale nursery. Charlene spoke about what her plans are and what she would like to do on the property.

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by A. Hughson to accept two special use permit applications; one for a seasonal campsite with electric and the other for the wholesale nursery project and send to the Planning Board.

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

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since the last meeting they have been trimming trees, cleaning ditches, grading roads and putting down dust control. A few roads have been repaired due to the recent storms. They put one coat of stone and oil on Jackson Creek and the rest of Park Station Road. A one-ton load of garbage was picked up off the seasonal portion of North Greenbush Road. The name and address of a person was given to the State Police and they are investigating. Three bags of garbage were picked up that were dumped out and scattered on County Route 1. There were no names found in that garbage. Steve talked with Mark Margeson about being issued a permit so the Town doesn't have to pay a fee at the dump when dumped garbage is taken. Supervisor Schmidt followed up with Mark Margeson and asked Steve for the information he has. Supervisor Schmidt talked about the Intermunicipal Agreement for Park Station Road maintenance between the Town and the County in 2017 to get some of the reimbursement back.

Buildings and Grounds- Supervisor Schmidt signed the agreements for materials to be ordered, contracts signed and paperwork has been submitted for ARPA. It is moving forward. Council member VanRiper, Jr. will email Bob Murray to find out start date.

County Representatives- Joe Donovan-Tanglewood is asking for money to build a skywalk. There are three (3) in the United States. The Arena can't get anyone to fix it because the bills were not paid before. The County is starting to work on the budget process. Still waiting for information on the Code Enforcement's computer.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt- Comp Alliance had a surplus so the Town of Erin was refunded \$500.00. Sheriff Department sent report for August. There were 36 blotters assigned; 4 generated cases, 3 uniform traffic tickets, 5 traffic stops, and 2 accidents. Deda Cedar was asked what she found out about the silo project missing the mark. Deda will follow up with Donna Vergason. She has been out of town. Budgets are due back to the Town Clerk from the department heads by 9/25 to be given to the Bookkeeper. Board received a copy on the notice of completed application on the Mitstifer Mine.

#### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Josh Blauvelt-Park Station Road- Thank you to Steve and Harold for doing a nice job on Maple Ave. Fire Department would like to advertise their chicken BBQ they are having on 10/28 on the sign out front. Encouraged people to check out the new pavilion that was just put up. He spoke about the Real Property Tax Law that was passed by the Commissioners in regards to the discount for volunteer firefighters in the Town. It is a 10% discount on assessed value of the primary property for volunteer firefighters that meet the criteria. Information must be taken to the Town Assessor to get the credit off the taxes. It does not change the budget it changes how much that individual pays in taxes. It changes the assessment and spreads the difference across the others in the Town. It is similar to what is given to veterans. There might be 12 members out of 20 that are eligible. The criteria is not just based on calls. There are a wide variety of activities that volunteers do. They need to be an active member for a certain number of years, go to at least 6 meetings, make at least one drill per month, and attend the training/classes, etc. Supervisor Schmidt will put it on the October agenda. She also asked for the preliminary budget numbers from the fire department by 10/11. Josh also asked about the snowmobile trail and said the Attorney can contract him with any questions. Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk will look into a record into the Town ordinance regarding Haskins Road.

Marlene Little- East Sullivanville Road-Asked Supervisor Schmidt if she responded to the letter from Frances Knickmeyer. Supervisor Schmidt responded that the Town of Erin will not provide

comment back until the special use permit application has been filed with boundaries and setbacks in place. We will not take a stance on positive or negative because there are currently two gravel pits in the town. Marlene Little read a letter to Frances Knickmeyer from Paula Miller opposing the Mitstifer Gravel Pit due to the noise, dust, hours of operation, concerns for roads and bridges, increased traffic and nearby wells.

Marlene Little also spoke for herself opposing the Mitstifer Gravel Pit due to safety issues such as buses and people walking. She is also concerned about trees being removed and fencing options. Encouraged Town Board to take all the concerns into consideration.

Ted Condie-253 Benjamin Road- Spoke on behalf of his daughter (1176 Jackson Creek Road) whose property borders the gravel pit. They have concerns regarding well damage, wildlife and roads and bridges being able to handle the extra weight of the trucks.

Mary Benjamin-292 Benjamin Road-Concerned with dust, traffic, and school buses and dump trucks cannot pass at the same time around the corner.

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 R. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

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Erin Town Clerk