

January 9, 2019  
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 7:11 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Cleveland, Daniel Delorme, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Randy Evans.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Kenneth E. Elston III, Harold Spencer, Joe Firoi, Edwin Masin, Gary Ratchford, Darrell & Gayle Ackerman, Barb Burlew.

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

A motion was made by D. Cleveland and seconded by M. Shutts to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board Meeting on December 12, 2018 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- The 2019 Training School and Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns will be held in NYC February 17-20, 2019.
- The Clerk read a Notice of Donation from the US Department of Veteran Affairs to the Children of the Town of Erin thanking them for the gifts of Christmas trees and lap robes for the Veteran patients.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 9, 2019;

1. RESOLUTION 1-2019 TO CORRECT RESOLUTION 19-2018 PAPERWORK

RESOLUTION 1-2019

RESOLUTION BY: D. Delorme

SECONDED BY: M. Shutts

RESOLVED to correct pay rate in Resolution 19-2018 document for FEMA paperwork.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney-Coming to a conclusion on the November & December 2016 Justice Reports. There was a \$2,100.00 error with the past Judge's paperwork that the Town will have to pay. Discussed beginning the process to put a moratorium on solar projects. There needs to be communication, draft of a Local Law, an amendment to zoning, and a public hearing held. The Local Law would also need to be approved by the Chemung County Planning Board and the Town Planning Board. Questions were brought up on using the term "energy projects" vs. "solar projects".

A motion was made by D. Cleveland and seconded by D. Delorme to begin the process of a moratorium once the question of using the term "energy projects" vs. "solar projects" is answered by the Town Attorney.

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

Planning Board-Deda Cedar-There was no meeting in December because it fell on Christmas Eve. The next meeting will be this month. Deda and Karen took a class on solar energy in December. The new member of the Planning Board will be taking her oath this month. They are still working on updating the zoning codes. The Planning Board has one seat open, no secretary, and two alternate seats open if there is any interest in joining.

Planning Board Liaison-Dan Cleveland-Nothing additional.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar-The luncheon had fewer people because people may not have remembered the date due to the holidays. There were about 30 people. There is still no chair. Lourdes Mobile Mammogram Van will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The information is posted on the Senior Board, at the Erin and Breesport Post Offices, on Facebook and at the Erin Methodist Church. It will also be posted on the Town of Erin website.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken-Will be turning in yearly report next week. The state report will be done tomorrow and sent to the state. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, as of April 1, will be sold as a self-contained unit that do not have replaceable batteries. They will have a self-contained 10 year battery. Meeting with Planning Board at the end of the month with revisions from the Town Attorney regarding zoning. Meeting with Town Justice regarding ideas on the safety of the court room. Asked for a copy of the report from the Unified Court System. In regards to chairs being bolted to the floor-not many small municipalities have this done. Also asked for permission to buy and install new lights for the front of the Town Hall. Permission was granted by Board.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler-Since our last meeting we have been plowing and cindering roads as needed. We have also been patching potholes as weather permits. We have had a lot of trees down and limbs to clean up as a result of some of the recent storms. We have been working on trucks and repairing equipment as needed. The truck that I mentioned last month that was up to Wilbri's did need to have the transmission replaced. We just got this truck back today. It is time for us to replace our loader on the buyback program that we have been using. It is a 2016 and the warranty is up and we are upgrading to a 2019 and it will be covered under warranty.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by D. Cleveland to move forward with the contract to upgrade to the 2019 loader.

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

County Representative-Mark Margeson-Chris Moss has been extremely active. Change is good. Half the legislature is new. They are aggressive, well-educated and have a strong business background. Spoke regarding solar projects and asked a representative from one of the companies to provide more information and answer questions about how the process works and how things will be taken care of at the end of the project during the public portion of the meeting.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt-Please be sure to take oaths. Asked Gary Ratchford about calendars- he had 350 and has 6 left. Check was received from Chemung County for work completed on the Historical Society. The Historical Society meeting will be on January 18 at 6:00 PM with a talk on the prison about 7:00 PM. Contact information needs to be updated and returned for town business. Regarding letter from Mr. Matlock-John called building owner and told him he needed to give the tenant notice of inspection. John will follow up with him this week for said inspection. Wood Fest planning has been started.

#### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Gary Ratchford-1614 Breesport Road-Erin Methodist Church breakfast is January 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00 AM.

Jerry Smith-90 Staples Road-Asked if drop boxes in foyer could be clearly labeled for Clerk and Justice.

Joe Fiori-Nexamp Solar Energy Company based in Saratoga, NY-spoke to Town Board in the fall. Talked about full comprehensive proposal. Original project that was proposed has been cut by 1/3 due to utility lines not being able to accommodate that power. Asked to be considered exempt from moratorium because they have been before the Board in the past. A bond is put up before building permits are issued to protect Towns/landowners from having to decommission project on own. Decommission plan is provided to the Town beforehand and property will be returned to original state. Discussion ensued regarding que, local permits, state permits, and current projects.

Ken Elston-Owner of property-Spoke regarding solar project on his land, neighbors, placement, screening, and why he chose that company. He took the proper steps to protect himself and his community. He lives here, works here and people know him here. He wants to protect his family name.

Darrell Ackerman-Red Chalk Road-Will there be funding to help rebuild roads in the spring? Dawn-there is no federal or county money. Hope that CHIPS money will be increased, but that is federally controlled. Dawn spoke with Andy Avery about shared services for engineering. Plans to reopen talks once the dust settles with newly elected officials. It is a conversation that needs to continue regarding shared services with engineering. There is a need for county wide engineering.

John McCracken-State of New York and FEMA is requiring local municipalities to designate pieces of property in case of a disaster. We can't use anything the Town owns because they are located in a floodplain. Looking into using Park Station which is County property. He is talking with Kristin Card and Steve is waiting to hear back from Andy Avery on the subject. The Town takes on the liability if it is on private property.

Dawn Schmidt-Justice books need to be audited. Need to be done and document in by March 1. D. Delorme and D. Cleveland will do the audit and will follow up with Kyle.

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

A motion was made by D. Cleveland and seconded by D. Delorme to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 13, #279-288, totaling \$4,037.27; and the Highway Fund Abstract 13, #205-212, totaling \$3,778.10; and the General Fund Abstract 1, #1-14, totaling \$6,948.68; and the Highway Find Abstract 1, #1-9, totaling \$12,825.18; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 1 #6 & #8, totaling \$191.17.

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

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by D. Cleveland to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

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

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Erin Town Clerk