

April 10, 2019  
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 7:00 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Pat Wainwright, Irene & Willie Lind, Edwin Masin, Gary Ratchford, Maureen & Harold Spencer, Mark Margeson, Joshua J. Benjamin, Marge Krejcar, Gaye & Darrell Ackerman, Barbara Burlew, Dave Davie, Karen Keenan.

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

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by D. Delorme to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board Meeting on March 13, 2019 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Town Clerk read a letter from David S. Wood who is interested in opening a small used car lot with approximately six (6) cars maximum.
- Free rabies clinic at the Horseheads Town Hall on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- The 2019 Tax Season is balanced, settled and closed. Eighty-three (83) unpaid tax bills were returned to Chemung County.
- A Sexual Harassment Prevention Workshop was held before the Board Meeting with about 18 people in attendance at no cost to the Town.
- May 2, 2019 Horseheads Superintendent will be presenting next year's school budget at 7:00 PM at the Erin Town Hall.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, April 10, 2019;

1. RESOLUTION 22-2019 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION 22-2019

RESOLUTION BY: D. Schmidt

SECONDED BY: D. Delorme

BE IT RESLOVED that the Town Board of the Town of Erin hereby authorizes the amendment of the town 2019 budget:

Fund		Debit	Credit
DA5130.2	Machinery – Equip		\$3,230.00
DA599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$3,230.00	
Total for DA fund		\$3,230.00	\$3,230.00

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- Working on franchise agreement with Charter Communications; negotiating back and forth.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- Finalized the draft on the code enforcement law, need to send it to the lawyer, submit to Chemung County Planning Board for review and hold a public hearing. All Town Board members received a copy. Still have a few questions for the lawyer. Supervisor Schmidt recommends sending it to the lawyer and have questions answered. Attorney is meeting with Planning Board on April 30<sup>th</sup>. They had their training at Corning Community College. Held a public hearing on Nexamp project and is now at the County Planning Board. Waiting to see if it is on the next agenda. Supervisor Schmidt received a letter from Ag & Markets on us being the lead agent for SEQR. They want us to have consideration because it is prime agricultural land. They have recommendations that the Planning Board should look at. Ag & Market is interested in preserving prime agricultural land and the residual effect on the neighbors. Have a full board and could use two (2) alternates.

Planning Board Liaison-Dan Cleveland - It was a good public hearing that was held and there were residents that live around the solar farm area that asked questions. They talked back and forth with the presenters. Those interested were there. Didn't hear anything bad from them.

Zoning Board of Appeals- John (McCracken) is going to meet with someone that might be interested in being the Chair.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- Having a quarter auction the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in June at St. Matthew's for a fundraiser. Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday at 1:00. We could use some unfrosted cupcakes. The Seabreeze trip is being cut down to one (1) bus. Would like to take another bus to the Catskill Mountain Railroad for their train robbery in July. Holding a Paint and Sip on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the fire station for another fundraiser. Donna Vergason is moving the idea forward. Food will be sold during the activity. Instructor is coming from the Paint Box in Owego. Still working on Wood Fest. Have about 16 vendors, 12-13 confirmed carvers while others just show up, may have as many as 70 lumberjacks. Part of the NYS Lumberjack Association Show. The show in Bath got cancelled this year so ours will be the first qualifying for the Nationals. Need more sponsors. Supervisor Schmidt asked who updates the Facebook page- Deda and Karen (Keenan) update and tag cohosts regularly. Close to 800 have said they are interested in the event. Seniors are taking a trip on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to Del Lago. Also have a trip set up for May 23<sup>rd</sup> going to the World War II Museum in Eldred, PA. Church breakfast is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Historical Society meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 6:00 PM. Food Bank is the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10:00 AM.

Code Enforcement Officer-John McCracken- Received plans for two (2) houses, issuing violations letters and a few tickets. Anyone can call and put in an anonymous complaint. Supervisor Schmidt asked about the form and fee for operating permits- John said it is a work in progress. He attended training in Maryland at the FEMA National Training Center. He is now a nationally certified floodplain manager. That will help with the town's flood insurance rating. Supervisor Schmidt asked for a copy to turn into Sprague Insurance. Helps with anyone in town that needs to have flood insurance having someone nationally certified. He gets audited by ASI just for Code Enforcement program about once every two years. Go through all records step by step of what we do, what violations were issued, property files. The more stringent we are, the more it helps out with homeowner's insurance rating. Every town is rated by how good the code enforcement department and fire departments are. John asked Deda Cedar where the

lumberjacks are staying. Deda-most come for just the day. Joshua Benjamin asked John where the new homes are going. John-Greenbush and Park Station Road with 3-4 more planned.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since our last meeting we have been plowing and cindering as needed. We went out 87 times this year to plow or cinder and put down more than 3,000 ton of anti-skid. We have a broom coming next week to start sweeping roads where the sand has to be picked up. Plus we will be using our pull broom to sweep the other roads. We've been patching potholes when weather has permitted. We will be replacing the big pipe in the creek on Chapman Road as soon as Soil and Water is available with their excavator. We will start grading roads as soon as weather permits. Still waiting on update on truck. Dan Delorme asked what our cut on CHIPS will be-Steve is still waiting on letter stating changes. He thinks the regular CHIPS will be left alone, but they are not going to do the extreme winter budget or the Pave New York budget. Dan Cleveland asked how long it will take to replace the box culvert on Marsh Road. Steve said a month. Detour will be Federal to North Chemung Road. Supervisor Schmidt asked about FEMA-Steve said we are still working on the paperwork. She also commented on how great the park looks. Also asked about the flags. Steve said the metal brackets we have now are angle iron and are starting to cut the vinyl. They will take brackets down, cut angle iron off and put black pipe up with caps on to make it easier to slide flags on and off. No need to replace any right now.

County Representatives- Mark Margeson-Chamber of Commerce does know that there is a Wood Fest in Erin. He spoke for about 10 minutes about it at a meeting with a group of 30 other company owners. Supervisor Schmidt suggested having Deda (Cedar) and Karen (Keenan) provide a flyer stating antidotal information; feels it is critical information for them to support our event. Opens the door for future opportunities for more support. Chris Moss has directed the IT department to go to the fire station to figure out temporary credit card use for the three (3) day event. Mark and Dan (Delorme) had a meeting on broadband with a company he met in Albany. They have opened the door. Being worked on, discussed, and talked about. New IT person involved because Steve (Wilber) retired. Still no answer on the sales tax issue. Still determining the allocation. Supervisor Schmidt reiterated that Erin has been cautious when making their budget and only goes on a portion of that money as our operation budget.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt- Asked Clerk to find ordinance or Town Law regarding license fees for mobile home parks. Need a process to get them to pay. Asked John (McCracken) where he is at with the court room door, alarm, and cameras. John is working with Mike (Shutts) to run everything, will check with Kyle (Weider) regarding placement and County IT to help patch into judge's computer and set actual program into computers. Goal is to be done by next meeting. Regarding the property cleanup and abatement fees-Wenzel will send a bill and administrative fees will be tacked on. That needs to be part of the shared service agreement. John will get the numbers to Supervisor Schmidt.

#### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Pat Wainwright - Breesport Road - Asked what the recommended speed limit is on town roads. Steve Tyler answered 55 MPH if not posted. There is sign on Sandbank Road that she cannot read. Steve will check on it tomorrow.

Gayle Ackerman - 248 Red Chalk Road - What kind of check and balance system is in place for all the new houses that are being built to make sure the people get on the tax roll? It was brought to her attention there is a house that people have been living in and have not paid taxes per the Chemung County tax map. She states the tax map website has changed dramatically in the last few years. Josh Benjamin explained how to navigate the County website. She also asked about permits and certificate of occupancy. Permits can be renewed yearly and Code Enforcement Officer issues certificates of occupancy. Supervisor Schmidt explained that John does his paperwork, files a yearly report with the state, the Assessor gets a copy and she then goes through the information. John McCracken will check

with the Assessor on Monday night. John clarified that if, by chance, they have not been paying taxes, the Assessor, the County and the Town can go back five (5) years.

Harold Spencer - 1620 Breesport Road - Asked if he could pull up the rest of the garden boxes at the park, level it off and seed. Both Supervisor Schmidt and Deda Cedar approved.

Dawn Schmidt- asked about part of the cemetery fence being gone. It was recommended she contact Roger Smith.

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 M. Shutts to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 4, #68-87, totaling \$25,676.19; and the Highway Fund Abstract 4, #44-59, totaling \$21,386.89; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 4, #80 & #83, totaling \$185.18; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 4, #4, totaling \$6,763.55.

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

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by D. Delorme to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM.

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

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Erin Town Clerk