

August 14, 2019
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 7:05 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Evans (arrived at 7:12 PM), Daniel Delorme, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Daniel Cleveland.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Irene & Willie Lind, Gayle & Darrell Ackerman, Jennifer Bates, Linnea Delorme, Marge Krejcar, Edwin Masin, John W. Spencer, Harold Spencer, Gary Rachford.

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Free rabies clinic at the Erin Town Hall on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Free rabies clinic at Chapel Park on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
- The Town was presented with a new American flag courtesy of Marge Krejar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- report will be tied in with Deda Cedar, John McCracken and Supervisor Schmidt's reports.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- There was no quorum for the July meeting. Nexamp needs information on the SEQR. Will be setting a Public Hearing for Local Law No. 1. which is to create additional administrative and enforcement measurements for local code and zoning related laws. Still working on the noise ordinance/good neighbor law. Supervisor Schmidt received a copy with recommendations from the Attorney and is making additional changes. She encourages everyone to review the noise ordinance draft so at the September meeting a Public Hearing can be set for October. Public Hearing for Local Law No. 1 of 2019 will be held on September 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM with the regular Board Meeting to directly follow. Nexamp's decommissioning plan was reviewed and sent back to Nexamp with the recommended changes; also received the commitment for the bonding piece of it. Still looking for two (2) alternate members.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- Seabreeze trip had 60 people attend and was a beautiful day. The Zucchini Race is on August 24 along with the Erin town wide rummage sales. Received a donation of concrete and decking paint. Might be able to use on the picnic tables. Jennifer Bates is in charge of baseball on Thursday nights. They were contacted last Thursday by Cameron Taylor from Spencer, who has a baseball league with their own liability insurance. The league would like to do improvements on the baseball fields at their cost and to pay to use the fields. Deda will talk to him tomorrow night at the park. Jeremy Keller donated \$100 for paint for the picnic tables. Looking for donations for the rummage sale. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation for any vendors that would like to

set up. Selling hotdogs, lemonade, and chips. The Zucchini Race starts at 1:00 PM, signups are at 12:30 PM. Twenty-one (21) people attended the train ride. Square dancing will be sometime in October. Mobile Food Pantry served 73 households. The next one is August 23. The Quarter Auction brought in \$328.95 that was turned over to the Town. Still looking for fundraiser and activity ideas. Thinking about having a movie night with the projector or possibly a bon fire. There were 39 people that attended the August meeting and the next senior meeting is September 4th. They are going to Sauders Store and Canandaigua Lady Boat Ride on Monday. There is a senior trip September 25 to del Lago. The Bloomsburg Fair trip was cancelled due to lack of Erin resident participants. The Historical Society Community Picnic is September 28th at 12:00. It is a dish to pass, hotdogs will be supplied.

Code Enforcement Officer-John McCracken- DEC has been in town and has issued eight (8) tickets. They will be going around with John periodically. DEC does not have to issue violation letters first. There is junk being burning in town and trying to put an end to it. A state senator near Newburg had an investigation regarding code enforcement and municipalities. John has a copy of the report if anyone is interested. The state is failing the code officers. In your fire insurance there is G54 money that goes to the state, almost like a tax, that goes to help municipalities help pay for code enforcement officers. In 1991, the state took the money illegally. The state senators are pushing to get the money back to municipalities. There were 3-4 permits issued in the last two weeks. Several inquiries about hunting cabins. Ordered a garage to come down due to no permit issued and illegally built. A warrant was issued for a property on Breesport North Chemung Road. Applying for a search warrant to enter property that construction is taking place on that cannot be seen from the road. The owner has given permission, but paperwork is still being completed to cover the Town. DEC does not have the authority to walk on someone's property without visible justification. Spoke with Attorney regarding the noise ordinance/good neighbor law. Thanked Mark Margeson for setting up a meeting regarding people losing property to taxes and buying more property. Trying to prevent the cycle from continuing. Supervisor Schmidt also thanked Mark Margeson for helping with the dust control.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler-Since our last meeting we have been grading roads, putting in pipes, cutting trees. Last Thursday night, five (5) trees came down in the storm, barricaded Mallory Hill due to wires down. Purchased used truck from the Town of Horseheads. Reprofiled Langdon Hill and put down some gravel, put in a couple cross pipes and driveway pipes.

County Representatives- Mark Margeson- Met with executive branch, attorney and neighbor and looked at a property. Pictures were taken. The County is looking at a course of action. The problem has continued for the past 12 years-they haven't paid taxes and they remain the owner. Mark asked the attorney several questions. Believes there are potential solutions in the system. Craig Spencer was contacted due to the 10-12 dogs on the property. Everything needs to be approved by the legislature.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt- Downloaded a report identifying cost savings measures and ideas. It states that the Town of Erin's data was missing and said it was not submitted to the state for the year 2017. It is an untrue statement. Supervisor Schmidt requested, in writing, twice for the report to be updated. The committee has been disbanded and the report will not be updated. A copy is available for anyone to read. The inventory from Fagan was received regarding the road analysis. It gives an inventory of roads, the condition and an assessment what needs to be done going forward in regards to the budget. There will need to be some budget changes. A reserve needs to be set up for the roads. The data will be very helpful. Next year's election is going to cost \$4100. There will be primaries in April and June and the general election will be in November. All registered voters are eligible to vote early. Our rating for home owners insurance stayed the same. Thank you to Dave Cedar from the fire department for that survey and taking care of that for the Town. The Budget Workshop will be in October before the Board meeting. The Town of Erin's 200 year anniversary will be in 2022. In the next couple of months a committee will be put together and maybe tie in a celebration with Wood Fest. Jennifer Bates asked about blocking off Rodburn Place for the celebration. It is a Town road and can be approved with the fire

department as part of the planning. Dan Delorme had a recommendation to move the audit of highway and general fund bills after the pledge to our flag on the agenda. That way questions can be asked before the end of the meeting. The meeting will open at 6:30 PM to audit the bills and continue on once that is finished. Communications will be made until the organizational meeting in January to change the agenda. The meetings will start at 6:30 PM beginning in September. Also have the Public Hearing in September that will start at 6:00 PM. The siding at the Town Hall needs to be replaced and repainted and new gutters installed. Need three names of contractors:

1. Dewey Ervay, Erin
2. Kinney Brothers, Horseheads
3. Mike Dieffenbach, Erin

John McCracken will need to change his hours from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM on Monday's due to a City Council meeting every other Monday.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Jennifer Bates-Greenbush Road-Thank you for taking care of Greenbush Road. The guys do a good job over there.

Harold Spencer-If it is alright with the Town, he would like to rent a mini excavator to lift the old stones in the cemetery back in place and pull out the honeysuckle. It is fine with the Town Board. Thank you to Harold for doing the work.

Gayle Ackerman-Red Chalk Road-Red Chalk Road looks great. There is a problem with 4-wheelers. They have called the cops several times, they won't return calls. Supervisor Schmidt encourage residents to call every time there is a problem.

Darryl Ackerman-Is there a weight limit on log trucks? Can the stop sign be moved to the other side to avoid spinning tires in the gravel? There are logs in the ditch. Steve Tyler will look into the issue.

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 M. Shutts to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 8, #165-180, totaling \$1,875.35; and the Highway Fund Abstract 8, #103-123, totaling \$162,480.49; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 8, #173-174, totaling \$175.51; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 8, #8, totaling \$6,763.55.

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

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by D. Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

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