

December 11, 2019
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Deputy Supervisor Delorme called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:42 PM. He then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dawn Schmidt.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Irene & Willie Lind, Maureen & Harold Spencer, Mark Margeson, Gary Ratchford, Jennifer Bates, Brian Hyland, Jennifer Furman.

Deputy Supervisor Delorme welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting started with the auditing of the bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 12, #227-246, totaling \$3,339.52; and the Highway Fund Abstract 12, #173-186, totaling \$7,583.94; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 12 #238 & 241, totaling \$177.62; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 12, #12, totaling \$6,763.55.

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

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

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 11, 2019;

1. RESOLUTION 41-2019 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

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Resolution By: R. Evans
Seconded By: M. Shutts

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Erin hereby authorizes the following budget transfers for 2019:

Fund	Description	Dr.	Cr.
A8810.4	Cemetery		\$ 60.00
A3510.4	Animal Control		\$ 850.00
A599	Appropriated fund balance	\$ 910.00	
DA5142.4	Snow removal - contractual		\$ 2,290.93
DA599	Appropriated fundBalance	\$2,290.93	

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney-Researching what constitutes a seasonal road and when or whether or not a seasonal road converts to a "normal" road that the town maintains year-round.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar-Working on noise ordinance to make a few things more clear. There will be no meeting this month due to the holiday.

Planning Board Liaison-Dan Cleveland-Will be leaving the position of Liaison and hopes that another Board Member will fill this important role. Deputy Supervisor Delorme thanked Councilman Cleveland for his time being Planning Board Liaison.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- Christmas party is Saturday at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station; all are welcome. Books were purchased for Santa to hand out. They received \$650.00 worth of books for \$211.00. Asking for donations for the snack table. Sunday at 1:00 PM there will be a 'Chalk it Up' paint party where you come and paint a picture. The Senior Christmas party at the Breesport Masonic Temple had about 70 people. The food was excellent. Still looking for someone to take leadership of the group. The Historical Society is having a program on December 20th at 7:00 PM portraying a Civil War General. It is open to the public.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken-Working with Nexamp Solar Farm and will be issuing permit on Monday.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since our last meeting we have been plowing and cindering roads as needed. We have been trimming trees, repairing equipment and replacing signs around town. We took American flags down and replaced them with the Christmas flags. We took a load of scrap metal down and I am turning in a check for \$145.60.

County Representatives-Mark Margeson & Jennifer Furman, Chemung County Treasurer-Gave a presentation on community college charges and how it is funded in New York State and Chemung County. Packets were handed out. Chemung County pays approximately \$3,400.00 per student this year. The County can tax back to individual districts where the students live and reside. For the past 4-5 years, Erin has had approximately 30 students per year attending community college. The County pays the bills after being verified by Certificate of Residency forms. The charges get levied back to the tax payers of each district. It was found that the Town of Erin charges for the past 4-5 years tax bill levies were incorrect. Jennifer proposed to the County administrators and to the legislature to minimally get the levy value for the coming year equal to what the anticipated charges will be for the Town of Erin. The levy is going from \$49,286.00 to \$70,000.00. The goal in setting it at \$70,000.00 is to cover the charges for this year and any residual will work towards the balance. The Town of Erin's deficit is \$240,000.00. Enrollment is going down. The reasonable payback period could be 10 to 15 to 20 years depending on enrollment. Mark will be more than happy to answer any future questions as they arise. Mark also reported that Erin applied for \$10,000.00 in tourism money for Wood Fest. The application is in and looks like they are in a good spot to receive the funds. Councilman Cleveland asked about an article in the newspaper about secretism. Mark explained about caucuses where a group of Republicans or Democrats get together and discuss things but where no decisions are made. They are a legal gathering. They help to open lines of communication. Brian Hyland commented on new administration, new department heads, and new legislators as an opportunity to listen to different viewpoints, change things, clean things up and be more open.

Supervisor-Deputy Supervisor Delorme read over monthly report of Supervisor figures/amounts.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Cleveland-residents have voiced their concern to him about the speed limit on Rt. 223 causing a problem with buses and kids having to ride buses longer and get dropped off at other

locations. Asked if the Town and/or County could take action, such as writing a letter to the State stating unsafe speed limit. Perhaps a lower speed limit and possibly a double solid line. This needs to be addressed due to the safety issue. Mark Margeson requested a proposal be sent to him. Deputy Supervisor Delorme will get together with Supervisor Schmidt and draw something up. Councilman Cleveland thanked the Board and the residents that gave him the honor of representing the Town for 20 years.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Harold Spencer-1620 Breesport Road-Before the Town Board leaves tonight, the Spencer Family has something for all of you.

Deda Cedar-Church breakfast is Saturday 8:00-10:00 AM. Historical Society meeting is December 20th.

Gary Ratchford-1614 Breesport Road-Erin calendars are in and are being delivered. While delivering, he noticed there is no sign stating you left Sickles Road and are on Langdon. Also looking into Hometown Hero flags. He has 26 people interested in the 18 mm, double sided flag for \$125.00 each.

Deda Cedar-Town Hall looks great-thank you to Mo (Spencer).

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

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by D. Cleveland to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: D. Cleveland, R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts. Nays: None.