

April 8, 2020 Town of Erin
Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:32 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William VanRiper, Jr., Daniel Delorme, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Randy Evans.

PUBLIC PRESENT: The meeting was closed to everyone except the Board members and the Town Clerk due to the Coronavirus Covid-19.

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

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 4, #60-73, totaling \$12,215.99; and the Highway Fund Abstract 4, #42-57, totaling \$17,575.69; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 4, #66 & #67, totaling \$165.30; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 4, #4, totaling \$5,894.39. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board Meeting on March 11, 2020 and approve the minutes. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

☐ The NYSTCA Conference was cancelled for April 26-29, 2020 and rescheduled for August 16-19, 2020. The Town Clerk will be unable to attend the new dates. Refund requests were made for the registration and hotel fees.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING APRIL 8, 2020;

1. RESOLUTION 25-2020 TO CONFER UPON THE TOWN SUPERVISOR ADDITIONAL DUTIES DUE TO THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

RESOLUTION 25-2020 RESOLUTION TO CONFER UPON THE TOWN SUPERVISOR ADDITIONAL DUTIES DUE TO THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 Resolution By: D. Delorme Seconded By: M. Shutts

WHEREAS, a nationwide pandemic has been declared due to the impact of the Coronavirus Covid -19 resulting in a New York State and County of Chemung declaration of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Erin is complying with various State and County directives for the benefit of the safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus, the Town of Erin Town Board wishes to implement the following procedures to minimize public interactions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the best interest of the safety and welfare for the public, the Town Board of the Town of Erin, County of Chemung, State of New York hereby confers upon the Town Supervisor the following additional duties and responsibilities in accordance with NYS General Municipal Law Section 24(4):

1. The ability to make decisions regarding office hours and determine the appropriate number of essential staff who shall work to meet the needs of the daily operations of the Town; and
2. The ability to pay bills for services and purchases to maintain the daily operations of the Town; and
3. The ability to cancel a scheduled Town Board meeting if the Town Supervisor determines that convening such meeting would create a public health risk. If the Town Supervisor determines to cancel a scheduled meeting, then the Town Supervisor must notify the Town Board members and the Town Clerk forty-eight (48) hours in advance of such scheduled meeting. In addition, the Town Supervisor must make best efforts to also notify the public forty-eight (48) hours in advance of such scheduled meeting by placing such notice on the Town's website, post a cancellation notice at the Town Hall and email notification of such cancellation to the local media.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these additional duties and responsibilities conferred upon the Town Supervisor shall only be in effect until June 10, 2020. Motion Carried: W. VanRiper, Jr., D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney-Recommended doing the Resolution to add duties to the Town Supervisor due to the impact of the Coronavirus.

Planning Board-Cancelled due to the executive order from the Governor.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Cancelled due to the executive order from the Governor.

Code Enforcement-Documents from the City have been signed and his cohort, Brandon, will be working on that. They will start going out. Preempted by the dump on Rorick Hollow. Whenever this opens up, John and Supervisor Schmidt have talked about having a tire/appliance drop off day.

Highway Superintendent-Dawn spoke with Steve and they are following the social distancing protocol and not riding in trucks together. Steve will lower the flag while NYS is on Pause per the request of the Governor.

County Representative-Sales tax is down 70%. No one is buying anything or staying in hotels. Contract with County for 2020 would be at the same level as it has been, if they have the funds to do it. We never bank on that money as part of our operating budget.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt-There was garbage and tires dumped on Rorick Hollow Road, the Sheriff Department is involved, the Town cleaned it up, and the individuals will receive a bill for the cleanup. There are two different logging projects on Park Station Road which dumps into Park Station that will cause a huge water change. Soil & Water is taking the lead on this. Hoping that FEMA will be involved in this and everyone is tracking their hours during the shutdown as of March 27th. Received the

contract from the County for \$3,333.33 which will be used for computer upgrades. The parks in the county have been closed. Signs have been posted at the playground/basketball court at the Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

We have not heard anything after putting up signage on Langdon Hill. We have been Foiled, the County has been Foiled, everyone that is attached has been Foiled by Ziff Law Firm. The insurance company has been notified. You cannot call 911 from a cell phone from a large portion of our town. Emergency Management got a wakeup call when they were asked to reach out to Southern Tier Network. They are the ones we are working with on the broadband.

Deputy Supervisor Delorme talked about Supervisor Schmidt and Horseheads Superintendent sending a letter of support for Southern Tier Network Inc.'s application for \$25,000,000 in USD! ReConnect Funding. It involves four counties. The school district would like a place to plug in a hot spot router for the kids to come, download information, and enable them to do their online homework. The Town would be providing an outlet. They would do the install. Councilman Shutts suggested the Fire Station as an option as well.

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

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by D. Delorme to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.