

February 10, 2021
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:31 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William VanRiper, Jr., Randy Evans, Daniel Delorme, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Michael Shutts.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark Margeson, Harold Spencer, Donald & Melissa Bower.

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

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 2, #11-28 totaling \$11,410.07; and the Street Lighting Abstract 2, #12, #20 & #25 totaling \$242.98; and the Highway Fund Abstract 2, #8-23, totaling \$32,339.78; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 2, #2, totaling \$3,625.33.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by R. Evans to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Organizational meeting and regular Board meeting on January 13, 2021 and approve the minutes.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Chemung County's Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be Saturday, May 22, 2021 for Chemung County residents only (no businesses). Pre-registration is required and no electronics will be accepted.
- The Town of Veteran is considering adopting new land regulations for the Town. The Public Hearing is scheduled on the proposed legislation for February 18, 2021 at 6:45 PM at the Town Hall 4049 Watkins Road, Millport, NY.
- With the help of Deda Cedar sending a link, Steve Tyler & the Town Clerk researched an LED marquee motion sign system for the Town Hall. The price is \$4,781.99 for a 45 3/4" x 70 1/4" sign with the software included plus shipping. The information will be given to M. Shutts and W. VanRiper, Jr. to discuss possible options.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2021;

1. RESOLUTION 17-2021 TO REAPPOINT A MEMBER TO THE ERIN PLANNING BOARD

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Resolution By: D. Delorme

Seconded By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

BE IT RESOLVED that Carol Morton, 1003 Red Chalk Road, Erin, NY 14838 be reappointed to serve as a member of the Erin Planning Board, for a period of five (5) years with such term commencing January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney-No report.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- They were able to have a Zoom meeting. Working on Article 5 that deals with the districts. Going to start with a survey of the Town residents. Trying to come up with different ways to get the survey out. The old comprehensive plan is 20 years old. The members will bring ideas back for the next meeting as to what they want on the survey. They will use the old survey as a base to add to. A copy will be given to Board members also. Would like to come up with a simpler way to label the zones. The map needs to be updated and Deda will check with the County to see if they can help with that. Supervisor Schmidt suggested asking the Assessor for a map. There are a few things that need to be corrected and a map would be beneficial.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar-The Food Bank has been serving 150-160 households and averaging 20-25 volunteers. It is still a drive-thru service. Have heard of no complaints. Suzanne Murphy, the former Erin Town Historian, passed away. Wood Fest could possibly be pushed to the fall. Things are starting to open up per Governor Cuomo. Mark Margeson will ask the executive branch if they have an idea of what might be going on. It takes a lot of time and planning to put on Wood Fest.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- He is not back working yet, but his surgery was successful and he is feeling better.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since our last meeting we have been plowing and cindering roads as needed. Truck #6 box is rusted bad enough that the hinges to the side dump broke and we are unable to raise it anymore when using to cinder. Last Friday, a pickup truck hit one of our trucks while our truck was pulling into the driveway. The yellow safety lights were all working and were on and being used. Luckily, no one was injured. We had the Town of Horseheads haul the truck to Elmira Spring Works this past Monday for repairs. The repairs were completed and it was picked up today. I had another 1,000 ton of anti-skid delivered this week. Ourselves and the other towns that help us were all too busy to help haul. The new heater was installed in our shop. I would like the other old one replaced as it has been making a lot of noise and would be more efficient.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to upgrade the other heater to a new one in the shop.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

County Representatives-Mark Margeson-They are taking a look at the number of legislators that they currently have in the County and are doing some redistricting. Every ten years when the census comes out redistricting is considered. The communities are looked at to see if the population decreased enough to change the districts. A consultant was hired for just shy of \$50,000 by the Chairman. A committee was formed to look at the research. There is no representation for the rural communities in Chemung County on the committee. The parameters of the research will be set by the Chairman. Looking to change the form of government and potentially decreasing the number of legislators. There are no new ideas, no new business, no creativity for new business or sales tax revenue or anything of that nature. The Town of Erin will be left in the dark because there is no representation. If they go back to the Board of Supervisors, the four top communities would run the county. That would be Big Flats, Horseheads, Southport and the City of Elmira.

The old War Plane Museum has been set up as a vaccination center. It can handle 500-1,000 people per day. He asked the legislator to create a resolution to send a letter to Cuomo that we need vaccines and have a facility that can handle 500-1,000 people already set up. Right now, 200 vaccines are being received per week. It is also going to be used on February 12th for a free mass testing site for the county. It is very well organized. Sales tax is down, but not as far as they originally thought. There are 48 positions in the county that are vacant and have been budgeted for that could be filled, Chris Moss does not want to fill them. Continuing to make progress on broadband. Staples Road and Rorick Hollow are the last two roads. If there are no wires going by the house, Deputy Supervisor Delorme can be contacted. If there are wires but no service, Spectrum need to be contacted. This project started January 2015. If anyone has any issue county wide, feel free to contact Mark Mageson on his cell phone at 607-742-0203.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt-The Justice report needs to be audited and is due to the state by March 1st. As the report has not yet been received, a Special Meeting will be required in order to accomplish this.

The Town Hall was contacted by Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding Bone Builders returning. As long as they follow the requirements of social distancing, hand sanitizing and mask wearing everyone is okay with it. Mark Margeson suggested a contact tracing form be filled out before each class with date, names, and phone numbers of who was in attendance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Don Bower, Jr. with wife Melissa- Red Chalk Road-Would like to present to the Board a Special Use Permit to open a facility that showcases locally produced goods and services, agricultural activities, flea markets, and auctions on Laurel Hill Road. Feels it will be an asset and money maker for the Town. Hoping to make it a community-based organization so everyone can benefit from it. He presented a map of the facility.

He also spoke about redistricting and rural communities. Need to work together.

Resolution to accept the Special Use Permit paperwork from Don Jr. and Melissa Bower was made by D. Delorme and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

The paperwork was given to Deda Cedar to take before the Planning Board at the next meeting.

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

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.