

March 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, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark Margeson, Harold Spencer, Jeremy Keller.

PUBLIC PRESENT ON ZOOM: Tina Reynolds.

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

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by D. Delorme to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 3, #29-49 totaling \$7,861.81; and the Street Lighting Abstract 3, #38 totaling \$213.10; and the Fire District Fund #3, #33 totaling \$151,167.00; and the Highway Fund Abstract 3, #24-41, totaling \$37,772.98; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 3, #3, totaling \$3,625.33. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by M. Shutts to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on February 10, 2021 and the Special meeting on February 16, 2021 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- A letter was read from Jeremy Keller asking for a Special Use Permit to move Keller's Towing & Transport, LLC to 45 Keller Drive, Erin, NY from its current location at 1371 Breesport Road, Erin, NY and he will also will be applying for a salvage yard license for 45 Keller Drive, Erin, NY. Application and all paperwork were given to Deda Cedar.
- The Town Clerk asks for permission to attend the NYS Town Clerks Annual Virtual Conference April 26-28, 2021 for training. The conference fee is \$125.00.

Motion was made D. Delorme and seconded by M. Shutts to allow the Clerk to attend the NYS Town Clerk virtual conference for training.

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

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

1. RESOLUTION 19-2021 TO CHANGE THE TOWN OF ERIN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
2. RESOLUTION 20-2021 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND TO PURCHASE 2019 FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK

RESOLUTION 19-2021

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE TOWN OF ERIN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Resolution By: D. Schmidt

Seconded By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Erin Employee Handbook will alter the section on hiring relatives to state the Town may employ members of the same family and that staff members may report to a member of their family.

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

RESOLUTION 20-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND TO PURCHASE 2019 FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK

Resolution By: D. Delorme

Seconded By: M. Shutts

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Erin Town Board authorizes the issuance of a \$205,000 bond to purchase a 2019 Freightliner Dump Truck VIN 1FVHG3DVXKHKG1551 from the Town of Hornellsville, 4 Park Avenue, PO Box 1, Arkport, NY 14807.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- Supervisor Schmidt does need to do a Covid Emergency Plan for workers to continue business. Attorney still working on drone issue with property line under the 400' and free space when it comes within 25' of the property line. A recommendation is needed for what is suitable for us. John McCracken will check with her on Monday regarding the drone issue.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- Held Public Hearing for Don Bower tonight and only the Bower family came. A resolution was passed to move it on to the County Planning Board. Working on updating the survey and looking for ideas on how to get it out to the public.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar-Spoke with the lumberjacks and they are available August 7th for Wood Fest. Have been trying to get in touch with Wagner's to see if they will donate the wood that is needed. There is a concern because it is both Chemung Co. Fair and race weekend. Supervisor Schmidt feels that there would be too much competition with events. Deda will try again for new dates possibly in July or September. Due to Covid, events have been pushed into the fall. Also, many lumberjacks are collegiate students and September would be after college would be back in session. A suggestion was made to possibly postpone Wood Fest until next year and have Community Days as an alternative to showcase local talent. Bone Builders have returned to the Town Hall under social distance recommendations. Seniors are still interested in meeting. Supervisor Schmidt is not opposed for them to use the Town Hall but social distancing guidelines must be followed, masks worn and hall cleaned after use.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- He will be back to work on Monday, March 15, 2021. He asked the Clerk to update the phone numbers and website to reflect this change.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since the last meeting they have been plowing and cindering as needed, working on equipment, and have started filling in potholes. They had one of their employees turn in his resignation and are looking for someone to replace him. Steve talked with the body shop and they may possibly get truck #12 back by the end of next week. He started the process of getting a salvage title for the truck once it is returned. He has a check for the Board for \$2,487.53 from Travelers Insurance Company for damages due to the accident when the truck was hit.

Buildings & Grounds-William VanRiper, Jr.-Sending an email to Board members with quotes on a new sign for the Town Hall. Still waiting on another quote. Will check with Josh Blauvelt regarding the sign at the fire department.

County Representatives-Mark Margeson-County Legislature wants to hire a company for \$48,000 to investigate alternate forms of government and ultimately eliminate the County Executive and the Treasurer. There could be a battle between the legislative group and the executive branch to decide if the county legislators have the ability to take money out of retained earnings to pay for it. Due to the census, the districts can be consolidated. There is potentially money coming down from the federal government due to Covid. They have been told not to count on it for budget purposes. There are stipulations on how it can be spent/used. It can be offset by what is already being received. Sales tax, for us, is down \$5400 this year. It did not drop as much as they thought and increased in the 4th quarter. The Town of Erin does not budget on sales tax. There is a max vaccination clinic at the old war plane museum. The Arnot Mall will have 1,500 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccines at the former Macy's. Supervisor Schmidt encourages people to check Facebook to see dates and qualifications. It is the easiest way to get information out to the public. She also spoke of redistricting and feels the rural communities are not being represented on the committee and does not want to get lost.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt-Received an award from Comp Alliance and received \$1,800 back for having a safe work environment. It is a two-year program for safety. She thanked the highway crew for that.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Tina Reynolds-no address given-spoke of various topics: her vehicles being stolen and damaged, illegal drug use, loss of income from losing her job, vandalism even with the use of security cameras, random acts and individuals not being caught. Would like others to be aware that it is happening. Police have been notified and was told there is not enough coverage in her area. Supervisor Schmidt encouraged her to keep contacting the police regarding these issues.

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 7:18 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.