

June 9, 2021
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:30 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: Gary Ratchford, Mark Margeson.

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

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by D. Delorme to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 6, #76-87 totaling \$3,743.44; and the Street Lighting Abstract 6, #84 totaling \$205.31; and the Highway Fund Abstract 6, #84-96, totaling \$16,834.07; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 6, #6, totaling \$852.38.

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 May 12, 2021 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- On Saturday, June 5, 2021, with the help of Soil & Water, the Town of Erin collected 241 tires to be recycled.
- Chemung County Soil & Water Conservation district has rolled out a new Electronic Recycling Voucher program. Chemung County residents will register by calling 607-426-3149. They will pick up their voucher in person on June 19th from 8:00 am to noon at the Soil & Water office. From June 21st to June 25th residents will be able to take the items listed on their voucher directly to React Recycling, 225 Colonial Drive, Horseheads, at no cost, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, June 9, 2021;

1. None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney-A packet was given to Board members regarding Cannabis. The documentation is from the County. The second documentation is from the attorney and says only cities and villages, but it also applies to towns. It is a hybrid of the rest of the NYS documentation. Encouraged to review for next meeting to discuss opt in, opt out, opt for sale not for use, opt for use not for sale. Needs to be in place by the end of the year. Would like to make a decision by September.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar-They did not have a quorum so there was no meeting last month. At this month's meeting they will set up the public hearing on drones. Steve Shutts is interested in a position on the Planning Board and will submit a letter for consideration. Asked the Board if there were any questions, suggestions or objections on the questionnaire. Supervisor Schmidt asked the Board to submit all comments and suggestions to Michael Shutts prior to the next Planning Board meeting.

Chemung County has a survey out to access and improve Park Station. They are applying for grants to make improvements and would like public input. Interested in what residents would like to see for the direction of improvements.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar-Meeting held 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. The Little Library was doing well until someone used it as the Town dump. Deda put on FaceBook that that is not what it is for. The cupboard needs a new coat of varnish. Would like to do a dedication to the person who built the shed. Signs are needed for the park such as shed etiquette, rules of the park, signs pointing to park, park hours, name of the park- Town of Erin Community Park. The seniors are not doing anything yet. They don't have any leadership to call anything together. They have a secretary and a treasurer. It would be an honor system for whether or not you are vaccinated. Gary Ratchford spoke about Historical Society options for reopening.

Summer softball will be Thursdays at 6:30 pm. They talked about putting baselines on the ballpark. Will be painting picnic tables on Friday. There will be an etching class on July 8th at 6:30 at the Town Hall. The cost is \$5.00 if you bring a vase and \$10.00 without a vase. August 15th will be the zucchini race at the Historical Society. Looking for fundraising ideas. When planning recreation, the average age group is considered. The Town of Erin demographics are ages 0-19 = 23%, 20-49 = 33%, and 50 and over = 44%. We have an aging town.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- He drafted a letter that will be sent to both Supervisor Schmidt and the attorney regarding 5-6 properties on Rumsey Hill Road that need their address numbers changed. The mistake was made by the County. Brandon has been putting out tags. Typically, he is in Erin every Thursday. John issued four letters Monday night.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler-We have been grading, raking, and rolling roads. We have started mowing the sides of the roads this week. We have been trimming trees and cleaning ditches. We have changed some cross pipes on roads where needed. Last month the Board approved to sell the loader to an auction site and purchase a new one from CAT. That needs to be approved again due to the year of the loader and price change. The loader is a 2020 instead of a 2021 and the price is \$178,000.000, which is \$1000.00 less. They are giving us a 2-year warranty at no extra charge.

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by D. Schmidt to purchase the 2020 CAT loader for \$178,000.00.

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

I would also like the Board's permission to put our 1973 CAT loader up for surplus equipment so it can be put on the auction site.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to put the 1973 CAT loader up for surplus.

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

Will work on getting signs for Park and when there is time they will take the fire truck and spray the building to clean it.

Buildings and Grounds-Information was presented from Stewart Signs for a TekStar Color sign. If a commitment is made to purchase, specs will be sent to put the posts in the ground, brackets will be sent for the sign to sit in and when the sign is finished, in about 6 weeks, the sign slides in and bolts will be put in place. It is wireless, it is the same company that did the sign for the fire department. Mark Margeson suggested putting a proposal together for him and he will request \$5000.00 from Casella money to help with funds for the sign.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by M. Shutts to proceed with the purchase of a sign for in front of the Town Hall not to exceed \$21,000.00 per Stewart Signs quote #978005.

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

County Representatives-Mark Margeson-There is a lot of talk on the County getting \$16 million. There is going to be a battle between the legislative group and the executive branch because of the question on who controls the money. There are four (4) criteria that needs to be met regarding the \$16 million. Meetings are opened up, Chemung County Fair is going to take place, Park Station and Harris Hill are open.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt-A thank you letter was sent to Chemung County Soil & Water Conservation and to the BOCES volunteers for their help with the June 5th Tire Collection Day. In 2011 one line in a resolution, a number was inadvertently changed. It will be amended with a resolution at next months Board meeting. It deals with the number of sick days that are accumulated upon death or retirement. Reminder to do survey suggestions and review information on cannabis. Hopefully the drone public hearing will be set before next months meeting. Park Station is full. Please be aware of potential questions and concerns coming in.

John McCracken-Spread the word that there is a gentleman in Crestwood Trailer Park that has been riding a 4-wheeler around town without any lights on at 2:00 am. Has been seen two or three times. Please keep an eye out for him.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Gary Ratchford-Thank you all for helping out with the banners. Have had positive feedback. They tried to place banners where people have asked. Supervisor Schmidt talked to him about the letters from the old sign in front of the Town Hall. Asked if he would like to go through them to see if any can be used at the Historical Society. Feels Historical Society meetings can resume.

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

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by D. Delorme to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.