

August 11, 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: Harold & Maureen Spencer, Barb Burlew, Mark Margeson, Gary Ratchford, Tom & Jeanne Doloway.

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

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 8, #111-120 totaling \$2,599.66; and the Street Lighting Abstract 8, #117 totaling \$203.09; and the Highway Fund Abstract 8, #116-126, totaling \$104,844.80; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 8, #8, totaling \$2,238.85.

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

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by D. Delorme to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on July 14, 2021 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Several attempts have been made to contact Chemung County, through emails and messages, to set up the sexual harassment prevention annual training for the Town. If anyone has any other suggestions, please let the Clerk know.
- CPE tested the smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and safety call buttons. The heat detectors in the garage were disconnected years ago. CPE can look into what needs to be done to reconnect them if needed.
- The projected ship date for the sign from Stewart Signs is between October 28th and November 11th.
- Chemung County Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is Saturday, October 16th. It is free and for Chemung County residents only (no businesses). Pre-registration is required starting September 20th-October 13th. No electronics.
- The Clerk will be out of the office the week of August 23rd. The Deputy will work Wednesday 4:00-6:00 & Friday 10:00-12:00.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 11, 2021;

1. RESOLUTION 25-2021 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS
2. RESOLUTION 26-2021 AGREEMENT WITH GOVPAY TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS AS A FORM OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION 25- 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

Resolution By: D. Schmidt

Seconded By: D. Delorme

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Erin hereby authorizes the amendment of the town 2021 budget:

Fund		Debit	Credit
A3620.4	Safety Inspection		\$ 900.00
A599	Approp. Fund Balance	\$ 900.00	
DA5112.21	CHIPS		\$ 42,296.73
DA5130.2	Machinery		415.00
DA5130.4	Equipment Maint.		10,000.00
DA599	Approp. Fund Balance	\$ 52,711.73	

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

RESOLUTION 26-2021

RESOLUTION FOR AGREEMENT WITH GOVPAY TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS AS A FORM OF PAYMENT

Resolution By: D. Schmidt

Seconded By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

RESOLVED that the Town of Erin will contract with GovPay in order to accept credit cards as a form of payment.

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

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by M. Shutts to accept a grant from Chemung County in the amount of \$5000.00 to be put towards an electronic sign for the Town Hall.

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

SPECIAL GUEST: Sean Holley, Chemung County Undersheriff

Came to speak about the purpose and roles of the Sheriff department and address any local problems. They are the rural law enforcement for Chemung County and work closely with the State Police. They have 140 employees between the jail and the road patrol, three shifts on the road patrol and a K9 unit. They received money from Cops Grant that allows them to pay for overtime for police agencies in Chemung County. That allows them to fight violent crime. Notify with small problems before they become ingrained in the community. Part time employees were hired to work at Park Station three nights a week and on weekends. The public and panel voiced their concerns about the motorcycles speeding on 223. Will look into putting speed signs out. They now have two drones to help with lost people, crime scenes, etc. Supervisor Schmidt gave Undersheriff Holley a copy of the Town of Erin drone law. Encouraged the community to call with concerns and general questions. They are here to help.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- None.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- Steve Shutts is working on the survey using Google Doc program. Will let Board know when it goes live and it will be so for two months.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- Zucchini Race at the Historical Society on August 22nd at 1:00 pm. The Little Library had an issue with garbage. It is cleaned up now. On August 20th there will be T-shirt printing at the Town Hall. Deda is waiting to post anything until she finds out about Covid and what the rules will be. The senior lunch had 27 in attendance. There was no bingo because Gary Ratchford couldn't find his game. One was purchased for next month. The Salamanca trip had 31 people. On September 27th they are going to Bloomsburg Fair. The Food Truck had about 26 volunteers and is the 3rd Friday of the month. They have requested masks be worn once again. Talked about starting to plan the Halloween and Christmas Party. They will give it another month and see what the Covid numbers are.

Supervisor Schmidt asked Gary Ratchford about the Historical Society. Had about 20 people at the first meeting after starting back. The Historical Society is open on Sundays from 2:00-4:00 pm. Put a sign out announcing the Town's 200th anniversary and to contact him with any ideas, but has not heard from anyone yet.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- Nothing new.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- They have been grading roads, cleaning ditches with the help of the Town of Horseheads, and trimming trees. They reprofiled Jackson Creek from Lesky Road to up past Walker Hill Road. They had three road name signs that have come up missing and four road signs sprayed with green paint that need to be replaced. They had an employee resign. Asked to pay a new hire at a higher rate due to experience in order to keep the help. The Board had a discussion on current rate, raising the starting salary pay, experience, CDL licenses being a requirement.

A motion was made by D. Schmidt and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to raise the starting salary to \$21.48 for a new hire, a CDL is required, with road and plow experience. The job will be posted on the Town of Erin's website for two weeks and will close on August 26, 2021. New hire start date to be September 13th.

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

Steve has a couple of quotes that were requested by Board members for an excavator. Steve feels a back hoe would be more feasible to get around faster. He will have someone look at the 1978 loader to sell and move forward.

County Representative-Brian Hyland-There was a meeting on Monday night. A mask mandate is now in effect for County buildings, but there is no talk of shutting anything down.

County Representative-Mark Margeson- Executive Moss is working on the budget. Working on business development to generate money from money. He feels Moss will support Incubator Works which is being brought in from the Corning area. Incubator Works will provide an avenue for individuals that would like to develop a business. They will help you set up funding, set up a budget, help with advertising. Sales tax dollars and payroll dollars are being generated when small businesses are developed. Also, additional funding for landbank to buy housing in the City of Elmira, in addition to the farmers market building, internet, and grand stands at the fairgrounds. More to follow with the Arena. He was able to secure \$5000.00 toward the electronic sign for the Town Hall.

Dan Delorme asked about local businesses getting access to internet. Mark suggested to keep having discussions with the County. He will also follow up with Aaron Dowd at the County IT department.

John McCracken- When it comes to the land bank, he asked why Chemung County doesn't mandate use of Chemung County contractors.

Supervisor Schmidt- The issue with the contractors is they need to follow all the guidelines required by the Federal Government. They need to follow the stipulations of the program and they can't find contractors that will follow all of them. They can't ask for waivers on them.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt- Her and the Budget Clerk filled out the paperwork for American Rescue Plan money. Federal Government released almost \$95,000.00, but Town of Erin still cannot meet the criteria. The money is in a separate holding account that is not collecting interest. She will continue to work through it. She thanked Mark Margeson for the money for the sign. Budget season is starting. Heads of departments and committees please get worksheets back to Angie.

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

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by D. Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.