

September 8, 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., Randy Evans, Daniel Delorme, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark Margeson, Gary Ratchford, Sharon Wood, Harold Spencer, Brandon Decker

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

A motion was made by W. VanRiper Jr. and seconded by M. Shutts to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 9, #121-134 totaling \$7,071.94; and the Street Lighting Abstract 9, #130 totaling \$218.56; and the Highway Fund Abstract 9, #127-135, totaling \$5,346.67; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 9, #9, totaling \$2,238.85.

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 R. Evans to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on August 11, 2021 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Chemung County Soil & Water Conservation district is holding another Electronic Recycling Voucher program. Residents will register by calling 607-426-3149. Vouchers can be emailed or picked up. From September 20th to September 24th 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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021;

1. RESOLUTION 27-2021 TO SET THE 2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER 13, 2021 AT 5:30 PM
2. RESOLUTION 28-2021 TO SET PUBLIC HEARING 2022 BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

RESOLUTION 27-2021

RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER 13, 2021 AT 5:30 PM.

Resolved By: D. Delorme

Second By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Budget Workshop be set for Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 5:30 PM, Erin Town Hall, 1138 Breesport Road, Erin. The Town Board meeting will start immediately following.

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

RESOLUTION 28-2021

RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING 2022 BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2021 AT 6:00 PM.

Resolution by: D. Schmidt

Second by: W. VanRiper, Jr.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Budget Public Hearing be set for Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM, Erin Town Hall, 1138 Breesport Road, Erin. The Town Board meeting will start immediately following.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney-None.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- The questionnaire is out and live. They will be taking the sexual harassment prevention training at their next meeting. There are still openings for secretary and two alternates.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- A scout, Caleb Didas, painted picnic tables at the park and painted checkboards on top so people can bring checkers and play. The senior group had 26 at the meeting and 15 stayed after to play Bingo. There were 41 that went on the casino trip. The next trip is to Bloomsburg Fair on September 27th. Recreation is still unsure if they should be planning a Halloween party. Thinking about a parade outside and passing out treats during the afternoon. Will wait for updated rules as it gets closer.

Deputy Supervisor Delorme suggested doing it earlier in the month for better weather with kids being outside.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- He heard there is going to be a request for a mining permit through DEC. He does not have an address yet. Received an email about a cell antenna, but no one is here to present anything. Has no other information.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- They have been cleaning ditches, installing driveway pipes and trimming trees. They have also been working on equipment. Bradco came and looked at the 930 Loader and offered \$5000.000 towards the backhoe that they have for sale. Town of Horseheads is selling their backhoe, a 2019 Case with 600 hours on it for \$85,000.00. The 4-in-1 bucket that is on it does not come with it. Have a permit to take care of the beavers on Jackson Creek Road. Needs to get an easement from the resident. Councilman Evans told Steve that the resident passed away recently and the property is in the lawyers' hands now. New employee starts next week.

A discussion was had over a backhoe verses an excavator, trade-ins, Bradco verses Horseheads, renting, bonding, and bucket options.

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by M. Shutts to purchase a backhoe with the buckets needed, not to exceed \$60,000.00.

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

Buildings and Grounds-Talked about moving the electronic sign towards the building and adding a separate dusk to dawn light for the flag pole.

Supervisor Schmidt asked Councilman VanRiper, Jr. about a new HVAC system for the Town Hall to make the public air space better. Possible separate zones for the Town Hall, the offices, and the court room. He will get quotes for the next meeting.

County Representatives-Mark Margeson- Last night was a hectic open meeting with about 25 people who were upset, speaking out about face masks and vaccinations. The Arnot and the Nursing Facility are terminating people who are not vaccinated. Documents have been coming out about how the County is expected to spend the money. The recommendations have to be voted on by the

legislative group for the 2022 spend. There are issues with the Arena again. A lot of unknowns. The budget starts soon. The Nursing Facility will be an issue again because they are losing money.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt-Still questioning the Beaver Pond. Discussion on how low the pond is. Karen Tillotson is taking over Soil and Water Conservation. Next month is the budget workshop. Will continue to try and keep the budget flat as possible. Last year was the first increase in 8-9 years.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Sharon Wood-Breesport Road-Would like someone to do something about the water that keeps coming into her house. The creek that starts by the fire department goes over and floods her house.

Supervisor Schmidt questioned Mark Margeson about the creek on 223 by Bannister Road where the creek is eroding back into 223. It lost a lot in the last storm. A resident called and asked when the state was going to do something about it. DOT needs to do maintenance on it. Reminded Mark that we cannot be a forgotten element.

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 7:15PM.
Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.