

January 12, 2022
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:25 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: Willie Lind, Brittany Pompliano, Gary Ratchford, Harold Spencer, Mark Margeson.

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

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 1, #1-9, totaling \$5,153.65; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 1, #7, totaling \$294.11; and the Highway Fund Abstract 1, #1-6, totaling \$11,786.13; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 1, #1, totaling \$2,398.81.

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

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Public Hearing and regular Board meeting on December 8, 2021 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Chemung County is having another electronic drop off at React Recycling, 225 Colonial Drive, Horseheads. Pre-registration is required by calling 607-426-3149 Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, January 25th, January 27th, February 1st, and February 3rd. One time only drop: off of A/C units, dehumidifiers, fans and microwaves will be accepted. Drop off date is February 7th to February 11th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Must register to get a voucher to drop items off.
- The Town Clerk read the Legal Notice regarding the sealed bids for the purchase of a 2014 or newer John Deere 310SK (or equal) backhoe by the Town of Erin which ran in the Elmira Star Gazette 12/27/2021, 12/28/2021, 12/29/2021, 12/30/2021, and 1/2/2022. The only sealed bid received was from Bradco Supply Co., 80 Old Mills Road, Towanda, PA, 18848.

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by M. Shutts to accept the sealed bid from Bradco Supply Co. for the purchase of a 2014 John Deere Model #310SK – 4X4 extend-a-hoe, serial #1T0310SKPEE256686 for \$62,000.00, less 4 months rental invoiced at \$3,000.00/month (-) \$12,000.00, less trade Cat 930 Loader (-) \$5,000.00, for a total of \$45,000.00.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- The City of Elmira changed the wording on the dog control agreement from "County" to "Town" after we signed our agreement- "Any services that are related to farm or domestic animals as defined by the New York Agriculture and Markets Law which require additional funding for their care will be the sole responsibility of the Town." Supervisor Schmidt is not inclined to sign the new amended agreement until the Town attorney has given input.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- Still working on the survey. The Town Clerk has been sending out information on the survey with dog license renewals, tax bill receipts and given to any resident that comes into the Town Hall. Under NYS Law, the Planning Board is required to have an agricultural member; someone to look out for the interest when changing the laws so they don't interfere with any agriculture. Danielle Beauchamp will be appointed as the agricultural member.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar-There was no senior meeting in January due to Covid. Planning on having one in February. On February 11th there will be a craft painting some kind of hearts. On March 11th there will be a T-shirt painting class. The Christmas party went well- about 60 people attended, 35 kids ages 12 and under. They would like to have a chicken and biscuit dinner fundraiser for the park on February 25th at the fire station. They are interested in doing clean up days and would like to look into renting dumpsters for people to dump their garbage in. The Board is interested in a cause such as electronics day or tire day. There was great success with tire day. There will be an Easter egg hunt on April 9th at the fire station. Mobile Food Party served 155 families in December. The senior group had 44 attend the Christmas dinner, JD's was hired to cater, and the Santa Swap went over well. Supervisor Schmidt inquired about the 200th anniversary preparations for the Town. The Historical Society has not had many meetings due to Covid. She suggests having meetings, but follow the guidelines of masks and social distancing and move forward. There will be a meeting on Wood Fest on January 27. Planning on going through with Wood Fest on June 3rd-5th. Supervisor Schmidt suggested getting the information to the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce. Deda is going to suggest having a flower garden contest so people will clean up their yards and take more of an interest in their properties which might achieve the same kind of goal.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken-2021 Annual Report has been submitted to Supervisor Schmidt. He will submit the state report when the site is back up. He is working with the Town attorney on collection on the Mallory Hill Road fire cleanup.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- They have been plowing and cindering roads as needed, trimming trees when weather permits and patching potholes. They took three (3) trucks to have them sprayed with a coating to help keep them from rusting. They put up a sign at the park stating that it is closed for the winter. They have been hauling anti-skid and making repairs to equipment to keep them running. The stop sign on Thayer Road has been put back in place.

Buildings and Grounds-Supervisor Schmidt asked Councilman VanRiper, Jr. to meet with Hunt and Fagan on the scope of work for our project. She will get some dates together and let him know. Micknich Electrical hooked up the sign in front of the Town Hall. The light for the flag pole will be installed and should be up and running tomorrow.

County Representatives-Mark Margeson- A lawsuit was filed against the legislators due to the budget and will go to court. They are trying to develop the incubator program for new business in the community. There was another discussion on a federally funded dental clinic. He asked the county executives to conduct a study on the Chemung County Nursing Facility to get a plan together. The arena is up and running. Working on opportunities for the old War Plane Museum. The idea is to bring in an aviation related company to develop the space.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt- Need two Board members to do the annual audit of the 2021 Justice report and present it at the February meeting to get to the State by March 1st. D. Delorme and W. VanRiper, Jr. volunteered to audit the report.

The Town Clerk's 2021 Year End Report was received.

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by M. Shutts to accept the Town Clerk's 2021 Annual Report.

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

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 R. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM.
Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.