

AUGUST 10, 2022
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: Donna Vergason, Mark Margeson, Gary Ratchford, Cindy Huffner, Jennifer Bates, Harold & Maureen Spencer.

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, #113-131 totaling \$11,622.86; and the Highway Find Abstract 8, #107-120 totaling \$42,388.15; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 8, #123 totaling \$216.51; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 8, #8, totaling \$1,599.21.

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

An amendment was made to the June 8, 2022 minutes: voucher 84 for the General Fund to What's Happening Twin Tiers for \$375.00 was voided (check #3949) because the check was made out to the wrong name. Should have been paid to the order of LT Marketing. A late payment fee was incurred in the amount of 25%. The voucher from June was added to the August abstract.

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 July 13, 2022 and approve the amended minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- There will be a free rabies clinic at the Erin Town Hall on Thursday, September 29, 2022 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Preregistration is required. More information to follow once received from the health dept. Volunteers are needed.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING AUGUST 10, 2022;

1. None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- No report.

Planning Board- The special use permit application was handed out to the Board that the Planning Board would like to have adopted by the Board. The appropriate changes were made per the attorney and approved by her. Attorney will be helping the Planning Board with the moratorium. Deda will follow up with her. For a solar farm, the state controls anything over 2,500 kw.

A motion was made by D. Schmidt and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to accept the updated version of the special use permit application as approved by the Town Attorney. The updated version will be effective immediately.

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

The updated special use permit application will be put on the website. Encourages public input on solar farms. Planning Board meetings are the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. There are two alternate seats and secretary position open.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- Recreation has had a few activities: t-shirt dyeing and fake bake. Sewing class has been going well. Donna (Vergason) is in charge of the raffle for Founder's Day. Seniors are doing a bake sale and are also planning a trip the 4th Monday in September to the Bloomsburg Fair.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- Having issues with campers being rented like apartments. He has a meeting tomorrow night for a subdivision planned on a 100-acre parcel on Palmer Road. The clean up in town is an ongoing effort.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- They have been grading and raking roads and putting down dust control. Cleaned up a few trees from the storms. There was a driveway pipe on Bryan Road that was filled with debris and they flushed it out with the new water truck. They put down 2,500 ton of gravel on Jackson Creek Road with the help of Horseheads, Veteran, Van Etten and Baldwin. A new sign was installed at the bottom of Shamrock Drive. The bill was received a few days ago and a copy will be submitted to the insurance company for reimbursement for sign and labor.

Buildings & Grounds- Deputy Supervisor Delorme is meeting LaBella tomorrow morning to measure and start the HVAC system and lighting project for the Town Hall.

County Representative- There is potentially money available through Schumer's office for ventilation systems for where people meet. It was suggested to ask questions to expand the funds. Budget time is coming up. Sales tax is up 14% and starting to venture down. Also wanted to let people know that Brian Hyland is not feeling well.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt- The Justice would like authorization to apply for a grant up to \$30,000.00. Need to find out first if it is a matching grant, a one-for-one grant or just a flat-out grant. Justice also provided a quote for a new phone system. New system would be voice over internet. Will need a project plan. It will be tabled until more information is received. Deputy Supervisor Delorme will share the phone system information with LaBella for their input regarding the ceiling and wiring to see if they can build in. Sheriff Department sent report for July. There were 48 blotters assigned; 2 generated cases, 4 traffic ticket, 6 traffic stops, and 3 accidents. There is a website for more information regarding utility bills and how to make your home more efficient. It will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Also received a letter from Karen Tillotson from Soil and Water regarding Mr. Howard's property. Supervisor Schmidt told Steve Tyler that Soil and Water will take care of part of it, but some of it is the trees that Mr. Howard will have to take care of.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Bob Wood- Laurel Hill Road- Asked when the last time anyone had been over Walker Hill. It is in bad shape and needs repairs. The Highway Dept removed a tree a few weeks ago that fell during a storm. Will try and get Horseheads' dozer to run the road.

Donna Vergason- Laurel Hill Road-Talked about the Erin Rec area behind the fire station. Wanted to talk about the shed, but it is only being used for storage now and nothing else. She brought pictures of the ditch and would like to have a split rail fence put up for safety and to make it look more appealing. She feels the pavilion is unusable with the pile of gravel in the back and feels it is not finished. Would like to see the ball field fixed up, the wood on the bleachers needs to be replaced. She would like to improve what is already there and build a bigger picture from there. Mark Margeson suggested to make a proposal and a plan for that particular area that makes sense to the largest part of the

community to make it a better space. He states there may be funds available for updates. Supervisor Schmidt reiterated that it is tax payer's property and money and a plan needs to be put together from Parks and Rec and presented to the Board. There are no paid resources to do anything with the Park unless the Highway Dept does it. There is a sequence of events that has to happen to protect everyone and how it will be paid for. The responsibility lies on the Town. Suggested a proposal from the Park & Rec Committee be given to the Board two weeks prior to next months meeting to be evaluated. Donna Vergason also asked about having a bon fire using the wood from previous Wood Fests. Was told there are DEC regulations that take effect and they regulate 3' high fires.

Jennifer Bates-Asked Code Enforcement about the fence at the Museum if there is a distance from the middle of the road to the beginning of the fence. It cannot obstruct the view of anyone pulling in/out. Recommended having Steve Tyler mark Town's right of way and being at least 6' from the pavement. Town has no regulations on fences. Also asked Steve Tyler if he had any barricades to block off Rodburn Place for Founder's Day. Still need to contact fire dept regarding the road closure. Board recommended using cones to block roads.

Supervisor Schmidt- Encouraged everyone to vote in the primaries on Tuesday, August 23rd. Everyone can vote from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. There are two ballots.

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 7:35 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.