

September 14, 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: Harold & Maureen Spencer, Wendi Westervelt, Frank Laviola, Stephen Laviola, Mark Margeson, Jennifer Bates, Donna Vergason, Glenda Peet, Stephanie Lawson.

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 9, #132-151 totaling \$11,337.02; and the Street Lighting Abstract 9, #146 totaling \$235.83; and the Highway Fund Abstract 9, #121-140, totaling \$22,020.91.

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 D. Delorme to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on August 10, 2022 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Chemung County's Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be Saturday, October 15, 2022 for Chemung County residents only (no businesses). Pre-registration is required by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-734-4453, Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon and 1:00-4:00 pm. No electronics will be accepted.
- Free rabies clinic at the Erin Town Hall Thursday, September 29, 2022 from 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM. Pre-registration required at [www.chemungcountyny.gov/rabies](http://www.chemungcountyny.gov/rabies)

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022;

1. RESOLUTION 25-2022 TO SET THE 2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER 12, 2022 AT 5:30 PM
2. RESOLUTION 26-2022 TO SET PUBLIC HEARING 2023 BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2022 AT 6:00 PM
3. RESOLUTION 27-2022 TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL/GRANT FROM CPE INTERLINK FOR HOSTED NIMBUS PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN HALL
4. RESOLUTION 28-2022 AUTHORIZING ERIN TOWN COURT TO APPLY FOR JCAP GRANT

RESOLUTION 25-2022

RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER 12, 2022 AT 5:30 PM.

Resolved By: D. Delorme

Second By: M. Shutts

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 Budget Workshop be set for Wednesday, October 12, 2022 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., D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

#### RESOLUTION 26-2022

RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING 2023 BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2022 AT 6:00 PM.

Resolution by: D. Schmidt

Second by: W. VanRiper, Jr.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 Budget Public Hearing be set for Wednesday, November 9, 2022 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., D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

#### RESOLUTION 27-2022

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL/GRANT FROM CPE INTERLINK FOR HOSTED NIMBUS PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN HALL

Resolution By: D. Delorme

Seconded By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal/quote from CPE Interlink for the Hosted Nimbus phone system for the Erin Town Hall which includes 6-Yearlink 12-Line SIP phone with black/white screen and 6-Power Bricks.

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

#### RESOLUTION 28-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ERIN TOWN COURT TO APPLY FOR JCAP GRANT

Resolution By: D. Delorme

Seconded By: W. VanRiper, Jr.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Erin authorized the Erin Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-2023 grant cycle up to \$6000.00.

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney-None.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- The information for the solar moratorium was sent to the attorney and she responded that it now needs to go to the County Planning Board, have a SEQR and public hearing since it is changing the zoning. They have reviewed other solar laws and found that the Town of Hornell fits the best. Working on a proposal for the next meeting. The zones will need to be redistricted in order to control where the solar farms are placed. Would like updated maps to work with. Supervisor Schmidt will follow up with STC regarding maps.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- A proposal for park improvements was presented to the Board. The Commission does support the ideas. The culvert might be the dividing property line.

Deda talked to Pat McInerny, the chair person at the fire department, and it will be put to a formal vote at the next meeting. Bleachers need to be redone and the pavilion needs to be vented. Supervisor Schmidt stated that if the culvert is owned by both the Town and the Fire Department, there needs to be a legal agreement due to the liability. The Board discussed the issues with having a barbeque pit and agreed the liability is too great. The bleachers will need to be repaired or taken down due to the liability. The estimate from Mike Dieffenbach, the contractor, does not include digging the holes for the fence. The Park Committee knows someone that will dig the holes. Will need a more detailed quote in order to move forward; needs to be broke down for audit purposes-labor vs material, etc. Matt Thorpe is interested in the logs that were leftover from previous Wood Fests.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by M. Shutts to ask Parks and Rec for a revised proposal with labor and materials broken out, removing the barbeque pit from the estimate, ask the contractor about side rails and backs for the bleachers and an agreement will need to be drawn up between the Town and the Fire Department regarding the culvert.

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 D. Schmidt that Matt Thorpe takes all the leftover logs, cleans up, and makes any necessary repairs to the lawn if damaged.

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

The Senior Committee: sewing classes are going well, there will be T-shirt painting on 9/24, the Mobile Food Pantry is this Friday and have been averaging 150 families. The senior group is on a bus trip today to Turning Stone, one is planned for Bloomsburg Fair 9/26 and are they are planning a Christmas party. The Halloween party is 10/22 and they are looking for judges. The bake sale at Founder's Day netted \$510.00 and went to a Spencer-Van Etten graduate, Keanan Soto. He will be attending Alfred State in the fall. There will be a crocheting class the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month in Van Etten.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- He issued a couple certificate of occupancies for new houses, reviewed some plans that he had to turn down. There was nothing in the plans that met New York State. Brandon is out and about in Erin on Wednesdays.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- They have been grading roads, installing pipes, and trimming trees. They dug out the bad spots on Langdon Hill and repaired. They have been working on truck #12 for an overheating problem along with the Town of Horseheads and the County. They think it has a blown head gasket and Horseheads is going to haul it down to Milton Cat tomorrow for repairs. They took two (2) loads of scrap down and Steve has a check for \$87.00 and another for \$245.50. They changed two (2) lightbulbs and replaced the handrailing on the entrance to the court room. There is a crack on the wheelchair ramp they are going to fill and smooth out. Jackson Creek stone and oil has been postponed until Monday.

Buildings and Grounds- Deputy Supervisor Delorme is meeting with Bob Murray, who was hired to manage the ARPA money, on Monday at 1:00 pm to discuss adding exterior lights to light up the parking lots. Any and all ideas are welcome.

County Representatives-Mark Margeson- It has been pretty quiet at the County. The Legislative group is at a standstill. Chris Moss is working on the budget. There is no update on sales tax. He met with Chris and talked about the final buildout and it will be in the budget. Brian Hyland is having some challenges. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Supervisor- Dawn Schmidt- Sheriff Department sent report for August. There were 44 blotters assigned; 3 generated cases, 3 traffic stops, and 3 assistance with either code enforcement, police or DEC. Chemung County Stormwater Coalition has increased their fees from \$1200.00 to \$3750.00 so they can continue to be solvent with a 3% increase each year to keep up with inflation. Soil and Water has

also doubled. Both need to be added to the bottom line of our budget to utilize these organizations. Supervisor Schmidt will give Mark Margeson a copy of the letter she received from Chemung County Stormwater Coalition. She has been working on the budget and has the first draft completed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

W. VanRiper, Jr. asked if the pot holes in the parking lot at the Town Hall could be addressed. Steve and the Highway crew will work that into the schedule.

#### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Jennifer Bates-Greenbush Rd- The sign at the end of Rodburn and 223 is spelled wrong. She believes it should be Rodbourn or Rodbourne. The Clerk will look into the history and let Supervisor Schmidt know. Greenbush also does not say North Greenbush on the signs. She also thanked everyone for volunteering and helping out with Founder's Day. The museum made about \$1000.00 profit. People are asking about having it next year too. Friday night is the Historical Society meeting at 6:00 with a dish to pass. There is also a free concert at the Erin United Methodist Church on 9/24 with Pat Kain from 6:00-8:00 pm to celebrate Erin's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Glenda Peet, Stephanie Lawson, and Wendi Westervelt- Presenting a permit for subdividing and purchasing land on Swartwood Hill Road. It has been subdivided so many times in the past and they are splitting a 25-acre parcel. The Board will accept it and refer it to the Planning Board which will refer it to the County Planning Board and it will go through that process and be sent back to the Planning Committee and then the Board can approve. The applications were submitted to Deda Cedar from two (2) different owners.

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to accept the above-mentioned permit and refer it to the Planning Board to refer to the County Planning Board.

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

Frank Laviola, Marsh Road Development, LLC-presented an application to subdivide the property into two (2) recreational pieces and five (5) building lots.

A motion was made by D. Schmidt and seconded by D. Delorme to accept the above-mentioned permit and refer it to the Planning Board to refer to the County Planning Board.

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

Tim Farr-116 N. Greenbush Rd.- Asked when the drainage ditch that runs down from Park Hill Road that is on his property was going to be worked on. Steve Tyler told him it will be done, hopefully, by the end of this month, weather permitting.

Deda Cedar-Asked, if when the phone system was replaced, if the phone in the kitchen could also be in working order for emergency purposes.

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

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

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