

April 9, 2025
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:34 pm. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William VanRiper, Jr., Alan Hughson, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Randy Evans.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Harold & Maureen Spencer, John Ervay, Cindy & Joe Frega, Glenn Doty, Karen McLean, Mark Margeson, Adam Dolaway, Gary Ratchford.

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

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by A. Hughson to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 4, #37-55, totaling \$36,097.97; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 4, #49, totaling \$143.91; and the Fire District Abstract 4, #46, totaling \$166,584.00; and the Highway Fund Abstract 4, #48-66, totaling \$30,275.25

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

A motion was made by W. VanRiper, Jr. and seconded by A. Hughson to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on March 12, 2025 and approve the minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- The Town held a rabies clinic on Monday, April 7, 2025 from 5:30-7:00 pm. There were 194 animals vaccinated; 116 dogs, 72 cats and 6 ferrets. Thank you to all the people that volunteered.
- There were 6 people at chair yoga on 4/8. There will be 3 more classes before the end of this session.

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING APRIL 9, 2025;

1. RESOLUTION 22-2025 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2025 TO REMOVE/ERECT STOP SIGNS ON RODBURN PLACE AND CHURCH STREET IN THE TOWN OF ERIN

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Resolution By: A. Hughson

Seconded By: M. Shutts

ORDINANCE

NO. 1 of 2025

An Ordinance to Remove Stop Sign on Church Street at intersection of Church Street and Rodburn Place and Erect a Stop sign on Rodburn Place facing North and to Erect a Stop Sign on Rodburn Place facing South in the Town of Erin.

WHEREAS, the Town of Erin Town Board wishes to address safety concerns regarding the intersection of Church Street and Rodburn Place, which were brought to the attention of the Town Board by area residents and the Town of Erin Highway Superintendent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Erin Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing for April 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Erin at the Town of Erin Town Hall located at 1138 Breesport Road, Erin, N.Y. 14838 to receive public comment for the proposed Ordinance No. 1 of 2025, An Ordinance to Remove a Stop Sign on Church Street at Intersection of Church Street and Rodburn Place and to Erect a Stop sign on Rodburn Place facing North and Erect a Stop Sign on Rodburn Place facing South in the Town of Erin to wit:

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Section 1. Title. Ordinance No. 1-2025, An Ordinance to Remove a Stop Sign on Church Street at Intersection of Church Street and Rodburn Place and to Erect a Stop sign on Rodburn Place facing North and Erect a Stop Sign on Rodburn Place facing South in the Town of Erin is to Code of the Town of Erin

Section 2. Intent. The purpose of this ordinance is to address safety concerns brought forth by residents and the Town of Erin Highway Superintendent regarding the intersection of Church Street and Rodburn Place in the Town of Erin.

Section 3. Placement. The Town Board hereby enacted ordinance to authorized the removal of a stop sign currently located on Church Street, facing East for traffic traveling west and to erect a stop sign on Rodburn Place facing north for traffic traveling south and to erect a stop sign on Rodburn Place facing south for traffic traveling north at the intersection of Rodburn Place and Church Street in the Town of Erin.

Section 4. Inconsistent Ordinances. All Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of the aforementioned sections, as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Authority. This ordinance is adopted in accordance with Town Law Section 64, 130, and NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1660.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

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

The Board will start the process to make it into a 4-way stop at the intersection of Rodburn Place and Church Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney- No report.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar- The Benjamin permit is completed. They will set the public hearing at their next meeting. Lesky Road permit is at the Chemung County Planning board. The Erin Planning Board recommends that the Town Board approves the permit. There are no changes except who owns the property. They are also working on campers and campgrounds. The Town Board needs to decide on a number on campers allowed. The Town can do three (3) or under before it is considered a campground. The Board agreed on two (2) campers allowed. Campers on recreational property only. Zoning states one dwelling per residential lot. A discussion ensued about number of campers allowed, wording for zoning/law, and septic/gray water issues.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar- There is an Easter egg hunt 4/12 at 1:00 pm at the fire station. There were 200 registered for the Food Truck; 180 showed up.

Gary Ratchford - The Senior group is picking up; there were 26 at the last luncheon. There is a trip planned for a boat ride on the Susquehanna River with dinner after. They are planning another picnic with the Van Etten Senior group possibly at Harris Hill.

Joe Frega- The wood for Wood Fest is on site, there are 12 carvers and they have a car show planned.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- He is issuing two (2) new house permits. He sent 52 violations, both trailer parks were done on Monday. It has taken him three (3) days and he is still working on violation letters. Each individual lot will receive a letter and the owners will be sent a copy because, ultimately, they are responsible. The first batch of violation letters had a good response. Most people have been cleaning up and a few were given extensions because they are actively working on cleaning up. With the ones that haven't responded, he is waiting on times for the Troopers or Sheriff to go with him for a few hours to issue appearance tickets. New codes will be taking effect in January and all new construction single family homes will need sprinklers. In Erin, houses will need a holding tank that holds 10 minutes' worth of water.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since the last meeting they have been plowing and cindering as needed. They installed driveway pipes for new houses on Palmer Road and Haskins Road. They have been working on equipment and hauling in gravel for future road grading. They got the grader back this week from being repaired. Steve called and talked to Clay Ridge trucking and they have agreed to haul the tires for the tire pick up. A date needs to be decided. They have been sweeping roads with the pull broom and will be picking up the rental broom on April 14th to do the roads in the Hamlet. They had Tracy Roads come and look at the excavator and said it needs a new safety switch that is why hydraulics would not work. Parts are on order. Steve is getting some prices on a new/used excavator for the Board members to look at and maybe replace the current one. It is 16 years old and has 4000 hours on it. On March 13th they picked up four (4) bags of garbage and old tv parts on Langdon Hill Road. It was reported to the Sheriff's office. The tires that Supervisor Schmidt talked about last month on County Route 1 were picked up and there were 15 tires. March 17th, they picked up six (6) bags of garbage on Park Hill Road. The State Police were notified. Supervisor Schmidt asked Mark Margeson to have a conversation with Bill Schrom about this issue.

The tire collection and e-cycling date will be Saturday, May 17th 9:00-11:00 am. Pre-registration is required. Clay Ridge charges \$3.25/tire; the Town will charge \$3.00/tire without rims and pick up the difference.

Buildings & Grounds- Council Member VanRiper, Jr- He would like to start with the parking lot issues and getting the water away from the building. He will get quotes on dry wells and getting the gutters piped into them. He will talk with Steve and come up with a plan.

County Representatives-Mark Margeson- Last month there was an issue with the Wood Fest application not being submitted on time. They went through the process and the festival should be getting \$10,000. The County Executive is supportive and the approval went through the budget committee. Sales tax for the County is down between \$3-5 million. He will talk to Bill Schrom about the garbage dumping issue when no one takes responsibility. The sewer project started out with a budget of \$86 million. It is now at \$275 million. The project is miss-managed and the bonds will be questioned when they come due; what they are for and why. The project was demanded by the state. They allowed 10% for expansion. That does not allow for industry or housing projects and it has already been used. They are working on meeting with the NYSEG group responsibly for this area. They have no answers. NYSEG says the meters are working fine.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt- The Sheriff Department sent report for March. There were 44 incident reports, 10 uniform traffic tickets, 15 traffic stops, 1 traffic accident, and 2 misdemeanor arrests. The project getting the water away from the building is one of the big projects for this year and needs to be figured out.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Shane Jones Rumsey – 9 Rodburn Place – Asked who was responsible for area of road by the garage and his house. He is concerned about the potholes. Steve told him they go back to where the grass starts and they can take care of the potholes.

Harold Spencer – 1620 Breesport Road – He is going to rent the mini excavator to upright the stones in the cemetery.

John McCracken – 15 Shamrock Drive – He would like some focus to be put on the park at the Town Hall. It cannot be removed. Suggests repairs, paint equipment, weld grates, put up basketball net. We need to maintain what we have. Supervisor Schmidt said it was \$25,000 to replace the wood chips last time. She asked Steve to order a new basketball net and take an assessment of what needs to be done.

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 M. Shutts to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., A. Hughson, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.