

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

Supervisor: David Sullivan
Councilmember: Scott Bush
Councilmember: Thomas Milliken
Councilmember: Ronald Allison

Others present

Town Clerk- Jo Ann Sherwood
Attorney- Scott Moore
Code Enforcement Officer - Chip LeValley
Chief of Police- Peter Michalko
Highway Superintendent- Matthew Mustico
Buildings and Grounds Supervisor- Scott Eschbach
Recreation Director- Patty Carozza

Resolution #70-16

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2016 and the workshop meeting of April 11, 2016.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #71-16

Financial Report

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to accept and approve the Supervisor's report for the month of March 2016.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #72-16

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Resolved that claims in the total amount of \$56,391.88 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Communications:

Tina Wood, 55 Hardscrabble Road, Elmira, NY Re: request for 30 mph speed sign on her road
Forest Lawn Memorial Park Assn. Elmira, NY Re: thank you for donation of truck and sander for cemetery.

Department Reports

Code Enforcement Officer Chip LeValley reported that they have received 105 rental registrations to date. He submitted his written monthly report.

Police Chief Peter Michalko submitted his written monthly report. Peter stated calls for service were up from last year and speeding tickets were up as well. It was a busy month for March. His department had three mental health arrests. On March 23, his officers were certified with Narcan and now all officers carry it with them. This is used for heroin overdose. His department is still investigating the death of an overdose victim on Cleveland Ave. on March 31.

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Scott Eschbach reported that winter seems to be over finally. The water board turned on the water for the pool house, public bathrooms and concession stand. A new remote meter was installed which will make reading the meter much easier. All the sports fields except the two new ones are ready for play. The walking track is being used more frequently. Scott reported that a new safety surface was put down on the playground. He laid shredded wood chips on the playground, as this is a better surface for the children. He stated that the accessible parking spaces in the town parking lots are being renovated and new signs will be installed. Postholes were drilled on the new ballfield for the fence gate. Postholes also were drilled for entrance to park gate to be installed. Scott reported that the tennis nets are up.

Scott will be getting additional quotes for the resurfacing of the tennis court cracks. The courts will need to be closed down for three days during this patching procedure. The replacement of the pool diving boards was discussed at the last board workshop. Mr. Sullivan polled the board as to their feeling on whether to replace or remove the boards. Mr. Allison feels we should replace both boards because of the fact that once one board is gone it cannot be replaced later on due to County Health regulations. Mr. Bush questioned how often they are used. Mr. Milliken asked what the cost of the boards would be to replace them. Mr. Sullivan stated that two boards would cost \$7,839 with \$2,000 of that returned from insurance rebate. The boards are about fourteen years old. Mr. Sullivan also agrees that we should replace both boards.

Recreation Director Patty Carozza stated she is gearing up for summer and the summer camps. Patty stated that graduation parties would be held this summer at the TCC. She did advise them that no alcohol is allowed in any Park building or on any park grounds. Patty stated there is a Girl Scout troop that has their meeting at the TCC center, and they will be earning badges by working on the outside garden around the building. A Boy Scout troop will be doing community service around the park in return for use of the building. Patty suggested they could clean up the debris around the walking path. On April 7, a garden club had their meeting and they too would like to take care of the garden box outside of the building. The community gardens should be starting soon. Patty has requested that Scott put a lock on the shed in the community garden area because she feels all tools should be locked up. Patty reported she would be monitoring the gardens more this year to make sure they are being kept up. The gardeners will be told that they are responsible for the weeds around their own box.

Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico reported that a company from Rochester, NY is coming to clean out the fuel tank at the west end garage and will be taking it to the scrap yard. Matt reported that Suite Kote would be coming in two weeks to start the scheduled roadwork. He also reported that his men installed 300 ft. of sluice pipe on W. Clinton Street. The sewer pipe for the west end garage should be here any day now for installation there. The Village of Elmira Heights is donating a fuel tank for us to install at the west end garage to replace the one that was removed. This is for diesel fuel only. Matt reported that the CHIPS money we will receive is up about \$10,000 over last year. He explained to the board his request to upgrade the loader we purchased last year. Caterpillar has a program where they offer each year an upgrade to a newer model loader. Part of the price is based on hours used on the current loader. To date we have used 250 hours on our model. The cost is about \$10 per hour. If we trade this in we will get a new loader and this would save us money on repairs and the purchase of tires. The cost to upgrade is less than the upkeep costs. Matt stated that Elmira Structures would be repairing the damage at the East Hill garage. He stated he is still working with the insurance company on the replacement cost, and feels we should be getting more money back from the insurance company. Mr. Sullivan stated that representatives from Perry & Carroll will be here Wednesday at 2 PM for a meeting and he will discuss this with them then.

Discussion

Mr. Sullivan stated he sent a memo to the Town Planning Board regarding the proposed local chicken law. At the last board workshop, the board agreed to send this item back to the Planning Board for more review.

Chemung County Youth Bureau SPOT program- The board took no action on this at this time

Public Comments

Mark Watts of Chemung County Soil and Water Conservation District talked about the current Shared Stream Equipment Agreement that the district has with the towns in the county. This is a five-year plan that is set to expire and he asked if the town would like to renew their agreement with the plan. The Town would have access to all equipment to be used on stream jobs. The fee is about \$1 per resident, which would cost the town about \$6,461. The town has eight months to decide if they wish to participate again.

Resolution #73-16

Appoint Maria Quagliano as Pool Director for 2016

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to appoint Maria Quagliano as Pool Director for 2016.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #74-16

Reappoint Dave Pirozzolo to the Recreation Commission

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to reappoint Dave Pirozzolo to the Recreation Commission for a term to expire April 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #75-16

Reappoint Matt Cornacchio to Recreation Commission

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to reappoint Matt Cornacchio to the Recreation Commission for a term to expire April 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #76-16

Reappoint Lemuel Pipher to Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to reappoint Lemuel Pipher to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire May 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #77-16

Reappoint Joseph Sullivan to Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to reappoint Joseph Sullivan to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire May 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #78-16

Approve purchase of upgrade for town loader to 2016 Model

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to approve the upgrade for the town loader to a 2016 Model at a cost of \$6,817.00.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

On a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Milliken the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

JoAnn Sherwood, Town Clerk