

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, August 17, 2015 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
Councilmember: Karen Krusen

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 #95-15

Minutes

By Mrs. Krusen

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2015 and the workshop meeting of July 16, 2015.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #96-15

Transfers

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

From Account	To Account	Amount	Reason
A00.1010.42	A00.1010.43	\$ 52.03	Under appropriated
A00.1355.41	A00.1320.41	8,500.00	Under appropriated
A00.9050.80	A00.9040.80	1,785.34	Under appropriated
B00.1990.40	B00.7145.40	450.00	Under appropriated
B00.1990.40	B00.9060.84	1,316.88	Under appropriated
DB0.1990.40	DB0.9040.80	699.18	Under appropriated
SM0.3120.13	SM0.3120.12	266.38	Under appropriated
SM0.9055.80	SM0.3120.43	41.83	Under appropriated

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #97-15

Financial Report

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Motion was made to accept and approve the Supervisor's report for the month of July 2015.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #98-15

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Resolved that claims #7204 through 7289 in the total amount of \$123,871.48 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Communications: Marvin Switzer, Town of Reading Supv., Re: Thank you letter to Highway Dept. for help after June flash flooding in the Town of Reading

Department Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer Chip LeValley submitted his July and August written reports. He stated that permit numbers were up but dollar amounts are down. Permits were mostly for repairs.

Police Chief Peter Michalko submitted his written report. He gave remarks on his written report. Peter stated he attended a meeting last week regarding the State's plan to create a bicycle lane on

W. Water Street thereby changing W. Water St. to one lane of traffic with one bicycle lane and one parking lane. At this meeting, he stated this plan would be more of a hinder to traffic flow. A representative from DOT was not at the meeting, therefore Peter invited him to come and view the amount of traffic flow when school is in session. When DOT did their survey for this plan it was done in the summer when traffic volume is very low. Peter stated the State is not backing down on their plan right now. Peter has the blueprints if any board member wishes to review them. Basically this is being created because the City of Elmira is putting this plan into effect next year on their section of W. Water Street. The state then decided to start the bicycle route lane at Route 352.

Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico stated his crews have finished up a grant project along with Chemung County Soil and Water with matching funds in the amount of \$8,500. We received gabion stone rip rap to place along the roadside. Most of this was for Draht Hill Road. This amounted to about four to five loads of free rock for this project. Matt stated he also took advantage of some free screened top soil for use on the soccer field. The next couple of days they will be hydro seeding Country Club Drive and Fairmont Road along with Sullivan Trail Construction. His crews will also be putting oil and stone on Hardscrabble and Jenkins roads. Matt reported that he will become a board member of the New York State Superintendents of Highway Association at their conference in September. He requested to purchase a Mini Excavator for a little over \$13,000 with trade in. This will be an upgrade from what they have now. There is money in the budget for this. He would be purchasing the equipment at state bid price. Next Monday, weather permitting; with help from BOCES, they will be repairing Hendy Avenue from the Country Club driveway to the corner. Councilman Bush stated that there are pot holes on East Hill that need to be repaired.

Buildings and Grounds Custodian Scott Eschbach stated the Grandview Ave. soccer field has been tilled and is ready for topsoil once it has been screened. The track is outlined around the field as well. The new lower baseball field is all marked out. Scott stated they have assembled three new aluminum picnic tables for the park and these will replace the last of the wooden ones. The pool has been keeping him busy. Both chlorine pumps have been repaired and the baby pool needed a new pump.

Recreation Director Patty Carozza stated the new baseball field looks great. She has been working at the TCC all summer long. Patty stated the camps this summer have been great with very good attendance. She remarked that Bob is doing a very good job with the Summer Camps and that this week is the last week of camps. Val Maloney and Shelly MacPherson are doing the Math and Science Camp II this week. Patty also stated that the girls will be doing mini camps during school vacation breaks. Patty reported that shelving is being put up for camp gear storage. The fall rentals for the TCC are starting to pick up along with the regular workshops. A new shed and potting table have been put up, and soon a bat house will be installed. She stated the gardens have been doing really good and that she will be making some new rules for next year.

Discussion:

Supervisor Sullivan stated the board has received a copy of the report for the 2014 Audit performed by EFP Rotenberg. Both 2013 and 2014 audits have been completed and we are now up to date with audits. This year's audit is a favorable audit. He also reported the NYS Assessed valuation rate was received for 2015 and it has stayed at 98%, the same as last year.

Property maintenance subcommittee- Mrs. Krusen reported that the workshop went well. A majority of time was spent looking at the rental registration agreement for landlords. This agreement is now finalized in draft form. They hope to have it become effective November 1, if the public hearing is held in September. A copy of this agreement along with the notice of public hearing will be put on the Town's website. The Committee also would like the area around the town welcome signs to be cleaned up. They also would like a sign put up for the TCC center on Grandview Road.

Public Comments:

Charlene Prior, Country Club Drive spoke regarding sidewalk conditions. She stated that Country Club Drive and Larchmont Road area along with Morningside Drive are in need of repair. These walks are especially bad in the winter time when they fill with water and become very icy. She submitted to the Board pictures with addresses on the back to show what areas are in need of repair.

Resolution #99-15

Accept 2014 Audit Report

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to accept the 2014 Audit Report performed by EFP Rotenberg

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #100-15

Set date for public hearing for Local Law 2-2015 and Local Law 3-2015

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to set the date of September 21, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. for a public hearing for proposed Local Law 2-2015 and Local Law 3-2015.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #101-15

Authorize Highway Superintendent to purchase Compact Excavator

By Mrs. Krusen

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent be authorized to purchase an E50 T4 Bobcat

Compact Excavator at the State Bid price, not to exceed \$14,000, with trade in of the 2012 E50

Compact Excavator.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mrs. Krusen the board went into an executive session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss the employment history of a particular employee and legal proceedings.

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mrs. Krusen the board went out of executive session at 8:21 P.M.

On a motion by Mr. Milliken and seconded by Mr. Bush the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Jo Ann Sherwood, Town Clerk