

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, August 21, 2017 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
Traffic Officer- Thomas Bar
Buildings and Grounds Caretaker- Scott Eschbach
Recreation Director- Patty Carozza

Resolution #90-17

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2017 and the workshop meetings of July 24, 2017 and August 7, 2017.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #91-17

Financial Report

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town's financial position as of July 31, 2017. Revenue and Expenses are on target per budget plan. July 31 YTD bank statements and Fund Balance Report were provided to the Board by email. Unaudited Fund Balance at 7/31/17, \$1,482,239 in all Funds. Motion was made to accept the Supervisors report for July 2017.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #92-17

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Resolved that claims in the total amount \$162,444.05 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Communications:

1. Letter regarding residential properties at 1718 and 1720 W. Church Street.

Discussion:

2018 Budget Process- The board has had two budget workshop meetings to date. At this time they have the tax rate down to about 3.5%. If the board needs to exceed the NYS tax cap a public hearing will be set.

Independent Audit for 2016- This was performed by EFPR Group. Board members were given a copy of the audit. The completed audit was received and Supervisor Sullivan stated it was a good audit for the town.

Increase fees for mowing and property maintenance- Supervisor Sullivan wishes to increase the fees for mowing and property maintenance on vacant properties. Current practice is a notice of violation is sent first to the property owner. If the property owner fails to do the work after 10 days of receipt of the violation, the town can then hire someone to do the work and pass the fee on to the property owner on their next tax bill. The town needs to either set a fixed amount or a percentage fee based on the fee we are charged for this work. This would be an administrative cost. The Board asked Chip to come up with examples of cost of mowing on some properties. They will then decide on the percentage to put on the fee as the administrative cost.

Department Reports:

Traffic Officer Tom Barr reported for Chief Michalko. The written report was given and he gave an oral report on this. Tom stated that calls for service were up and 102 lbs. of prescription drugs were collected in the prescription drop off bin in the Town Hall Lobby. He stated July was a busy month and August is turning out the same way.

Recreation Director Patty Carozza stated that rentals are doing very well in the TCC building. No alcohol is allowed so that could be good for parents to have graduation parties and not have to worry about that. She is hoping to get the kitchen done before the next season. She stated that maybe by late winter Scott can start on that and this can get completed. Patty stated she has some new workshops for the Fall season. Attorney John Maloney will present a workshop on Getting your Affairs in Order. There will be a workshop sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association. Kim Salisbury from The Office of the Aging will present a workshop on Aging in Place and how to get your home ready when the time comes for you. A Matter balance will be back in the Fall as well. All workshops will be posted to the Town website.

Code Enforcement Officer Chip LeValley stated his office had a normal month. Permits are at normal rate. He stated there will be a Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday August 22, 2017 regarding the variance request from the Congregation Bronx for the Dominican Monastery. This will be the second half of the first meeting that was held in May. Congregation Bronx Jewish boys seeking a variance to use the monastery for them. They could set a public hearing for September if all goes through tomorrow night. Their next process after the public hearing is to present it to the Town Planning Board with their site plan on what they plan to do with the building. It then must go to the County Planning Board. Essentially they are asking for a variance to use the building as a religious seminary. The Planning Board will ask questions regarding their business plan and construction work.

Public Comments:

Jeffrey Perry, Sunset Drive, requested clarification on a violation notice he received. He has boat and trailer in his driveway. He was given notice of violation two years ago because this equipment was not stored correctly according to code, so he widened his driveway to let it fit the vehicles. Now he has received a violation that it is not okay even after he increased the width of his driveway. He stated he is confused as to what is the code law. Board advised him to handle this with the Justice Court.

Resolution 94-17

Approve Town and Municipal Court Audit for 2016 by EPFR Group

By Mrs. Krusen

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to accept the 2016 Audit Report of the Town and Municipal Court records performed by EFPR Group

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution 95-17

Set Public Hearing to adopt Local Law 1-2017 to override the tax levy for 2018

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of Elmira seeks public comment with regard to Local Law 1-2017 to override the tax levy for 2018 and

Whereas the Board desires to hold a public information meeting with respect to the consideration of Local Law 1-2017,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that a public information meeting will be held by this Board with respect to the above described matters at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Town Hall, 1255 W. Water Street, Elmira, New York and

It Is Further Resolved, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mr. Bush the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.