

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Thursday, February 23, 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

Others present  
Town Clerk- Jo Ann Sherwood  
Attorney- Scott Moore  
Chief of Police- Peter Michalko  
Buildings and Grounds Caretaker- Scott Eschbach

**Resolution #52-17**

**Minutes**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2017 and the Annual Meeting of January 17, 2017.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #53-17**

**Financial Report**

**By Mr. Milliken**

**Seconded by Mr. Allison**

Motion was made to accept the Supervisor's report for the month of January 2017.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #54-17**

**Audit of Bills**

**By Mr. Milliken**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Resolved that claims in the total amount of \$130,359.18 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Discussion:**

ExtNet Right of Way- Atty. Moore reported that ExtNet would like to place wireless nodes on NYSEG poles. He is working on a contract with ExtNet. This will help improve the wireless network. The initial process would cover mostly Demarest to Guinnip Avenue and Hillcrest Road and Coleman Avenue. It could expand into the rest of the town. Scott stated he is having meeting with Atty. John Ryan from the City of Elmira as they are considering this as well.

Easement on Hillcrest Road- Atty. Moore stated Mark Watts will be a survey description of the easement drawn up.

Jenkins Road Bridge – Supervisor Sullivan stated the bridge is pretty much in place. They are waiting for guard rails. The town would need to maintain the bridge moving forward. A copy of the resolution should be sent to Andy Avery.

Town comprehensive plan- Supervisor Sullivan met with other town and village officials and discussed the importance of having a five to seven year vision moving forward. Some of these reasons include Zoning, rental properties commercial growth. However, these plans cost 50,000 to 60,000 dollars. The group discussed possibly doing this together to save dollars. He will have more information in the next 30-60 days. Mr. Sullivan stated that both Zoning and Planning Boards all talk about the need for having a comprehensive plan.

Concession Stand bid- Supervisor Sullivan reported that no bids were received by the deadline on February 17. Atty. Moore suggested we might want to rebid this is we restructure the proposal and lower the bid.

**Department Reports:**

Police Chief Peter Michalko submitted his January written report. He gave brief review of his report. Peter stated that February has been pretty busy so far. They still are assisting with trying to locate a missing body in the river.

Scott Eschbach stated the warm weather in February has given him time to work at the community center. He is working on the kitchen and making markings for the electrical work that needs to be completed. The kitchen will have a range and microwave installed. Scott stated the pool area shows no ice in the pool which is good for this time of year. Scott also reported that a new light fixture was installed up at East Hill garage and it has made a big difference.

**Public Comments**

Dr. Sheikh introduced himself to the board. He stated he lives in West Elmira area would like to be more involved with the town government.

**Resolution #55-17**

**Accept ownership of Jenkins Road Bridge**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Whereas Chemung County has closed and removed BIN 3331750 Jenkins Road Bridge due to condition, low traffic volumes and system redundancy, and

Whereas the Town of Elmira desires a bridge to remain in place, and

Whereas Chemung County agrees to install a 1-lane galvanized truss bridge for the Town;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town of Elmira agrees to assume ownership and maintenance responsibility for BIN 3331750 Jenkins Road Bridge upon completion of bridge construction.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #56-17**

**Appoint Deborah Peterson to Board of Assessment Review**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Motion was made to appoint Deborah Peterson, W. Water Street, Elmira, NY to the Board of Assessment Review for a term to expire September 30, 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #57-17**

**Approve Stipulation and Consent Order Reducing the Assessment for Chemung Canal Trust Company branch office at 100 W. McCanns Blvd.**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Motion was made to approve the Stipulation and Consent order between Chemung Canal Trust Company and the Town of Elmira for property at 100 W. McCanns Blvd. Tax Map #79.13-1-31 reducing the assessment The assessed value will be \$374,000 for 2016, \$235,700 in 2017 and \$374,000 in 2018.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

On a motion by Mr. Milliken and seconded by Mr. Bush the board went in an executive session at 7:27 P.M. to discuss labor and personnel matters.

On a motion by Mr. Milliken and seconded by Mr. Allison the board went out of executive session at 8:40 P.M.

On a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Milliken the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

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JoAnn Sherwood, Town Clerk