

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, October 19, 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
Code Enforcement Officer - Chip LeValley
Chief of Police- Peter Michalko
Highway Superintendent- Matthew Mustico
Buildings and Grounds Supervisor- Scott Eschbach
Recreation Director- Patty Carozza

Public Hearing-

At 7:00 P.M., Town Supervisor David Sullivan read proof of publication of notice of October 6, 2015 of notice of public hearing to consider the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Elmira for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016. The hearing was declared open and anyone wishing to present written or oral comments in favor was invited to do so. When no one wished to speak in favor of the proposed budget, those wishing to speak in opposition to the budget was invited to do so. When no one wished to speak in opposition to the proposed budget, the hearing was declared closed at 7:02 P.M.

Resolution #116-15

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2015 and the workshop meeting of October 5, 2015.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #117-15

Financial Report

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

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

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #118-15

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Resolved that claims #7370 through #7447 in the total amount of \$108,826.73 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Communications:

Donna Homuth, Pres. Family Reading Partnership Re: Thank you for use of TCC Building for their Reading Retreat.

Discussion

Property Maintenance Update- Karen Krusen reported the committee met on October 1 to review the rental housing agreement. They will continue with the voluntary landlord signup. Other issues they will be working on are how to ensure that landlords are signing up and finding out which homes are single family rental housing. Another suggestion was to have a question/concern/comment box somewhere for residents. An article should be put in the Fall Newsletter regarding this opportunity for residents. Karen then had questions from the committee for the Code office regarding property on Stiles Road, a time limit for painting of homes in the town, and the sign at the point that needs sprucing up. The committee also inquired

whether the town was interested in having a Facebook page. It was noted, that would require someone to monitor it daily. She also stated they wish to have the Office of the Aging attend a workshop for their committee and requested that Chip attend their meetings as well. Karen asked Matt Mustico if the highway department could straighten some street signs that need repair.

Budget 2016- Supervisor Sullivan gave an overall review of next year's 2016 budget. He stated expenditures are down from 2015. Some expenditures that are down include Social Security and Pension expenses. The town has also switched to a Higher Deductible plan for health insurance for its employees for 2016. Overall the tax levy is up 1.69%, which is within the required tax cap. It was noted that the tax levy is 25.1 % lower than it was in 2010. Mr. Sullivan stated however, that revenues will probably be down again next year due to declining sales tax receipts.

Department Reports:

Code Officer Chip LeValley submitted his written report. He is working with the Planning Board on a proposed farm animal ordinance for the town. Chip went to a GIS committee meeting for the county and they hope to be online the first part of February with this. The online GIS system will help with parcel identification as well as other pertinent information. The City of Elmira council is using green sheets to identify problems in their respected areas using this system. They then contact the city department head in charge of the issue with the hope of resolving the problem. He inquired if the town is interested in this same system. If so, Chip will get that started for us. Chip reported the fiber optic equipment the county is installing for the Town should be ready by the end of this year for us. The next Planning Board meeting is November 2 at 7 PM. Ron Allison stated there is a white truck that is still parked on Carrollton Avenue in a driveway that has been there for two years now. He requested that this vehicle be taken care of. He requested that Chip placard the house with signage stating the vehicle is being removed. Chief of Police Peter Michalko will have the truck towed to the highway garage for storage

Recreation Director Patty Carozza reported that the TCC center has been very busy. She received a donation of chairs from the Tuesday Night Bridge Group. Forty beautiful chairs were delivered to the center and Patty stated this was a wonderful donation. The annual spook house was held last weekend and went very well. Patty has had quite an increase in rentals for the center. The center is rented mostly every weekend now. There is something going on every day except Thursday at the center. Patty reported she is working on a project with Jim Pfeiffer and the Chemung River Council for a festival to be held next summer. Her winter project is getting a kitchen set up for the spring. She suggested that the Citizens Committee have their meetings at the center including the one with the Office of the Aging.

Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico reported that the residents at 408 Rambler Rd. are having a drainage problem from the system that was put in a while ago. Heavy rain has washed away the stone and the pipe is only a four inch pipe. He will be working on repairing that. Matt stated that Gary Bennett, a retired foreman with the highway department, has passed away. Matt will be working with Chemung County Storm Water in getting a sewer system installed at the west end highway garage. His crews took out two sets of sidewalks this month. Matt reported that the annual leaf pick up will begin November 2.

Chief Peter Michalko reported on his written report and stated that numbers were up in all categories. He stated that odd/even parking begins on November 1. A group will be holding a vigil walk against domestic violence on Friday night and will end up in the town park with a speaker. The walk is in memory of Kelly Stage Clayton. Peter requested that a gate needs to be replaced in the town park entrance area. There used to be one but it was removed when work was being done in the park. Scott stated he will be looking into this.

Buildings and Grounds Custodian Scott Eschbach stated that the park had some major summer projects this year and they are pretty much completed. The new baseball field has good new grass growing on it. The Grandview soccer field is doing very well also. Both were newly seeded. He stated he is waiting for the new pool cover to come so they can cover the pool and close that down. All public utilities will be shut down then at the pool house. GETA will be taking down the wind screens around November 8. They will probably leave up two tennis nets for the winter. Scott stated he has been clearing all the drains and gutters and clearing the roof of leaves in preparation for winter. Dave commended Scott on doing a great job this summer in the Park with all the projects he had going on.

Public Comment:

Betty Bonsignore, Deerfield Drive, complimented Supervisor Sullivan on doing a great job on the 2016 budget.

Kathleen DuPont, Cleveland Avenue, asked Code Officer Chip LeValley if after they have a tree cut down, could he put their neighbor on notice to cut down his bushes. She stated there are plenty of cars parked in front yards. Also there is still an unlicensed car parked in a driveway on Cleveland Avenue.

Resolution #119-15

Declare 2004 F-250 truck surplus

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Whereas Highway Superintendent Matthew Mustico has advised the Town Board that the 2004 Ford F-250 with Plow are no longer operational by the Highway Department and can be declared surplus;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Elmira does hereby declare the Ford F250 with Plow surplus with the disposition to be handled by the Highway Superintendent and

Be It Further Resolved, that all proceeds shall be remitted to the Town Supervisor.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #120-15

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to set the date of November 5, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. for a special Town Board Meeting.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

On a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Milliken the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Jo Ann Sherwood, Town Clerk