

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, October 16, 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  
Code Enforcement Officer - Chip LeValley  
Chief of Police- Peter Michalko  
Highway Superintendent- Matthew Mustico  
Buildings and Grounds Caretaker- Scott Eschbach  
Recreation Director- Patty Carozza

**Public Hearing**

At 7:03 PM Supervisor David Sullivan read proof of publication of notice of October 5, 2017 of notice of public hearing to consider the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Elmira for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. 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 were invited to do so. When no one wished to speak in opposition to the proposed budget, the hearing was declared closed at 7:05 PM

**Resolution #103-17**

**Minutes**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mrs. Krusen**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2017.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #104-17**

**Financial Report**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mrs. Krusen**

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town's financial position as of September 30, 2017. Revenue and Expenses are on target per budget plan. The September 30 YTD bank statements and Fund Balance Report were provided to the Board. The Supervisor stated that all bank balances at September 30, 2017 were \$1,233,573. Project Fund Balance for year-end 2017 is \$1,158,000. Motion was made to accept the Supervisors report for September 2017.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #105-17**

**Audit of Bills**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Resolved that claims in the total amount of \$144,882.13 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

**Discussion:**

Supervisor Sullivan stated the 2018 Preliminary Budget will be voted on at a special meeting on November 9. The tax increase from last year is 1.82%, which is under the tax cap.

**Department Reports:**

Code Enforcement Officer Chip LeValley stated the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for Congregation Bronx Jewish Boys area variance request will be held at Henny Avenue School on Tuesday Oct 24 at 7 PM. He reported also that he is working with the town attorney on a property violation issue at a residence on Lovell Avenue.

Highway Superintendent Matthew Mustico reported that the majority of roadwork is complete as of last week. He stated that patching is being done now. Matt reported that his crews assisted with pulling out a softball backstop in the park and will help put the new one in. The annual Leaf pick up starts on October 29. Matt stated that Gregg Mann is currently working on winter equipment to have it ready for the winter season. Matt also said he met with Paul DiPietro regarding which trees they will be purchasing for the tree project. They will be planting about 15 trees in the next few weeks on streets that were affected by the tornado.

Police Chief Peter Michalko submitted his monthly written report. He gave a few remarks on the report and stated that most numbers were up from a year ago. Peter pointed out that there were twenty field interviews of people walking the streets late at night. They have been watching a few houses and continue to do so.

Buildings Caretaker Scott Eschbach reported the Cal Ripken field is complete and finished. He stated that 2/3 of the outfield is growing grass nice. The softball field backstop has been taken down and will be replaced with the help of the Highway Department. The fence installers should be done soon with the pickle ball court and the paint is in for painting the courts.

Scott reported he ordered portable johns for the park area as he is refurbishing the restrooms at the pool house. Scott reported he is also winterizing the pool.

Recreation Director Patty Carozza reported the Recreation Commission had their annual spook house last weekend at the Town Community Center. She stated it was a pretty good turn out. Patty reported that the attendance for the ACE Workshops for the aged is not what they had hoped it would be. She was disappointed that more residents did not take advantage of these. It was listed on the bulletin board in the town hall and the Town's website.

**Public Comments:**

Kathleen DuPont, of Cleveland Avenue had a few questions for Chip. She asked if the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be announced on media TV as to the date, time, and place of the meeting. Chip stated that he has not been approached by any media stations requesting this information. She then asked how long the property at 89 Cleveland Ave which was recently purchased and is being refurbished, will have a broken toilet and other rubbish on property next door to her. Isn't this a rubbish accumulation violation? Chip stated he will send out a violation notice to the property owner. She then addressed Supervisor Sullivan and stated she went to the recent Zoning meeting at Lourdes Parish Center and everyone who got up and spoke were very knowledgeable, and she stated she is proud to be a Town of Elmira resident.

**Resolution #106-17**

**Set date for special town board meeting**

**By Mr. Milliken**

**Seconded by Mr. Allison**

Motion was made to set the date of November 9, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. for a special Town Board meeting.

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 7:29 P.M. to discuss personnel labor issues.

On a motion by Mrs. Krusen and seconded by Mr. Allison the board went out of executive session at 8:00 P.M.

On a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Allison the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

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JoAnn Sherwood, Town Clerk