

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Thursday, February 18, 2016 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 #55-16

Minutes

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2016, the annual meeting of January 19, 2016 and the workshop meeting of February 8, 2016.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #56-16

Financial Report

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to accept and approve the Supervisor's report for the month of January 2016.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #57-16

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Resolved that claims in the total amount of \$769,545.92 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Department Reports:

Police Chief Peter Michalko submitted his monthly report and gave a short report on this. He stated it was a quiet month.

Recreation Director Patty Carozza reported that the Town Community Center is very busy and doing well with rentals. She would like to move forward with the planning of the kitchen. Patty met with Scott to put together a plan. They are hoping to get this done before the busy summer months for Scott. Girls on the Run will begin again in March.

Buildings and Grounds Custodian Scott Eschbach reported that he replaced the exhaust fans at the Town Community Center and put up mini blinds. He is currently working on a frugal kitchen plan for the center. Scott stated he is preparing for the summer park season and ordering replacement parts for items that will need to be replaced. Scott stated he has ordered accessible parking signage for the pool and TCC area as this is now required by the new accessibility regulations. He reported that the heavy rain that we had the other day might have done some damage on the new baseball field, we will have to wait till spring to see how much damage there is if any.

Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico tentatively ordered the new tank for the new sewer system. He is waiting for Jimmie Jo Carl for the final specs for this order. Matt reported that new road signs were ordered, to be compliant with the new regulations, for East Hill roads. He reported there was an incident yesterday at the East Hill garage. The front plow of a truck caught the edge of the building damaging the wall. Temporary repairs will be done for now and in the spring when the weather warms up, the permanent repairs will be done and they will enlarge the opening of the garage at that time.

Most if this work should be covered by insurance. Matt stated his men repaired the Stiles Road ditch. Matt attended a NY State Highway Superintendents District meeting and stated that highway departments could be getting an increase in CHIPS monies for the next five years. Matt also reported they assisted the Town of Baldwin with plowing and salting of their roads as one of their trucks broke down.

Code Enforcement Officer Chip LeValley reported that his department is doing well. The Rental registration program is doing well. To date they have seventy four (74) registered landlords. This is about 80% of the rentals that are out there. He reported that most of the out of state landlords have registered. Chip reported that a home on Westmont Avenue has water flowing through the home as the heating system is not working and the pipes have broken in the house. It is a rental property that is not being rented at this time Chip also reported that a sewer backed up in home on West Water Street. There was seven inches of sewerage in the basement. The backup was from a wad of diapers that was stuck in pipes. Chip stated that New York State is now incorporating new codes for fire and building inspectors. He will be going to training in a few weeks to cover this. One new requirement is that commercial businesses must now have carbon monoxide detectors in their buildings. The new law requires wherever humans could be in a building there must be a carbon monoxide detector in that building.

Discussion:

Karen Krusen reported that the Taskforce Committee will meet again on Wednesday March 16 at 5 PM.

Attorney Moore discussed the Local Law regarding the keeping of unauthorized animals. He stated he needed to get the correct definition for the term domestic animals. The pets were specifically listed in the law instead to make it more general. A public hearing regarding this will be at the next board meeting on March 21, 2016.

Public Comment:

Tom Frost, Cleveland Avenue, stated that a house at 89 Cleveland Ave went up for auction in January. It was listed for \$79,000 and the bank bought the house for \$15,300. The bank was Wells Fargo. Tom also asked Police Chief Michalko about 88 Cleveland Avenue and was told that things have quieted down at this residence at this time.

Betty Bonsignore, Deerfield Drive stated she was concerned about the possible shared service with the county in regards to the police department. It was stated that the Town is not currently involved in any of these meetings. She hopes that we don't let go of the good service that we currently have. She would not want to be without this individual service.

Resolution #58-16

Authorize Supervisor to sign agreement with City of Elmira for 2016 Animal Control

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to authorize the supervisor to sign an agreement with the City of Elmira for 2016 Animal Control Services for a fee of \$22,440.00.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #59-16

Reappoint Alice Davis to the Board of Assessment Review

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Resolved that Alice Davis be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a term to expire September 30, 2020.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #60-16

Approve Facility/Athletic Field and Court Usage Permit

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Motion was made to approve the Town of Elmira Recreation Facility/Athletic Field and Court Usage Permit.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #61-16

Set public hearing for Local Law 1-2016 Farm Animal

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to set the date of March 21, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. for a public hearing for proposed Local Law 1-2016 to Amend Article I of Chapter 61 of the Code of the Town of Elmira.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #62-16

Authorize Supervisor to sign lease agreement with Family Reading Partnership

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Motion was made to authorize the supervisor to sign a lease agreement with the Family Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley, Inc. for property located at McCann's Blvd. Voting Booth.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Krusen, Sullivan

Abstain- Allison

No- None

On a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mrs. Krusen the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Jo Ann Sherwood, Town Clerk