

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Tuesday, January 17, 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- absent

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 Caretaker- Scott Eschbach

Resolution #46-17

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 27, 2016 and the Organization Meeting of January 3, 2017.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #47-17

Financial Report

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to accept the draft Supervisor's report for the month of December 2016.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #48-17

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Resolved that claims in the total amount of \$76,259.22 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Communications:

Michael Krusen, President STEG, Re: STEG 2016 Annual Report

Discussion:

Attorney Scott Moore reported that he met with Charter Communications to discuss the cable contract. They discussed increasing the franchise fees and expanding the cable availability to East Hill residents. Scott stated that possible new cable companies can hook up to the fiber optic that is located throughout the county. More meetings are to follow regarding this. Supervisor Sullivan stated that he met with Mark Watts from Chemung County Soil and Water and they are continuing work on the Hillcrest Road project. They are installing a box culvert and working on a creek. Work has begun on the debris basin that is designed to keep water from running down the road. Mark asked the town to consider contributing \$6,500 to this work. Board agreed and it will be added to the resolutions of this meeting.

Department Reports:

Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico stated his crew was busy last week with salting and sanding. He stated they are still in good shape on their supply. Warm weather is helping with this. Matt stated he met with Councilman Bush regarding Mill Hill Road. They are adding fill to this area. The Water Board gave us the fill for this but it is a 40ft embankment. So far they have brought in over 100 loads. The project is about half way done. Matt reported the Christmas tree pickup is continuing.

Buildings and Grounds Caretaker Scott Eschbach reported that he built a storage area for the police department to store property goods in the garage. This is a semi-secure area and he is waiting for locks for this. Scott stated he examined the tennis courts and they are still in pretty good condition. There is some minor cracking.

Chief Peter Michalko submitted his monthly written report and gave a report on this. He attended a demonstration on the new treated glass that Hendy School has installed on their cafeteria windows that is crash resistant. They glass is impossible to break through. Peter said that his yearly report shows that penal law arrests more than doubled from 2015. Drug arrests increased as well. He is hoping this year is not as bad. He reported they also had three standoffs last year. Code Enforcement Officer Chip LeValley reported on his yearly report and said the building permits issued for 2016 were down 5%. He is working with Elmira Heights helping their code office there and assisting the Village of Horseheads part time code officer. The Village of Elmira Heights code officer is presently taking classes for the code officer position.

Public Comments:

Richard Schornstheimer, Larchmont Road asked whether the proposed chicken ordinance was ever passed. Chip LeValley stated is now Town Law and was adopted in October 2016. Mr. Schornstheimer thanked the board for their help with the issue.

He also asked who is responsible for trimming trees that hang over in their yard that belong to the neighbor. Chip commented that a property owner has the right to trim what is hanging in your property at your expense.

Resolution #49-17

Set date for February regular board meeting

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to set the date of February 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM for the regular board meeting.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #50-17

Approve computer consultant contract with Cyberlink Computing for 2017

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to approve the computer consultant contract with Cyberlink Computing for 2017 in the amount of \$5,040.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #51-17

Authorize payment monies for Hillcrest Road Project

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to authorize the supervisor to pay Chemung County Soil and Water \$6,500 for the Hillcrest Road project.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mr. Bush the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Jo Ann Sherwood, Town Clerk