

At the workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

Supervisor: David Sullivan
Councilmember: Scott Bush
Councilmember: Thomas Milliken
Councilmember: Ron Allison
Councilmember: Karen Krusen

Others present

Town Clerk- Jo Ann Sherwood
Attorney- Scott Moore

Summary of budget for 2019: Supervisor Sullivan reported to the board that the tax cap mandated by NYS is \$1,066,722. The proposed budget he has so far is within the tax cap. The 2019 budget is up 2.13 percent in spending. The positive changes are that health rates are up only 4.1 % for active employees and the retiree rate is down 10% from last year. He stated that sales tax revenues are up 6% for 2018, which is good news. For 2018, the town used over \$300,000 from fund balance and for 2019; but only \$190,901 from fund balance will be used in the 2019 budget. He stated that the special districts account for the tax increase with the new police contract and there is a small increase in the park district. Detail was presented to board and Mr. Sullivan asked the board members to return comments and concerns to him by October 1st.

Other Business:

Supervisor Sullivan stated he attended a sexual harassment workplace seminar sponsored by Perry and Carroll at the Elmira Country Club today. He stated that effective October 9, 2018 all employers in New York State must have a written policy and conduct annual employee training on sexual harassment in the workplace. Training must be held between October 9 and January 1, 2019.

Office of the State Comptroller- Supervisor Sullivan also stated the State Comptroller's office has listed the Town of Elmira as susceptible to fiscal stress. He explained the formula the state uses for this and stated the town is in good financial condition. The state calculation failed to account for the \$716,000 Fund Balance the town had in the B General Fund (Town Outside Village) at the end of 2017.

On a motion by Mrs. Krusen and seconded by Mr. Milliken the workshop was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

JoAnn Sherwood, Town Clerk