

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

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

Others present  
Town Clerk- Jo Ann Sherwood  
Attorney- Scott Moore  
Code Enforcement Officer – Eric Crandall  
Chief of Police- Peter Michalko  
Highway Superintendent- Matthew Mustico  
Buildings and Grounds Caretaker- Scott Eschbach  
Recreation Director- Patricia Carozza

**Resolution #91-19**

**Minutes**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Motion was made to accept the minutes of May 20, 2019.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #92-19**

**Financial Report**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town's Financial position as of May 31, 2019 and stated we are in a good financial position. The May 2019 Year to date bank statements and fund balance reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor's report for the month of May 2019.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #93-19**

**Audit of Bills**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Allison**

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$355,688.10 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Department Reports**

Highway Superintendent Matthew Mustico reported they have completed road work on Glen Avenue and Larchmont Road. He had a confrontation with a resident on Glen Ave. who would not obey the road work signs and refused his command to not drive on the road. She threatened to drive into him. She was issued tickets through the police department. West Second Street between Wall and Demarest has also had work completed. Corey has been mowing town property and did mowing for the county and city through shared services.

Code Enforcement Officer Eric Crandall reported that May was a busy month for the Code Office. He issued twenty-four building permits and one rental registration. He also sent out fifteen high grass notices. Eric reported that the Kwik Fill on Lake road has completed their work and has reopened. He stated the property at 408 Wall Street that was discussed at last month's meeting has installed the windows and the building is on foundation. The work is on pace for the time limits that were set for him. Eric reported that there is a subdivision planned for Jerusalem Hill Road and that the School of Good Works site plan review will be coming before the Town Planning Board. Eric stated that during the windstorm on Friday, June 14, a tree fell on a house on Lovell Avenue and severely damaged the house and they had to placard the home as uninhabitable.

Recreation Director Patty Carozza stated that she is getting ready for summer with the TCC Center. She stated that some weekly groups do not meet again now until September and summer camps will start in July. She also stated that the campers must use the small room as the

ARC group is using the large room four days a week. The TCC center still needs blinds and a thermostat to be installed. Some minor repair work could be done in the fall such as painting and door repairs. Patty stated that only one garden has not been planted yet.

Buildings and Grounds Caretaker Scott Eschbach has been working to keep up with the mowing in the park and ball fields. He has been pruning and removing dead shrubs. The Hendy School field day in the park was a success. Scott stated he has been setting up the pool house and getting all the plumbing equipment up and working. He reported that the main pool pump is not able to keep up and meet circulation requirements. He is estimating that the pump impellor and motor are in need of repair. The full replacement cost for the motor could be in the \$7,000 - \$11,000-dollar range and the shipping could be 3-4 weeks. Aloha Pools will be here to inspect this tomorrow.

Police Chief Peter Michalko submitted his May written report. He reported that calls and traffic stops were up and tickets were down. Peter stated that car repairs were done on 501 and 502 and stated that May was a quiet month.

**Discussion:**

Supervisor Sullivan stated there will be a County Shared Service meeting on Thursday, June 20 at the Hazlett Building. Scott Bush and Neil Milliken will attend.

Supervisor Sullivan reported that Excellus Blue Cross and Blue Shield submitted a notice of their request to the state for a proposed rate change increase of 7.2%.

Supervisor Sullivan stated we received a letter from the state reporting our equalization rate for the Town at 97%. This has been the same rate for the last couple of years.

Supervisor Sullivan advised that there is a vacancy on the Town Board as Karen Krusen has moved out of the Town and therefore resigned from the board. He stated NYS requires if the town appoint a replacement for a board member that replacement must be of the same political party. He is recommending that the board appoint Faith Pipher who is a republican to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Krusen which expires December 31, 2019.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Town Board approved an Early Retirement Incentive for eligible employees that requires a letter of intent to retire be submitted to Supervisor by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments-** none

**Resolution #94-19**

**Accept resignation of Karen Krusen as councilmember of Town Board**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Motion was made to accept the resignation of Karen Krusen as a member of the Town Board effective May 30, 2019 with regrets and deep appreciation for her eight years as a board member.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #95-19**

**Appoint Faith Pipher to fill unexpired term as councilmember of Town Board**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Motion was made to appoint Faith Pipher as a member of the Town Board to fill an unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #96-19**

**Appoint Maria Quagliana as 2019 Pool Director**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Allison**

Motion was made to appoint Maria Quagliana as pool director for the 2019 season.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #97-19**

**Appoint Lifeguards for 2019 season**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Allison**

Motion was made to appoint lifeguards for the 2019 season at the pay rate of \$11.10/hour: Joshua Arnold, Cole Beach, Randall Beach, Cassidy Bowes, Kevin Briggs, Aleziah Brooks, Lillian Cadwallader, Drew Cartwright, Anna Devlin, Abigail Duvall, Liam Duvall, Madison

Duvall, Carter Frame, Gavin Hillman, Natalie Hughes, Andrew Johnson, Christopher Knuth, Kendra Mace, Sara Paltowitz, Caroline Rogers, Loren Sayers, Bianca Summerville, Theo Summerville, Harrison Wheeler and cashiers Beth Wheeler, Jill Knuth, Amber Harkenrider, Yvonne Moses.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #98-19**

**Appoint part time season park laborer**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Allison**

Motion was made to appoint Sean Coggins as a part time seasonal laborer for the park.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #99-19**

**Approve and endorse grant application to NYS Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Program**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Motion was made to approve and endorse a grant application to the NYS Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Program to upgrade the park to become more ADA accessible.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mr. Milliken the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

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Jo Ann Sherwood, Town Clerk