

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

Supervisor: David Sullivan
Councilmember: Thomas Milliken
Councilmember: Scott Bush
Councilmember: Albert Lucarelli
Deputy Supervisor Ron Allison

Others present
Town Clerk- Tammy Stein
Attorney- Scott Moore
Police Chief- Robert Richards
Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall
Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico

Supervisor Sullivan called the Town Board meeting to order at 7pm and asked others to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Sullivan asked the Town Board to approve a change in the agenda to move a resolution for appointment and swear in the officer.

Resolution #120-21

Appoint David Cook as provisional Full Time Traffic District Officer

By: Mr. Allison

Seconded by. Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to appoint David Cook as provisional Full Time Traffic District Officer effective August 9, 2021 with a rate of \$45,030.00 for 2021. Officer Cook will enter the Academy August 9, 2021.

Supervisor Sullivan asked Mr. Cook and his family to come to the podium along with Police Chief Richards to administer the Swearing in of newly appointed Officer David Cook. David's wife Chelsea placed his pin.

Resolution #121-21

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 21,2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Additions to Agenda

Resolution for Surplus

Presentation- HeatSmart Thompkins/ Chemung

Supervisor Sullivan introduced Lisa Marshall, Program Director for HeatSmart Thompkins/ Chemung to do a presentation on how to help be more energy efficient in the winter months.

Mrs. Marshall shared that a few members of the Chemung County Mothers out front team were present as well. They are a community none profit organization that serves Chemung and Thompkins County. Their Mission is to educate others. HeatSmart is one of NYSERDA’s heating and cooling communities. The HeatSmart program is to help people figure out how to reduce emissions from their buildings. This group helps make recommendations to help others be more energy efficient in their homes or other buildings. Mrs. Marshall explained a few grants that are available to help others do some changes to make their homes/buildings more energy efficient.

Resolution #122-21

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$256,856.89 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye-Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Department Reports

Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico stated that some drainage pipe is becoming hard to find and he has found a company he can purchase in bulk and would like to do this so he can have some on hand. He discussed the wind damage to trees and the rain damage. He is hoping to be able to work on Demerest but is waiting for NYSEG to finish. The highway department is working on patching as well.

Police Chief- Robert Richards discussed the number of calls, stops and arrests that were made in June. He informed the board that the radar trailer delivery date has changed and it will be shipped by July 23rd. Chief Richards informed the board that he, Officer Macbeth and Officer Marrone have interviewed and done checks on all the new hires and feel they will be an asset to their department. They will be reinstating 2 part time officers whom are coming from other agencies and 1 full time officer whom will be starting academy August 9th. Chief Richards is waiting for the Civil Service test results which should be certified on August 3rd to be posted. They will prospect for a 5th Full Time Officer at that time.

Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall stated that June was a busier month. He took in 29 permits. His office has been very busy between permits, inspections and paperwork. He has sent some tall grass notices to residents. He discussed the sidewalk program per Councilmember Bush’s request. Eric discussed there not being a code with Councilmember Lucarelli regarding cars parked in yards.

Public Comments

Sue Hamlin, West Church St asked the Town Board for an update on Empire Access coming to the town. Supervisor Sullivan informed her that the State received the application and Empire is waiting for the approval.

Joe Colletta, Henty Ave. discussed his concern regarding the fireworks in the town with the Board. Chief Richards stated they did not get any complaints on the 3rd and 4th regarding

fireworks. He inquired about whether permits are needed at which Code Office Crandall informed him of the process.

Jennifer Clark, Watercure Hill thanked the Town Board for allowing the HeatSmart presentation and considering to become a part of the program.

Frank Messina, Larchmont Rd. expressed his concerns regarding the Greenridge property and how long it is taking to fix. He asked the board to revisit the codes.

Paul DiPietro, Durland Ave. asked the Town Board to reinstate the tree program. He discussed the importance of the program and its impact on the environment. He also asked the Board to consider to get another Street Tree Inventory done.

Heather Stanton, Roricks Glen said she’s proud to be a part of this Town and happy they are looking at programs for energy efficiency.

Resolution #123-21

Financial Report

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town’s Financial position as of June 30th, 2021 and stated we are in a good financial position. The June 2021 bank statements and year to date Fund Balance reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor’s report for June 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Discussion

Supervisor Sullivan informed the Town Board he would like to present a resolution tonight for a Budget Amendment. He would like to allow Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico to purchase additional pipe to have on hand

320 feet of 12 inch pipe	= \$2768.00
300 feet of 15 inch pipe	= <u>\$3366.00</u>
Totaling	\$6134.00

Supervisor Sullivan also discussed the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Matt got some quotes.

2019 Dodge Ram 5500	= \$69,994.83
2021 Ford F550	= \$77,545.10
2022 Mack	= \$92,545.00

This will replace an 18 year old vehicle. The Town Board discussed the differences between the trucks and the pricing for them.

Resolution#124-21

Budget Amendment

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to approve a Budget Amendment for the purchase of a new Vehicle for the Highway Department and additional pipe.

Increase Revenue line DB.0000.1120 (Sales Tax) \$76,200.00

Increase appropriations line DB.5130.5200 (Machinery) \$70,000.00

Increase appropriations line DB.5112.5400 (General Expense) \$6,200.00

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan No- None

Resolution #125-21

Purchase of a 2019 Dodge Ram 5500

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to authorize Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico to purchase a 2019 Dodge Ram 5500 for the Highway Department at a cost of \$69,994.83 using State Bid #TB0083.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan No- None

Resolution #126-21

Appoint James Samuelson as Part Time Traffic District 1 Officer

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to appoint James Samuelson as Part Time Traffic District 1 Officer at a rate of \$22.37 per hour effective August 2, 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan No- None

Resolution #127-21

Approve Addendum to Traffic Collective Bargaining Agreement

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to approve an addendum to the Traffic Collective Bargaining Agreement allowing for compensation for three and four years of service for Full Time Officers as an incentive program as well as a payback for Officers who leave prior to the grace period effective July 21,2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan No- None

Resolution #128-21

Set a Public Hearing to amend the Ordinance for Odd/Even Parking

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to set a public hearing on August 16th, 2021 at 7:00pm for the purpose to hear public comments on amending the Ordinance set forth in Chapter 210 Vehicles and Traffic, Section 210-4 F, Parking from November 1st and April 1st.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan No- None

Resolution #129-21

Appoint Stephen Cook as Part Time Traffic District 1 Officer

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to appoint Stephen Cook as Part Time Traffic District 1 Officer at a rate of \$22.37 per hour effective August 2, 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #130-21

Declare surplus for Police Department

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Whereas Police Chief Robert Richards has advised the Town Board that a Glock Model 27 Pistol is no longer in use by the Police Department and can be declared surplus.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Elmira does hereby declare the Glock Model 27 Pistol surplus with the disposition to be handled by the Police Chief and Be It Resolved that all proceeds shall be remitted to the Town and deposited into the Police Revenue Account.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #131-21

Support the campaign for Clean Energy

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to support the campaign for clean energy and the Town of Elmira will partner with HeatSmart Thompkins/ Chemung to prepare the NYSERDA scoping Documents.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Motion was made by Councilmember Bush at 8:08pm and seconded by Councilmember Lucarelli to adjourn the Town Board Meeting. All in favor, Motion Carried

Tammy Stein, Town Clerk