

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

Supervisor: Neil Milliken
Councilmember: Ron Allison
Councilmember: Albert Lucarelli
Councilmember: Thomas Milliken
Councilmember: Scott Bush

Others present
Town Clerk- Tammy Stein
Attorney- Scott Moore

Resolution #114-20

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2020.

Aye-T. Milliken, Allison, Lucarelli, Bush, N. Milliken

No- None

Resolution #115-20

Financial Report

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. T. Milliken

Supervisor Milliken reviewed the Town's Financial position as of July 30, 2020 and Councilman Allison stated we are in good financial position. The July 2020 bank statements and year to date Fund Balance reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor's report for July 2020.

Aye-T. Milliken, Allison, Lucarelli, Bush, N. Milliken

No- None

Report by Supervisor Milliken

The financials for the Town have been reviewed and are in order.

My thanks to Ron Allison for presiding over our last Board meeting in my absence.

I would like to acknowledge, and thank, our residents for their patience and understanding through this summer. The pandemic and its effects have meant they have been denied some of what the Town usually provides, from Park activities to a more extensive road repair schedule. I just wanted to express the appreciation of the Board as we all look forward to a return to as much normal as we might get.

I also want to thank the Town of Big Flats for lending 4 of their road crew to help us finish the paving on W First Street. If you recall that's the project that has taken months longer to complete than usual due to the reduced availability of Water Board and NYSEG personnel due to Covid. Again, our thanks to those residents for their patience.

We have received some calls of deer sightings in residential areas in the middle of the day. I myself have seen deer crossing both Church and Water Street at 11:00AM and 2:00PM. A big concern here is the increased chance of a traffic accident on these busy streets. Out of curiosity I contacted the DEC Wildlife Biologist and had an interesting conversation as to possible options the Town could pursue, none of which are simple, and some of which are very costly. I would say at this point we will continue to monitor. There have been reports that some residents may be feeding the deer which, if not the cause

would certainly be a contributor, and is a practice we strongly discourage, and will post a request to desist on our web page.

You noticed in your meeting materials a petition signed by a number of residents interested in having the compost facility opened on Saturday mornings in addition to weekdays. I have met with the organizer of the petition and we discussed cooperating on an option that could result in expanded hours at no cost to the Town. I will report back as this develops.

Lastly, an update on the purchase of a new Town truck that the Board approved and ordered in 2019. There might be confusion among some as to the financing piece. The purchase is financed for 5 years beginning in 2021, so there is no obligation for any payments in 2020.

Resolution #116-20

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$180,055.75 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye-T. Milliken, Allison, Lucarelli, Bush, N. Milliken

No- None

Communications

NYS Agriculture and Markets RE: Dog Control Officer Inspection Report
Constellation RE: New York Environmental Disclosure
Compost Facility Petition

Department Reports:

Due to Covid – 19 and social distancing Supervisor Milliken stated the Department heads were excused from attending the meeting but were asked to submit a report:

Recreation Director, Patty Carozza stated that there have been a couple small groups using the center, following the cleaning protocol and social distance rules set in place. She is eager to open the center but wants to follow all guidelines set in place. She has interests for September rentals. The contract with ARC is being amended for their current. use.

Code Enforcement Officer, Eric Crandall turned in his report showing all the permits that were issued in July. He stated it was a very busy month for building permits. There were 28 permits issued and \$1,516 in fees brought in. In total, the Code Office has collected \$7,886 through July of 2020, which is just under the \$8,292 through July of 2019. The Town of Elmira Planning Board held a meeting regarding a subdivision application for Next Level Sports & Training located at 301 Demarest Pkwy. The application was approved at the August meeting and the owners will be constructing a single-family home on the empty land just north of the school building.

Highway Superintendent, Matt Mustico stated they finished paving thanks to Town of Van Etten, Town of Southport, Town of Chemung, Town of Baldwin, Town of Horseheads and the Town of Big Flats. There was a savings of \$15,000-\$20,000 by not hiring it out. The curbs were installed and are waiting to be top soiled and seeded. A new plow truck was purchased a should be here by the end of the month. The Beecher Creek Dam was inspected and we have to keep an eye on

a few things but it went well. Corey is doing a great job in the parks and they are looking really good. The Highway department is working on driveway pipe replacements. Police Chief, Tom Barr reported on calls, stops, assists and accidents that his department did for July.

Discussion

Councilman Allison asked about the City Animal Control report.

Public Comments

Joe Coletta, Hendy Ave thanked Councilman Lucarelli for helping get the sign on W. Clinton St. cleaned up. The sign has been overgrown and not visible. With the help of the Highway department that area was cleaned up. He also stated he spoke to Chief Barr regarding the speeding on W. Clinton St. Chief Barr was able to get a trailer there to track speed on the vehicles passing. He also stated he has concern regarding the shootings that are happening in surrounding towns and inquired about if our town was ready if it comes here. Frank Messina, Larchmont Rd informed the board of his concern regarding the drug sales and activity in West Elmira. He stated he is concerned the Police do not have enough coverage to patrol the streets as needed.

Resolution #117-20

Amend the ARC contract for use of the Community Center

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. T. Milliken

Motion was made to amend the agreement between The Town of Elmira and ARC for use of the Community Center to reduce the hours and days needed to two half days instead of three full days for a fee of \$300.00 per month.

Aye- T. Milliken, Allison, Lucarelli, Bush, N. Milliken

No- None

Resolution #118-20

Set date for September Workshop

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. T. Milliken

Motion was made to set the date of September 14, 2020 at 7pm for a Workshop meeting.

Aye- T. Milliken, Allison, Lucarelli, Bush, N. Milliken

No- None

Motion was made by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mr. Bush to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:16 pm

Motion was made by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mr. Bush to exit executive session at 7:41 pm and on a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Allison the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm

Tammy Stein, Town Clerk