

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday October 21, 2024 at 7:00pm at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

Supervisor Ann Gerould
Deputy Supervisor Ron Allison
Councilmember Thomas Milliken
Councilmember Albert Lucarelli
Councilmember: Scott Bush

Others present
Town Clerk- Tammy Stein
Police Chief- Bob Richards
Buildings and Grounds Keeper- Sean Coggins
Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico
Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall

Supervisor Gerould called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm and lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

At 7:02 P.M. Town Attorney Scott D. Moore read proof of publication of notice of October 7, 2024 of notice of public hearing to consider the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Elmira for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025. The hearing was declared open and anyone wishing to present written or oral comments in favor was invited to do so. When no one wished to speak in favor of the proposed budget, those wishing to speak in opposition were invited to do so. When no one wished to speak in opposition to the proposed budget, the hearing was declared closed at 7:03 P.M.

Supervisor Gerould informed the board that the bank statements presented to them reflect the new interest rates granted to the town after discussions with Chemung Canal. She also stated that the Budget Officer has been working on projection reports and will have them available to discuss at the November workshop.

Resolution #123-24

Minutes

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to approve the minutes of September 16, 2024 regular and October 3, 2024 workshop.

Aye- Gerould, Allison, Milliken, Lucarelli, Bush

No- None

Resolution #124-24

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$171,090.61 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

<u>Early Audit</u>	
General Fund	10,761.99
General Fund (outside village)	2,649.89
Highway Fund	12.66
Traffic Fund	3,939.57
Park Fund	<u>2,419.95</u>
	19,784.06

<u>Regular Audit</u>	
General Fund	38,843.47
General Fund (outside Village)	21,798.69
Highway Fund	68,829.60
Fire District 2	405.00
Light District 1	4,761.89
Light District 2	48.89
Light District 3	113.89
Light District 4	36.89
Light District 5	13.89
Park District	10,983.40
Traffic Fund	4,973.94
T Fund	<u>497.00</u>
	151,306.55

Aye-Gerould, Allison, Milliken, Lucarelli, Bush

No- None

Resolution #125-24

Financial Report

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Supervisor Gerould reviewed the Town’s financial position as of September 30, 2024 and stated we are in a good financial position. The September 2024 bank statements and year-to-date financial reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor’s report for September 2024.

Aye-Gerould, Allison, Milliken, Lucarelli, Bush

No- None

Communications

- Agriculture and Market RE: Municipal Shelter Inspection Report
- Agriculture and Market RE: Dog Control Officer Inspection Report
- CC Sheriffs RE: September 2024 statistics
- NYSATSOH RE: Matt Mustico, President of the Association

Department Reports

Community Center Director- Patty Carozza- was unable to attend and submitted a report stating that October is a busy month for rentals and she’s already taking lots of rentals for the remainder of the year including some in 2025. Patty informed the Town Board that Tish VonHagn donated her old kitchen stove to the Community Center due to that one no longer working.

Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall submitted his monthly report stating that September

was a busy month with 20 permits. He has sent out 3 violations. He spoke about the planning board looking into the view shed and solar projects. Eric closed out 47 open permits.

Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico- stated that the basketball courts are level and ready for blacktop. They are still patching as well as working on tree trimming. They are getting equipment ready to begin leaf pick up which will begin at the end of this month.

Police Chief- Robert Richards read his report regarding the calls, arrests and other incidents for September 2024. He informed the board that Officer Green completed his field training and is now working different shifts to get exposure.

Buildings and Grounds Keeper- Sean Coggins informed the board the water has been shut off in the park and he is working on winterizing by picking up picnic tables and flushing lines for the pool and snack shack. He continues to work on mowing as the weather permits. He informed the board that a bench was placed by the Tennis Courts in memory of Rich Rollins who loved tennis and was a member of GETA.

Discussion

Supervisor Gerould stated that the County Treasure Office completed the Town's AFR and it has been filed.

Supervisor Gerould spoke about the even year election litigation and Attorney Moore stated that with the litigation this is on hold at this point.

The Town Board received the Highway Vehicle usage report

Supervisor Gerould discussed the tax benefit law for Volunteer Fire personnel asking the board to look it over and she'd like to make a resolution on it at the November workshop

Supervisor Gerould informed the Town Board that it was brought to her attention that the Recreation Board has decided to dissolve. She stated that due to it being an extension of the Town they can not dissolve, however if they choose not to be on the committee anymore, they will need to resign. She is trying to set up a meeting with the recreation chairperson to discuss further.

Resolution #126-24

Set date and time for November Workshop

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to set November 4, 2024 at 7:00pm as a workshop.

Aye- Gerould, Allison, Milliken, Lucarelli, Bush

No- None

Resolution #127-24

Approve Aloha Pool Agreement for 2025

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to approve the agreement with Aloha Pools with a term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$21,500.00 paid in 3 installments, open

\$7,166.66, summer maintenance \$7,166.66 and closing \$7,166.68.
Aye- Gerould, Allison, Milliken, Lucarelli, Bush

No- None

Resolution #128-24

Appoint Kyle Storms as Full Time Traffic District Officer

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to appoint Kyle Storms as Full Time Traffic District Officer effective November 10, 2024 with a rate of \$70,981.00 plus benefits according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2024.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Gerould

No- None

Resolution #129-24

Approve the Annual Financial Report (AFR)

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to approve the AFR for the Fiscal year ending 12/31/2023.

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Milliken, Allison

No- None

Public Comments

Sean Coggins, Geneva Street spoke on behalf of the Recreation board stating that they are upset the Town Board did not recognize Lynn and Dave Pirozzolo after they resigned from the Recreation Board. He also spoke about the placement of the pickleball courts.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bush at 7:44pm and seconded by Councilmember Lucarelli to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, Motion Carried

Tammy Stein, Town Clerk