

At the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, October 19, 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- absent

Others present
Town Clerk- Tammy Stein
Attorney- Scott Moore

Presentation- Emily Marino, Chemung County Friends of the River

Emily spoke to the residents and board regarding what their organization has done for the Town of Elmira in the past several years and what they'd like to accomplish in the near future. She thanked the Town for their support and asked for continued support.

At 7:11 P.M. Town Attorney Scott D. Moore read proof of publication of notice of October 9, 2020 of notice of public hearing to consider the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Elmira for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021. 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 7:12 P.M.

At 7:12 P.M. Town Attorney Scott Moore read proof of publication of notice of October 9, 2020 of notice of public hearing to consider proposed Local Law 2-2020 to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c. The hearing was declared open and anyone wishing to present written or oral comments in favor of proposed Local Law 2-2020 was invited to do so. When no one wished to speak in favor of the proposed Local Law those wishing to speak in opposition of the proposed Local Law were invited to do so. When no one wished to speak in opposition to the proposed Local Law, the hearing was declared closed at 7:13 P.M.

Resolution #131-20

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21,2020 and the Workshops on October 5,2020 and October 13th.

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

No- None

Resolution #132-20

Financial Report

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. T. Milliken

Supervisor Milliken reviewed the Town's Financial position as of September 30, 2020 and stated

we are in good financial position. The September 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 September 2020.

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

No- None

Report by Supervisor Milliken

The bank statements and Budget Performance Report have been reviewed and the Towns financial position is stable and on budget. The Board has had several workshops to review the 2021 Tentative Budget. When the review has been concluded, we will begin the process of finding ways to reduce the tax levy to as low as possible. As you are all aware, this has been an unusual year for us all, and Town government has not been spared. The County Executive announced this past Friday that traditional door-to-door trick or treating is not recommended due to recent increase in our Covid numbers. Our Town Rec Board is now considering organizing an alternative event that is in keeping with County guidelines. They are convening tomorrow and will decide if they will go ahead. We will have information posted on our website as soon as it is available. Another reminder that leaf pickup begins November 2.

Resolution #133-20

Audit of Bills

By Mr. T. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$53,530.47 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

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

No- None

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:

Code Enforcement Officer, Eric Crandall turned in his report showing all the permits that were issued in September.

Police Chief, Tom Barr reported on calls, stops, assists and accidents that his department did for September.

Highway Superintendent, Matt Mustico informed the board they put in a new crossover pipe at Bower Rd and Kiwanis Rd. They lined ditches on Crane Rd near the Town line with concrete matting given to them by Mark Watts. Leaf pick up will begin November 2nd. Trees are being cut down from the right of way on East Hill. The compost facility is picking up with people working on their yards. The highway department will not be planting any trees this year.

Recreation Director, Patty Carozza informed the board that she is still taking reservations for the Community Center for small gatherings. She has had some renters cancel. ARC and the quilting group use the building regularly.

Public Comments

Francie Merrill, Hendy Ave. informed the board that she had a car park by her residence and sat with their lights and car off. She called the comp center and was told to call back in an hour.

Joe Coletta, Hendy Ave. inquired about minutes, and Empire Access coming to the Town. He was told the Supervisor Milliken will look into it.

Frank Messina, Larchmont Rd. inquired about the sidewalk program. He stated that they are not in good shape and it is a trip hazard. He suggested the Town reenact that program and look at

getting them fixed as there are a lot of walkers in this town.

Resolution #134-20

Authorize mowing fees to be added to property tax bills for 2021

By Mr. T. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Resolved that Real Property Tax Department for the County of Chemung be authorized to add the following amounts to the following 2021 tax bills for the purpose of reimbursement of mowing charges for 2020:

073089	98.06-3-73	183 Bower Road	\$300.00
073089	98.08-2-63	1214 W. Church St.	300.00
073089	98.11-3-5	1519 W. Water St.	375.00
Aye- T. Milliken, Allison, Lucarelli, N. Milliken			No- None

Resolution #135-20

Set Budget Workshops

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to set budget workshops for October 26, November 2, and November 9th at 6pm to discuss the budget for 2021.

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

No- None

On a motion by Mr. T. Milliken and seconded by Mr. Lucarelli the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M., All were in favor.

Tammy Stein, Deputy Town Clerk