

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, November 21, 2022 at 7:00pm at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

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

Others present
Town Clerk- Tammy Stein

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

Resolution #163-22

Minutes

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022, November 1, 2022 Special Meeting and November 10, 2022 workshop.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #164-22

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$133,843.20 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Early Audit

General Fund	13,061.38
General Fund (outside village)	3,371.87
Highway Fund	130.03
Traffic District	10,145.11
Park Fund	<u>1,541.97</u>
	28,250.36

Regular Audit

General Fund	43,948.25
General Fund (outside Village)	4,535.13
Highway Fund	48,078.12
Light District 1	4,300.90
Light District 2	42.90
Light District 3	96.90
Light District 4	32.90
Light District 5	11.90

Traffic Fund	2,665.93
Park Fund	1,480.91
Trust & Agency	<u>399.00</u>
	105,592.84

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #165-22

Financial Report

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town’s financial position as of October 31, 2022 and stated we are in a good financial position. The October 2022 bank statements and year-to-date financial reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor’s report for October 2022.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Communications

Phil Due

RE: thank you card to the Assessor’s Office

Department Reports

Supervisor Sullivan stated that all department heads were excused from this meeting but all have submitted a report for the board to review.

Discussions

Supervisor Sullivan spoke to those in attendance stating that the backstory is that more than ten years ago Paul DiPietro attended Board meetings at least a couple of times per year, to remind the Town about the importance of planting trees, about how a healthy tree canopy adds to property values and is better for the environment.

Paul was steadfast in his belief that the work needed to be done, and his knowledge on the topic was impressive.

He led the effort to partner with Cornell University many years ago to complete an inventory of our existing stock. The resulting study was a great starting point to determine what needed to be done.

The tornado back in 2015 took out a great many trees and Paul said we have to get to work. We started small, planting 5-10 trees per year and last spring we decided, with the help of the ARPA money, to plant 100 trees by the end of 2023.

Paul led the committee, was our best cheerleader, and his efforts resulted in 50 street trees being planted this year. In addition, another 20+ trees were planted in the park.

The Highway Department, town hall staff and town residents have been partners in this effort, but because of Paul DiPietro’s dedication over the years, Supervisor Sullivan presented to him, on behalf of the board, the 2022 Supervisor’s Award, as a small token of our gratitude and esteem.

Paul was very pleased with receiving this award and spoke about the process and those who helped make this possible.

Supervisor Sullivan stated that the next two resolutions were referred to the Chemung County

Planning board for review. They were returned to the Town Board with no objection to changing the wording to better align with town code. They suggested the Town develop a special use permit to allow residents to have animals that are already covered in the code.

Resolution #166-22

Amend Chapter 61-1 part B and E, Animals

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Resolved that an amendment be made to Chapter 61-1 part B and E, of the Code of the Town of Elmira to amend the language in the Animal Ordinance referring to Fire District No.1 and No. 2 and replace with A, AA, AAA residential district.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #167-22

Amend Chapter 217-9, Zoning

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Resolved that an amendment be made to Chapter 217-9 of the Code of the Town of Elmira to change the zoning district from Agricultural/Residential to AAA Residential for the geographical area described as those parcels situated within the Town of Elmira and being bounded to the north by the southerly edge of Hillcrest Rd, bounded on the west by Hoffman Creek, bounded on the south by the Town line, and bounded on the east by the Town line.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #168-22

Accept 2021 Town and Municipal Court Audited Financials from EFP

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to accept the 2021 Audited Financials from EFP.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #169-22

Approve Surplus of 196 feet of 10 foot fencing with 2 open entrances

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Whereas the Town Board has closed the old pickleball courts which were located by the tennis courts, and

Whereas the fencing is no longer needed in that area as the pickleball courts have been relocated, and

Further resolved that the town authorizes the surplus of 196 feet of 10 foot fencing with 2 open entrances

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #170-22

Approve Surplus for 2011 Ford Crown Victoria

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Whereas the Town of Elmira Police Department has new vehicles, and

Whereas the old cars are no longer needed, and be it

Further resolved that the Police Chief wishes to surplus the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria.

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #171-22

**Approve five- year agreement with SWCD for maintenance of the old Chemung Canal
By Mr. Lucarelli Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Resolved that an agreement be made between the Town of Elmira, Chemung County Soil and Water and other municipalities for a term beginning in 2023 ending 2027 in the amount of \$2000.00 each year to maintain the old Chemung Canal.

Public Comments

Sean Coggins informed the board that the Recreation board had a great year. All the events were well attended and they've heard great feed back from those who attended.

The board discussed fall ball with Sean and Lynn.

Lynn Pirozzolo stated that she's gotten great feedback and compliments on the coaches this year which is great to hear.

The board discussed the basketball courts with Sean and Lynn

Motion was made by Councilmember Allison at 7:27pm and seconded by Councilmember Lucarelli to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, Motion Carried

Tammy Stein, Town Clerk