

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00pm at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

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

Others present

Town Clerk- Tammy Stein  
Attorney- Scott Moore  
Police Chief- Bob Richards  
Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall  
Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico  
Buildings and Grounds keeper- Sean Coggins  
Recreation Coordinator- Patty Carozza

Absent- Councilmember: Albert Lucarelli

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

Supervisor Gerould moved the Public Comment section to the beginning of the meeting due to the number of attendees. She stated that there has been discussion regarding questions and concerns about the basketball courts. She informed the guests that the courts will not be removed. It has been determined that the courts need to be redone along with the walkway leading to the pool and tennis area. The board has been discussing options on how to do this in a way that makes sense for all.

**Public Comments**

James Lynch, Highland Ave. spoke to the board about Attorney Moore's response to his request to amend the minutes regarding his comments of the 1164 Winters St. house fire.

Ted Peet, Larchmont Rd. spoke regarding his concerns if the basketball court is taken from 2 courts to 1. He stated that he would be happy to fundraise to help raise funds to maintain the basketball courts.

Lynn Pirozzolo, W. Church St. spoke about the activities that happen in the Town and at the park and people that make them happen. She also spoke about her plea to have people clean trash on the basketball courts.

Jerome Emanuel, W. Church St. stated how much he loves this town and discussed his concern about where his daughter can play basketball if the courts are removed. He spoke very highly about the West Elmira Police Department and what a great job they do.

Michelle Augustine, W. Water St. stated that all park events are amazing and said that closing the courts would impact the entire community.

Mark Manning, Morningside Dr. discussed his concern if the courts are closed and the impact it will have on the kids. He spoke about the trash clean up.

Katie Goetz, Morningside Dr. spoke about having an opportunity to have a place for kids to play to keep them out of trouble. She stated she'd be willing to volunteer to help at the courts.

John Potter, Underwood Ave. Spoke about the funds being used to resurface the tennis courts and stated the board can find money to upgrade the courts.

Paul Dipietro, Glen Ave. stated he'd like to see the courts kept with the same footprint and suggested finding grants or other revenue to help maintain them.

Ted Peet, Larchmont Rd. spoke again stating that the use of 2 courts is good as young kids watch the big kids. He stated he would commit to running a summer league if the town keeps both courts.

Michelle Augustine, W. Water St. Spoke again stating that the kids need volunteer hours for National Honor Society and she would be happy to do sign ups to help with park clean up.

April Peris, Country Club Dr. stated she runs the West Elmira Community Group and discussed having data regarding the decisions that the board is using to make the determination.

Kelly Emanuel, W. Church St. Stated she sees the courts being used and attest to seeing garbage strewn all about. She asked the board to problem solve before making a final decision. She spoke highly about the events that the Recreation Board put on.

Ilene Peet, Larchmont Rd. stated that this is the last safe park with police presence and it would be detrimental to the community if the courts were taken away. Asking the board to give another chance.

Jami Clune, Kiwanis Rd. stated she is in support to keep the courts. Her and her son will be willing to step up and help with trash pickup and she is willing to help raise funds to keep the courts.

**Resolution #65-23**

**Minutes**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of March 21, 2023 regular meeting and April 12, 2023 Workshop.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Gerould

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

**Resolution #66-23**

**Audit of Bills**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$138,785.71 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

<u>Early Audit</u>	
General Fund	917.21
General Fund (outside Village)	1681.28
Traffic Fund	75.98
Park Fund	<u>561.60</u>
	3236.07
<u>Regular Audit</u>	
General Fund	13,308.85
General Fund (outside Village)	2,195.35
Highway Fund	109,791.51
Fire District	405.00
Light District 1	4211.90
Light District 2	42.90
Light District 3	95.90
Light District 4	32.90
Light District 5	12.90
Traffic Fund	3,851.73
Park Fund	1,182.70
Trust & Agency	<u>418.00</u>
	135,549.64

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Gerould  
Absent- Lucarelli

No- None

**Resolution #67-23**

**Financial Report**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Allison**

Supervisor Gerould reviewed the Town’s financial position as of March 31, 2023 and stated we are in a good financial position. The March 2023 bank statements and year-to-date financial reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor’s report for March 2023.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Gerould  
Absent- Lucarelli

No- None

**Presentation**

Supervisor Gerould introduced herself and spoke about her background stating that she was appointed in March to serve the remainder of David Sullivan’s term which is until the end of 2023. She stated her vision is to strive to help to deliver effectively and efficiently the important services including public safety, roadways, and recreation and to support all town departments and staff to the best of her ability all while representing the interests of all constituents.

She highlighted a tax bill and showed a comparison between 2022 to 2023 taxes as well as discussed, the first quarter of business.

### **Department Reports**

Supervisor Gerould stated that she received a monthly report from the City Animal Control and Parking Tickets

Recreation Director- Patty Carozza stated that rentals are up and she is getting calls for future month rentals. She stated that summer camps are coming up and that the ARC group will be helping with preparing lunches.

Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall stated that March was his best month yet and brought in 13 permits.

Police Chief- Robert Richards read his report regarding the calls, arrests and other incidents for March 2023. He informed the board that the speed sign is up and running and will be placed around West Elmira. He stated that the new Police car should arrive in a few weeks.

Building and Grounds-Sean Coggins informed the board that he picks up trash in the park every day and empties the garbage. He worked on the batting cage as well as placed tree gators around trees. He informed the board that a tree was planted in the park in memory of Rick Emanuel.

Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico stated the blacktop bids came in and that paving will start next month on Lovell Avenue, Lovell Terrace and Bowlby Road.

### **Resolution #68-23**

#### **Set a date and time for a May workshop**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Resolved that Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 7pm be set as the date and time for the May workshop.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Gerould

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

### **Resolution #69-23**

#### **Accept 2023 Black Top Bid**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Whereas the Town of Elmira has duly advertised for bids for the purchase of Bituminous Plant Mix Paving Materials including paver, roller, laborers, equipment operators and necessary supplies to lay in place said Bituminous Plant Mix Paving Materials and

Whereas Dalrymple Gravel has submitted the low Bid according to all specifications of \$74.95 per ton, Type 6 and \$71.95 per ton, type 3 binder and;

Whereas the bids were read discussed and considered,

Now therefore Be It Resolved, that Dalrymple Gravel be awarded the bid of \$74.95 per ton,

Type 6 and \$71.95 per ton, type 3 binder

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Gerould

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

### **Resolution #70-23**

#### **Budget Amendments**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Resolved that the following Budget Amendments were herewith authorized:

DB.0000.2665 Hwy- Sale of equipment to Revenue \$52,585.00

DB.5130.5200 Hwy- Equipment Expense to Expense \$52,585.00

DB.0000.1120      Hwy- County Sales Tax                      to Revenue \$45,000.00  
DB.5112.5400      Hwy- Contractual Expense (Roadwork) to Expense \$45,000.00  
Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Gerould                      No- None  
Absent- Lucarelli

Motion was made by Councilmember Allison at 8:00pm and seconded by Councilmember Bush to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, except Councilmember Lucarelli who was absent,  
Motion Carried

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Tammy Stein, Town Clerk