

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, October 16, 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        Albert Lucarelli  
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  
Community Center Director-Patty Carozza

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

**Public Hearing**

At 7:03 P.M. Town Attorney Scott D. Moore read proof of publication of notice of October 5, 2023 of notice of public hearing to consider the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Elmira for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024. 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 7:04 P.M.

**Resolution #121-23**

**Minutes**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023 meeting and October 2, 2023 workshop

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

**Resolution #122-23**

**Audit of Bills**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$210,474.03 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

<u>Early Audit</u>	
General Fund	9,672.77
General Fund (outside Village)	2,031.99
Traffic Fund	7,774.26
Park Fund	<u>2,682.24</u>
	22,161.26

<u>Regular Audit</u>	
General Fund	19,203.04
General Fund (outside Village)	699.88
Highway Fund	79,404.24
Fire District #2	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	1,420.51
Park Fund	82,365.60
T Fund	<u>418.00</u>
	188,312.77

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

**Resolution #123-23**

**Financial Report**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli**

Supervisor Gerould reviewed the Town’s financial position as of September 30, 2023 and stated we are in a good financial position. The September 2023 bank statements and year-to-date financial reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor’s report for September 2023.

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

**Communication**

Sheen Housing  
Agriculture and Market  
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RE: Housing Assistance  
RE: Municipal Shelter Inspection Report  
RE: Dog Control Officer Inspection Report

**Discussion**

Supervisor Gerould informed the board that the Chemung County Community Fund grant was approved and this will be used to increase security cameras in the park due to the resent vandalism that has occurred.

**Department Reports**

Police Chief- Robert Richards read his report regarding the calls, arrests and other incidents for September 2023. He informed the board that they have been working hard to cover shifts as they have a shortage in employees. He is actively pursuing candidates for open positions. His

department successfully closed 2 grand larceny investigations.

Community Center Director-Patty Carozza said that rentals are very good in October and she has several for November and December. She discussed that voting will be in the building November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall stated that September brought in 27 permits. He sent out violations for tall grass and unlicensed vehicle. He stated he has closed 35 permits from the summer.

Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico informed the board that he met with DEC regarding cleaning out of drains. They also completed drainage on the dead end of Holley Rd. Matt stated that they finished patching and they are working on equipment for winter.

Buildings and Grounds- Sean Coggins stated that the dugouts have been fixed. The park now has 2 speed limit signs on Grand View Ext. to advise people to slow down in the park. He and Paul removed gator bags from new trees and placed the guards on. He also stated that the Fall event will be held October 21,2023 in the park from 2-4 weather permitted. A rain date of October 28<sup>th</sup> has been set.

The board discussed the basketball court fundraising that is underway.

**Resolution #124-23**

**Accept Resignation of John MacBeth, Traffic Officer**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Motion was made to accept the resignation of Traffic Officer John MacBeth effective 9/30/2023.

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

**Resolution #125-23**

**Accept Resignation of Scott Deming, Historian**

**By Mr. Scott**

**Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli**

Motion was made to accept the resignation of Historian Scott Deming effective 9/30/2023.

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

**Resolution #126-23**

**Accept Resignation of Stephen Cook, Traffic Officer**

**By Mr. Lucarelli**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Motion was made to accept the resignation of Traffic Officer Stephen Cook effective 9/30/2023.

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Chief Richards spoke to the Town Board stating that he recommends the board appoint Seth Green and spoke about his background.

**Resolution #114-23**

**Appoint Seth Green as provisional Full Time Traffic District Officer**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Motion was made to appoint Seth Green as provisional Full Time Traffic District Officer effective November 1, 2023 with a rate of \$48,004.00 plus benefits according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2023. Officer Green will enter Academy January of 2024.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Gerould

No- None

**Public Comment**

Joe Colletta, Hendy Ave. spoke to the Board regarding the recent changes in the Police Department with some of the officers resigning asking what the board is planning to fill these positions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bush at 7:51pm and seconded by Councilmember Milliken to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, Motion Carried

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Tammy Stein, Town Clerk