

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, December 18, 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
Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico
Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall
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 7:01 P.M. Town Attorney Scott D. Moore read proof of publication of notice of December 4, 2023 of notice of public hearing to consider Local Law 1-2023, Solar Law Energy. 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 Local Law 1-2023, Solar Law, those wishing to speak in opposition were invited to do so. When no one wished to speak in opposition of the Local Law 1-2023, Solar Law the hearing was declared closed at 7:02 P.M.

Presentation- Ali Rennie, Executive Director of Chemung County Sewer District
Ali spoke to the Town Board and attendees explaining the expansion of the sewer facilities within the sewer district in Chemung County and how it will affect residents of Chemung County.

Resolution #140-23

Minutes

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to approve the minutes of November 20, 2023 meeting and December 11, 2023 workshop.

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Resolution #141-23

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$104,473.40 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Early Audit- 11/21/23

Highway Fund	2,905.62
Light District 1	<u>4,211.90</u>
	7,117.52

VOIDED Check 11/21/23

Highway fund	12,493.27
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Early Audit- 12/8/23

General Fund	2,366.19
General Fund (outside Village)	12.66
Traffic District	-.21
Park Fund	<u>10.14</u>
	2,388.78

Regular Audit

General Fund	33,626.32
General Fund (outside Village)	15,586.97
Highway Fund	28,654.75
Light District 1	4211.88
Light District 2	42.88
Light District 3	95.88
Light District 4	65.78
Light District 5	12.88
Traffic Fund	2,464.17
T Fund	<u>418.00</u>
	94,967.10

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Resolution #142-23

Financial Report

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

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

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Communications

Friends of the Chemung County River

RE: 2023 Highlights

Department Reports

Community Center Director- Patty Carozza spoke about the rentals stating that she had 5 in December and has a few for January. She discussed having new events coming next year such as Dance classes and wellness workshops.

Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico informed the board that his department has finalized leaf pick up and has swept all town roads to prepare for winter. He discussed the 2024 road work

program. He informed the board that he is going to surplus the water truck as well as a pick up from the highway department as they are out of service.

Buildings and Grounds- Sean Coggins stated that there have been 11 trees planted in the park this year. He has closed and cleaned up the park for winter. The little library has been put up by the tennis courts and is ready for books.

Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall stated that permit fees are up from 2022. November was a busy month and he received 15 permits. 1 violation was handed out. Eric thanked Attorney Moore for all his hard work on the Solar Ordinance.

Police Chief- Robert Richards read his report regarding the calls, arrests and other incidents for November 2023. He informed the board that Seth is doing well with his training and will start Academy in January.

Resolution #143-23

Set date and time for 2024 Organizational Meeting

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to set January 2, 2024 at 7:45am as the 2024 Organizational Meeting.

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Resolution #144-23

Set a date and time for 2023 Annual Audit Meeting

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to set January 22, 2024 at 7:00pm as the 2023 Annual Audit Meeting.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Gerould

No- None

Resolution #145-23

Set a date and time for the regular January Meeting

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to set January 22, 2024 at 7:00pm as the January Meeting.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Gerould

No- None

Resolution #146-23

Approve agreement with Brad Zehr for website support

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to approve an agreement with Brad Zehr for website support with a fee of \$500.00 per year effective 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2024.

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Allison, Milliken, Gerould

No- None

Resolution #147-23

Advertise for Concession Stand bid

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Whereas the Town Board is inviting anyone interested in operating the concession stand in the Town Park to submit a proposal; and

Whereas the Town Clerk of the board will advertise for said requests in the Star Gazette January 2024.

Whereas in said advertisement the details of operation and details of bid openings will be posted.

Aye- Bush, Lucarelli, Allison, Milliken, Gerould

No- None

Attorney Moore and the Town Board discussed proposed Local Law 1-2023, Solar Law. The Town Board made the decision to table the proposed Local Law for further discussion.

Resolution #148-23

Approve Local Law 1-2023, Solar Energy Local Law

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to table this resolution until the January 22, 2024 meeting to discuss further.

Aye- Lucarelli, Allison, Milliken, Gerould

No- None

Recusal- Bush

Public Comment

Paul Dipietro, Glen Ave. Stated that he was meeting with the Environmental Management Council and was going to do a short presentation and slide show regarding the Town's tree planting program.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bush at 8:41pm and seconded by Councilmember Lucarelli to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, Motion Carried

Tammy Stein, Town Clerk