

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

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

Others present
Town Clerk- Tammy Stein
Attorney- Scott Moore
Police Chief- Robert Richards
Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall
Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico
Recreation Coordinator- Patty Carozza

Supervisor Sullivan called the Town Board meeting to order at 7pm and asked others to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Sullivan informed the board that Empire Access was unable to attend and will reschedule for the October or November meeting. He stated that they are reviewing the franchise agreement. The application was approved for West Water Street and the permit for West Church St. was in process. Empire is in negotiation with NYSEG regarding fees to use their poles. Once Church and Water are started, they will branch out to other roads as they move on.

Resolution #138-21

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 16 ,2021

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Additions to Agenda

Supervisor Sullivan added a resolution to the end of the meeting to set a workshop for September 29th.

Resolution #139-21

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$98,500.26 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye-Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Road Committee

Councilmember Bush stated that he, Councilmember Lucarelli, Matt Mustico, Matt Davis and Supervisor Sullivan met on September 7, 2021. In the meeting they discussed that Demerest will be paved this fall, and that will complete the planned projects for 2021. The new Dodge Ram truck is getting fitted with a plow and dump body and should be available before the snow season. They have been working on a list of roads to be repaired in the 2022 road program. The road committee will meet again October 5th.

Councilmember Lucarelli added that the Highway department is keeping an inventory of hours and usage of their equipment.

Budget Update

Supervisor Sullivan stated that at this time they are not anticipating a tax increase. There should be a decrease in the lighting district once the lighting project is complete. The board is still in negotiation with the Fire Districts regarding their budgets.

Department Reports

Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico discussed the signs for Chapman and Wesley Place with the board. He is having them drafted and will share with the board once that is done for their approval. He stated that Demerest was torn up last week and they are getting prices to do the paving. They will be grinding stumps, and fixing driveways on Demerest. The highway department has mowed the detention ponds and roadsides as well as hauled brush to the County compost facility. Matt stated that him and Supervisor Sullivan purchased trees to plant around the Town.

Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall stated that August was a fairly busy month with a little over \$1200.00 collected. He sent out a few high grass violations. Eric and Councilmember Lucarelli discussed a property on Greenridge. Eric was pleased to announce that he spoke with Edger Enterprise and they started the pickleball work and are anticipating getting the majority of the work done this year.

Chief Richards read his report regarding the calls, arrest and other reporting incidents for August. He informed the board that Officer Matt Saunders assisted in an incident that occurred in the city and because of his selfless acts he was given a letter of gratitude from Chief Alvernaz of the City of Elmira Police Department. Chief Richards informed the board that they have a 5th Full Time person that is very interested in a career in West Elmira. They are taking the steps to get him ready for Academy in January. Chief Richards also discussed the speed trailer and its data that he has received from it.

Recreation Coordinator- Patty Carozza discussed the rentals at the Community Center. She was excited to announce that Bone Builders will be returning soon. Patty also informed the board that the West Elmira Fire Department is planning a 50th Anniversary celebration for August 20, 2022.

Supervisor Sullivan asked Lynn Pirozzolo if she'd like to update the board regarding the Recreation activities that took place this summer. She stated that the Music in the park went well and had great turn outs except for mother nature interfering with a few dates.

Communication

State of New York Department of State: RE:2020 population totals. The Town population decreased from 6934 in 2010 to 6848 in 2020.

Resolution #140-21

Financial Report

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town's financial position as of August 31st, 2021 and stated we are in a good financial position. The August 2021 bank statements and year to date Fund Balance reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor's report for August 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Discussion

Supervisor Sullivan stated that a letter will be sent out in October to the Chapman Place residents informing them of the odd/ even parking.

Resolution #141-21

Appoint John MacBeth as permanent Sergeant for Traffic District #1

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to appoint John Macbeth as permanent Sergeant for Traffic District #1 effective September 8th, 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #142-21

Reappoint Deborah Peterson as Board of Assessment Review member

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Lucarelli

Motion was made to reappoint Deborah Peterson as Board of Assessment review member with an expiration date September 30, 2026.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #143-21

Accept end of year Camp report for 2021

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to accept the year end Camp report for 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #144-21

Accept end of year Pool report for 2021

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to accept the year end Pool report for 2021.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #145-21

Set a workshop for October 4th, 2021

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to set a workshop for Monday October 4, 2021 to approve the Tentative Budget for 2022.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #146-21

Accept 2020 Town and Municipal Court Audited Financials from EFP

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to accept the 2020 Audited Financials from EFP.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #147-21

Set a workshop for September 29th, 2021

By Mr. Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to set a workshop for September 29th, 2021 at 7PM at the location of Scott Moore Law Office, 231 W. Water Street #204, Elmira, NY 14901 for an attorney run seminar regarding the legalization of Marijuana and Municipal Employment.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Lucarelli, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

Public Comment

Joe Colletta- Hendy Ave. expressed to the board his concern regarding the noise ordinance and the loud music at a couple properties near his resident.

Francie Merrill- Hendy Ave. informed the board that she has observed the same properties having loud music, stating it was very disturbing.

Beth Smith- Winters Rd. informed the board that she has observed cars slowing for the school zone but as soon as they pass, they speed up.

Paul Dipietro- Glen Ave. requested that a speed study be done on upper Glen as people drive very fast in that area.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lucarelli at 7:50pm and seconded by Councilmember Allison to adjourn the Town Board meeting. All in favor, Motion Carried