

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

Supervisor: David Sullivan
Councilmember: Thomas Milliken
Councilmember: Scott Bush
Councilmember: Ron Allison
Councilmember: Faith Pipher

Others present
Town Clerk- Jo Ann Sherwood
Attorney- Scott Moore
Code Enforcement Officer – Eric Crandall
Chief of Police- Thomas Barr
Highway Superintendent- Matthew Mustico
Buildings and Grounds Caretaker- Scott Eschbach
Recreation Director- Patricia Carozza

Resolution #108-19

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2019 and the workshop meeting of July 29, 2019.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #109-19

Financial Report

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town's Financial position as of July 31, 2019 and stated we are in a good financial position. The July 2019 bank statements and year to date Fund Balance reports were provided to the Board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor's report for July 2019.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #110-19

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$255,575.42 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Department Reports:

Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico reported that his crew created 14 extra parking spaces in the parking lot down behind the Town Community Center. They also installed a conduit underneath for future use. Matt reported that the CHIPS rebate for this year's road program should be about \$151,799.00 and the check should arrive in early September. Matt reported that he is working on a road project on Coleman Avenue between Parker and Pinnacle roads to install storm drains that need to be replaced. He also stated that a town patch truck blew a tire going down the highway and it blew the hood right off the truck. Matt stated that Steve Draht did a great job of keeping the truck under control and avoided any further accidents. He is currently waiting for an adjuster from the insurance company to come so he can get it approved to repair. Matt stated that last week there was a lot of rain but no major problems from this. Coleman Avenue almost went over but the drains were cleared out and any flooding was avoided. He attended a construction meeting for the Coleman Avenue work and he stated that most of the concrete pipes are in now and they are moving water and sewer mains. Work should be done by the end of October. All gravel that was dug up is given to the town which we will use for future road programs. All town major road work is complete for this year.

Recreation Director Patty Carozza thanked Matt for repairing some potholes per a request she received from a resident. Patty stated that rentals for August are quiet but September will be a busy month as most groups will start back up again. She thanked Scott for getting a soccer field ready for CVSA for the fall. Patty stated that Wednesday Concerts in Park are well attended. She reported that summer camps were successful this summer and Bobby and his crew did a great job.

Code Enforcement Officer Eric Crandall reported that the month of July was a very busy month and there was over \$1,700 collected for permits. Eric stated 146 building permits have been issued already this year. The new electric vehicle charger is up and running and we are now a designated Clean Energy Community. The recent storms have knocked down quite a few trees on residential properties which has caused quite a few civil disputes. The Chemung County Planning Board has on their agenda for next week the purchase offer for the Monastery. Eric also stated that residents have been inquiring about solar solicitations that residents have been receiving in the mail. He would like to have Catherine Herelman from Cornell Cooperative Extension speak at a board meeting regarding Solar Energy.

Buildings and Grounds Caretaker Scott Eschbach reported that July was a busy month with getting the grounds ready for the summer camps. He stated there was plenty of mowing with all the rain we have been having. Scott reported we have added fourteen spaces to the parking lot below the town community center. Scott reported the signage is up for the electric charging station. He also reported that they replaced the old pool pump and motor with a new one and it is running great.

Discussion:

Supervisor Sullivan stated we have received a letter from the County informing us they will not be continuing the contract for shared services for highway superintendent. This will be discussed more in executive session because it is a personnel issue.

Establishing public service award in honor of Connie Milliken- Supervisor Sullivan stated that Connie Milliken’s service to the town and the community was outstanding and the Town would like to recognize a town resident who exemplifies these same characteristics.

Public Comment:

Resolution #111-19

Approve establishment of Connie Milliken Service Award

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

WHEREAS, The Board recognizes the Town of Elmira is home to some exceptional people who devote their time and energy to improve their community, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Elmira wishes to recognize certain of these individuals from time to time, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Elmira wishes to establish an award to present in order to publicly recognize these good works and express our appreciation, and

WHEREAS, the award would be named in honor of Connie Milliken, a longtime Town of Elmira resident who served his community for many years and represents the very model of a public servant,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Elmira Board does hereby establish the “Connie Milliken Award for Public Service” to be presented when it sees fit and to Town of Elmira residents the Board determines to be deserving .

Aye- Bush, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

Abstain- Milliken

Resolution #112-19

Appoint Tom Barr as Provisional Chief of Traffic District 1

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to appoint Thomas Barr as Provisional Chief of Traffic District 1 at a salary of \$65,000 effective August 24, 2019.

Aye- Bush, Allison, Milliken, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #113-19

Appoint Martin Winiacki as substitute school crossing guard

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to appoint Martin Winiacki as a substitute School Crossing Guard at the rate of \$23.81 per day effective August 19, 2019.

Aye- Bush, Allison, Milliken, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #114-19

Set Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2019 to override the tax levy for 2020

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of Elmira seeks public comment with regard to Local Law 1-2019 to override the tax levy for 2020 and

Whereas the Board desires to hold a public information meeting with respect to the consideration of Local Law 1-2019,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that a public information meeting will be held by this Board with respect to the above described matters at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Town Hall, 1255 W. Water Street, Elmira, New York and

It Is Further Resolved, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

On a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Milliken the board went into an executive session at 7:26 P.M. to discuss personnel issues regarding Highway Services.

On a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Allison the board went out of executive session at 8:00 P.M.

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mr. Milliken the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

JoAnn Sherwood, Town Clerk