

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

Supervisor: David Sullivan
Councilmember: Scott Bush
Councilmember: Thomas Milliken
Councilmember: Ron Allison
Councilmember: Karen Krusen

Others present
Town Clerk- Jo Ann Sherwood
Attorney- Scott Moore
Code Enforcement Officer - Chip LeValley
Highway Superintendent- Matthew Mustico
Buildings and Grounds Caretaker- Scott Eschbach
Recreation Director- Patricia Carozza

Resolution #70-18

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to approve the minutes of April 16, 2018.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

New York State Dairy Princess Hailey Pipher served the board and audience ice cream in promoting dairy products. She gave a presentation on dairy in the town of Elmira and New York State. She was the Chemung County Dairy Princess last year and this year she represented Chemung County at the State pageant in Syracuse and won the title of New York State Dairy Princess. Haley travels around to all the counties in New York State promoting dairy and agriculture to different schools and groups. June is Dairy month and she will be traveling to Albany to meet with state representatives in promoting dairy agriculture for New York. She stated that three times a day every day you need a farmer. They work 365 days a year in every type of weather to produce a high quality product in the form of milk and ice cream. Next year she will be a senior at Cornell University. Haley hopes to continue after college with a career in agriculture. She stated that the dairy industry grows constantly and it has given her many opportunities. Haley advised us to thank a farmer every time you eat and to support them.

Resolution #71-18

Financial Report

By Mrs. Krusen

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town's financial position as of April 30, 2018 and stated that revenues and expenses are per budget plan. The April 2018 YTD bank statements and fund balance reports were provided to the board. The Fund Balance total through April 30, 2018 was \$1,367,141.00, which includes the Town/Town wide General Funds, Highway Fund, Traffic Fund, and Park District Fund. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor's report for April 2018.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #72-18

Audit of Bills

Resolved that claims in the total amount of \$80,690.37 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Department Reports:

Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico reported that with assistance from Edger Enterprises they paved Pinnacle Road, W. Third between Larchmont and Glen, Evergreen below W. Water and W. Third between Wall and Guinnip. On Thursday, there will be a damn inspection and Jimmy Joe will accompany him on this. Matt stated he was appointed to a shared service panel for the Cornell Road School to be held in June. He stated they intend to re-grind and repair Bowlby Road. There was question on whether this road could be posted as a construction zone with reduced speeds? Attorney Moore will check on this.

Councilmember Bush and Supervisor Sullivan will review Bowlby Road before the project starts.

Code Enforcement Officer Chip LeValley stated the grass is growing plenty and he is trying to get ahead of the many tall grass complaints he is receiving. He stated this will be a busy month for the Zoning and Planning Boards. He reported that he is also seeking legal remedies against a resident on Lovell Ave. who refuses to answer his notices of code violations. He could get a court order and have judge get an injunction against this resident.

Buildings and Ground Caretaker Scott Eschbach reported he has been mowing constantly because of the growing grass. To date they have made two repairs on the large mower. The small mower was being used on the ball fields as best he could. All playground repairs have been completed. Three new grills have been installed in the park and are being used already. He reported that the Pickle ball courts are being used regularly. Scott stated he has started work on garden box repairs and groundhog and rabbit fence will be installed around the bottom of the garden fence. The pool has been completely drained and scrubbed and they are rebuilding the pool filter. Scott hopes to be starting to refill the pool next week.

Recreation Director Patty Carozza reported that a letter was sent out to those who were awarded a garden this year. They must let her know by June 4 if they do not wish to use it. Summer camps will be starting soon at the TCC center. Bob De Member will be in charge again this year as well as coaching at the camps. Patty stated the May rentals for the TCC are a little lower than April but that June will be a busy month.

Public Comments:

Reiner Dieg, W. Clinton St., Informed the town about an Amateur radio event that will be happening on June 23 and 24 at Harris Hill. This is a nationwide 24-hour event. The purpose of the event is to educate the public on the function of operating ham radio equipment in an emergency. One purpose of amateur radio is to be of public service to emergency organizations during a fire or any other emergency. They also help with the wineglass marathon.

Supervisor Sullivan stated that the Town Talk newsletter is available online for the spring edition.

Resolution #73-18

Appoint John Macbeth to full time Traffic Officer

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Resolved that John Macbeth be appointed to the position of full time Traffic District 1 Officer effective June 3, 2018 at the salary of \$40,000.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #74-18

Approve Sick Leave Retirement Incentive

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Motion was made to approve the 2018 Early Retirement Incentive for eligible town employees.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #75-18

Approve contract agreement with West Elmira PBA

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Motion was made to approve the contract between the Town and the West Elmira Police Benevolent Association for a term of January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2022.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #76-18

Authorize Supervisor to solicit bids for roof repair

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Resolved that the supervisor is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the repair and replacement of existing roof for the Town Hall building.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mr. Milliken the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

JoAnn Sherwood, Town Clerk2