

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, May 20, 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: Karen Krusen

Others present
Town Clerk- Jo Ann Sherwood
Attorney- Scott Moore
Chief of Police- Peter Michalko
Highway Superintendent- Matthew Mustico
Buildings and Grounds Caretaker- Scott Eschbach
Recreation Director- Patricia Carozza

Resolution #86-20

Minutes

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the meetings of April 15, 2019 and April 22, 2019.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #87-20

Financial Report

By Mrs. Krusen

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town's Financial position as of April 30, 2019 and stated we are in a good financial position. The sales tax revenues are up from last year and on track for what he budgeted for 2019. The April 2019 YTD bank statements and fund balance reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor's report for the month of April 2019.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #88-20

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$125,892.49 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Code Enforcement Officer Eric Crandall submitted his written report which was given to all board members. Supervisor Sullivan gave a brief review of his report. There are two subdivision proposals for East Hill properties that have or will come before the Town Planning Board.

Police Chief Peter Michalko submitted his written monthly report and gave a brief review of this report. He stated the West Elmira Rec Baseball parade on May 4 and the Jewish Festival on May 5 were both well attended and there were no incidents.

Recreation Director Patty Carozza reported the TCC center is doing well with rentals on the weekends. She is starting to keep track of revenues each month and reported that April revenues were a little over \$1,300. This includes the weekend reservations along with the regular monthly groups that are there. Patty stated that the summer weekend rentals will probably be light with vacations and such.

Buildings and Grounds Caretaker Scott Eschbach reported that the town hall roof is in place and there are no leaks to date. The work detail was two weeks but they still must return and rake and seed the lawn area which was damaged by heavy equipment. Scott reported the LED light changeover for the town hall is being performed this week. This changeover is from an energy audit through Cornell Cooperative Extension. It is a cost sharing program through NYSEG where NYSEG funds 60% and the town is responsible for 40%.

Scott stated that the tennis windscreens have been installed by GETA and the pool cover will probably be coming off this week. He stated he has already been adding chemicals to keep out the algae. He will most likely start running the filter next week. Scott stated the Pickleball Court installation for the lower soccer field has been delayed until August. Volunteer organizations who will be doing a large part of this project are very busy right now and unable to do the work at this time of year. Patty Carozza asked if the town could block off a corner area of the parking lot down by the TCC center in front of the pool complex as cars are parking at a bad angle and can come out of gear and roll down the hill.

Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico reported that we will receive FEMA money in the amount of \$8,890. This was money received for storm damage of 2018. FEMA provides 80% of what you applied for. Matt stated that the drainage work for York Avenue being done by the county will begin around the 3rd or 10th June. The 36-inch drainage pipe will be installed all the way up York Ave. The gravel that is dug out of the road for this project will be used by the town for future road work. Matt stated his crews have been busy doing ditch cleaning and they rebuilt the Roller. He stated that they will be completing work on Saddle Ridge, Thornapple and Estates Drive. Matt stated that Dalrymple Inc., our blacktop supplier, will be ready for us by next week for our road work. Matt also reported that Chemung County Soil and Water replaced rock at the Elmira County Club. The town hauled the rock for them to do the placement. Supervisor Sullivan asked Matt if the Ferndale pipe project has it been tested yet. Matt said it has not yet been tested by heavy storms yet.

Discussion

Supervisor Sullivan reported that the MS4 report prepared for several municipalities as part of the Stormwater Coalition group is now posted on the website.

Supervisor Sullivan stated the Sexual Harassment Policy for the Town Employee Handbook will be adopted by a resolution tonight.

Supervisor Sullivan stated they need to amend early retirement resolution that was passed earlier this year by listing the effective date of retirement as no later than 12/31/2019 instead of 12/1/2019.

Public Comments - NONE

Resolution #89-2019

Adopt revised Town of Elmira Employee Handbook

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to adopt the revised Town of Elmira Employee Handbook to include the updated sexual harassment policy.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #90-2019

Amend 2019 Early Retirement Resolution

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mrs. Krusen

Motion was made to amend the 2019 Early Retirement Resolution to extend the date of retirement to no later than 12/31/2019.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Krusen, Sullivan

No- None

Supervisor Sullivan stated that tonight would be Mrs. Krusen’s last meeting as she will be moving out of the town. He thanked her for her eight years of wisdom, humor and all her contributions to the Town and stated she will be greatly missed.

On a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Allison the board went into an executive session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss labor negotiations.

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mrs. Krusen the board went out of executive session at 7:45 P.M.

On a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mrs. Krusen the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

JoAnn Sherwood, Town Clerk