

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday January 13, 2025 at 7:00pm at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

Supervisor Ann Gerould
Deputy Supervisor Ron Allison
Councilmember Thomas Milliken
Councilmember: Scott Bush

Others present
Town Clerk- Tammy Stein
Police Chief- Bob Richards
Buildings and Grounds Keeper- Sean Coggins
Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico

Absent- Councilmember- Albert Lucarelli
 Attorney- Scott Moore
 Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall
 Community Center Director- Patty Carozza

Supervisor Gerould called the regular meeting to order at 7:02pm and lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Gerould stated she has an addition to the agenda. She is adding a resolution regarding the Town's AFR. She would like to contract with our current auditors EFPR, Group to file the Town's AFR as the County no longer wants to file that report on our behalf.

Resolution #38-25

Minutes

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to approve the minutes of December 16, 2024 regular and January 2, 2025 Organizational.

Aye- Gerould, Allison, Milliken, Bush

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #39-25

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$328,475.07 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

2024 Audit

General Fund	11,424.04
General Fund (outside Village)	1,519.83
Highway Fund	25,026.53
Light District 1	9,422.96
Light District 2	84.28

Light District 3	122.66
Light District 4	62.63
Light District 5	31.85
Park District	1,107.71
Traffic Fund	<u>3,696.87</u>
	52,499.36
<u>Early Audit-</u>	
General Fund	18,926.75
General Fund (outside village)	16,909.19
Highway Fund	100.71
Traffic Fund	1,573.71
Park Fund	<u>142.22</u>
	37,652.58
<u>Regular Audit</u>	
General Fund	66,723.69
General Fund (outside Village)	32,834.96
Highway Fund	86,948.34
Fire District 2	450.00
Park District	10,499.03
Traffic Fund	40,435.11
T Fund	<u>432.00</u>
	238,323.13

Aye-Gerould, Allison, Milliken, Bush
Absent- Lucarelli

No- None

Resolution #40-25

Financial Report- TABLED

By Mr. Bush

Aye-Gerould, Allison, Milliken, Bush
Absent- Lucarelli

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

No- None

Communications

CC Sheriffs

RE: December 2024 statistics

Department Reports

Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall was absent from the meeting however he submitted his monthly report showing that in December he processed 23 permits. Supervisor Gerould stated Eric was called to 2 fires in December and that the Planning Board held a Public Hearing regarding the Solar Law. She also informed the board there were 10 Planning Board meetings and 6 Zoning Board meetings in 2024.

Community Center Director- Patty Carozza- was absent however Supervisor Gerould informed the Board that Patty met with the Chemung River Friends and they are discussing 2025 summer camps.

Police Chief- Robert Richards read his report regarding the calls, arrests and other incidents for

December 2024. Officer Faulisi will attend Supervisor training in February and then be eligible to take the Seargent Exam. Chief Richards highlighted activity from his office from 2024 year.

Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico- stated they have been patching and picking up Christmas trees in the Town. He met with some residents from Fassett Road regarding trees during the up coming project. Matt discussed the Salt Barn repair with the board. He also met with Jimmie Joe Carl for the annual Dam assessment.

Supervisor Gerould Informed Matt that she met with a resident and they talked highly of the Highway crew stating they do a great job.

Buildings and Grounds Keeper- Sean Coggins informed the board that he is cleaning/ organizing the tool room. He informed the board regarding the debris at field 1 dug out. He spoke about the heating system at the TCC. Sean also informed the board about the quote he received regarding the gator.

Discussion

Supervisor Gerould informed the board per Attorney Moore's request that the Solar Law needs to be reviewed. There are residents that are objecting to the Planning Board having the authority to make decisions pertaining to the law.

Resolution #41-25

Set date and time for February workshop

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to set February 10, 2025 at 7:00pm as the February workshop.

Aye- Gerould, Allison, Milliken, Bush

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #42-25

Set date and time for February Meeting

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to set February 24, 2025 at 7:00pm as the February meeting.

Aye- Gerould, Allison, Milliken, Bush

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #43-25

Accept 2023 Town and Court Financial Audit

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to accept the 2023 financial audit for the Town and Court provided by EFPR, Group.

Aye Bush, Milliken, Allison, Gerould

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #44-25

Approve agreement with Chemung County Youth Bureau & Recreation Services

By Mr. Bush

Seconded be Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to approve an agreement with Chemung County Youth Bureau & Recreation services effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 with a fee not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Gerould

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #45-25

Approve membership with Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Whereas the Town of Elmira applied for membership in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

Whereas the Town of Elmira received notification of approval by the Consortium Board of Directors to become a participant in the Consortium effective January 1, 2025, and

Now therefore be resolved that the Town of Elmira hereby accepts membership effective January 1, 2025 and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the 2025 amendment to the Municipal Cooperative agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Milliken, Allison

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #46-25

Approve agreement with Elmira City Animal Control

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to approve an agreement with Elmira City Animal Control Effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to enforce Article 7 and 26 of the Agriculture and Markets Law at a cost of \$2000.00 per month (\$24,000.00 annually).

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Milliken, Allison

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #47-25

Approve agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys- TABLED

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Milliken, Allison

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #48-25

Approve agreement with ARC for 2025

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to approve an agreement with ARC for the use of the TCC effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 as outlined in the agreement at a cost of \$400.00 per month.

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Milliken, Allison

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #49-25

Approve agreement with EFPR Group to perform 2024 audit and file AFR

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to approve an agreement with EFPR Group to perform the 2024 audit and file the Town's AFR at a cost not to exceed \$20,500 for the audit and \$2,500.00 for the AFR.

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Milliken, Allison

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Motion was made by Councilmember Bush at 7:51pm and seconded by Councilmember Allison to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, Motion Carried

Tammy Stein, Town Clerk