At the workshop of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday April 7, 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

Councilmember: Albert Lucarelli

Others present

Town Clerk- Tammy Stein

Attorney- Scott Moore

Supervisor Gerould called the workshop to order at 7:00pm and lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Presentation:** Jimmie Joe Carl spoke to the Town Board regarding the Upper Larchmont Dam grant. He stated that there were 3 bids received which all exceeded the amount awarded in the grant. He informed the board that he is able to conduct some of the work in the scope to allow a savings as the company would not have to perform those tasks. Mr. Carl asked the board to give him permission to speak with FEMA on the Town’s behalf and see if they would allow him to work with the low bidder to make some changes to the scope of work they do and allow him to do some of the work to lower the cost of the project.

**Resolution #75-25**

**Allow Jimmie Joe Carl to consult with FEMA**

**By Mr. Lucarelli Seconded by Mr. Allison**

Whereas the Town advertised an RFP for those wishing to bid on the Upper Larchmont Dam Project, and

Whereas the Town received 3 bids which were more than the grant was awarded, and

Whereas Jimmie Joe Carl stated that he could do some of the work in the scope to elevate some of the, and

Resolved the Town Board grants permission for Mr. Carl to work with FEMA to amend the scope of the project to lower the cost.

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Milliken, Allison, Lucarelli No- None

**Discussion** Supervisor Gerould spoke to the Town Board regarding fees for Soccer Field usage.

**Resolution #76-25**

**Soccer Field usage fees**

**By Mr. Bush Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Motion was made to set the Soccer Field usage fees as follow:

Practices- Residents $10.00 per practice Non Residents $15.00 per practice

Games- Residents $25.00 per game Non Residents $35.00 per game

Camps- Residents $100.00 per week Non Residents $250.00 per week

A $50.00 deposit is required for rentals. If the Soccer field is used and left in good standings then the $50.00 deposit will be returned/applied to the final rental fee. If the Soccer rental is canceled/ field left not in good standing the $50.00 deposit is forfeited.

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Milliken, Allison, Lucarelli No- None

The Town Board discussed a facebook page for the Town.

Supervisor Gerould stated that she would like to make a policy regarding Public Comments at open meetings. This would be something that can be followed at all meetings and posted at the meetings so attendees can see. The Town Board discussed whether to allow attendees to speak on just agenda items or any items that pertain to Town matters. It was discussed that Municipal Law states that Town Boards do not have to have a public comment section during a public meeting. This discussion is tabled and members of the Board were asked to bring ideas to the next workshop for further discussion.

Supervisor Gerould stated that she is exploring grants for potential updates to the Community Center as well as she would like to do an expansion of the playground.

Supervisor Gerould discussed a ribbon cutting for the new basketball courts. The striping is planned to be done in the next couple of weeks. The grant awarded from T-Mobile states the project needs to be completed by June 1, 2025.

Supervisor Gerould met with some members of the Recreation Committee. They are discussing potential new members.

Town Clerk Stein informed the Town Board that the Tree Board will be hosting the first Arbor Day Celebration on April 25th. She discussed the agenda for the event with the board.

Attorney Moore dismissed himself from the workshop to attend a Planning Board meeting at 6:55pm.

The Town Board discussed the Fassett Road project stating that the city started April 7 and should end at the Town line by the beginning of May. Currently the road is closed 7:30am- 3:30pm weekdays.

Councilmember Bush discussed the homeless camp along the highway.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bush at 7:07pm and seconded by Councilmember Lucarelli to adjourn the workshop. All in favor, Motion Carried

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Tammy Stein, Town Clerk