

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, November 19, 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

Others present  
Town Clerk- Jo Ann Sherwood  
Attorney- Scott Moore  
Code Enforcement Officer - Chip LeValley  
Police Sgt. - Bob Richards  
Highway Superintendent- Matthew Mustico  
Buildings and Grounds Caretaker- Scott Eschbach

### **Resolution #120-18**

#### **Minutes**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Motion was made to accept the minutes of October 15, 2018 and November 8, 2018.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

### **Resolution #121-18**

#### **Financial Report**

**By Mr. Milliken**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town Financial position as of October 31, 2018 and stated the expenses and revenues were per budget plan. He stated the town finances are in good shape and the staff is doing a good job. The October 2018 YTD bank statements, Supervisor and fund balance reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor's report for the month of October 2018.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

### **Resolution #122-18**

#### **Audit of Monthly Bills**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$272,810.61 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

#### **Discussion:**

Katherine Herleman, Cornell Cooperative Extension gave an update on the Town Energy Benchmarking project. She presented the board with the Clean Energy community newsletter and an audit energy basic report. She gave a brief overview of where the town is at this time for the project and stated that six buildings have qualified for the energy audit. She will have more information for the board around February or March of 2019.

Chuck Liberatore, Twin Tiers Pickleball Association stated that to date they have raised \$60,000 in donations and they have received donations of materials and labor totaling over \$100,000. They hope to raise \$160,000 in funds. They are committed to building and donating six lighted pickleball courts in the town park and are dedicating these in the name of Robert D. Edger. They will be called the Robert D. Edger Pickleball courts and will be available to people of all ages. Chuck stated they hope to break ground around the first part of April 2019 and that all work is donated. Parking for this project needs to be discussed further as they hope to add 12 spots in the current community center parking lot. To accommodate the space for the courts the plan is to move the current soccer field west towards community gardens.

Supervisor Sullivan stated the town is working with Fiscal Advisors on the Town Hall Roof Bond. The Bond Anticipation Note sale is set for December 18, 2018. We hope to have the work begin the first week in December depending on the weather. Supervisor Sullivan stated they have received a proposal from the Chemung County Planning Board with regards to an inter-municipal agreement for referral applications.

He recommended that the board refer this to the Town Planning Board for review. Supervisor Sullivan stated that the 2019 final budget is approved and available for view on the town website. There is a 2.36% tax increase, which was within the tax cap set by the State.

**Department Reports:**

Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico reported that they planted fifteen new trees this year in the Town’s right of way. They have planted twenty-five trees over two years. He recommended that we begin the process of finding residents who would like to have a tree planted on their property in the springtime so there is more time to allow more residents to respond to this. He reported that the drainage project on W. Clinton Street and Rambler Rd. is almost done. The project was delayed because of the snowstorm. Matt stated the leaf pickup was also put on hold because of the snow. He hopes to continue again tomorrow and next week. Matt advised the board to look at the Whirts creek project that was completed with CCS&W. He stated it was a very good project. Matt stated that the snowstorm dumped 12 inches on the town.

Police Sgt. Robert Richards presented the board with a written monthly report and gave overview remarks of this report. He stated that service calls, traffic stops, and tickets were increased over last year and the busiest hours were from midnight to 2 AM.

Code enforcement Chip LeValley presented his monthly written report and stated the workload was normal as usual for his department. There was a legal enforcement that will be getting a trial date soon.

Buildings and Grounds Caretaker Scott Eschbach, stated winter is upon us with the recent snowstorm and that his project of rebuilding the softball fields did not receive much cooperation from the weather. The fields are set up but the grass has not grown yet, so that will have to be done over in the early spring. The Park restrooms are closed for the winter, the pool is winterized, and all water is shut off.

**Public Comments:**

Jane Winters, Lovell terrace, wished to thank the West Elmira Police Department for the wonderful attention they gave the Jewish community after the recent tragedy in Pittsburgh. She also commented that she is glad the board is interested in environmental concerns.

Heather Stanton, Roricks Glen Parkway, wanted to thank the board for listening to the clean energy program, and she is excited the town is taking interest and following through with this. She had some questions on LED lighting for the shared service part. Mr. Sullivan stated we are joining with the Town of Big Flats and other communities for this.

Lisa Marshall, Horseheads, NY thanked the board for taking concern with clean energy community projects.

Jennifer Clark, Watercure Hill Rd, thanked the board for being part of the clean energy communities and working towards their goals. She also stated she would really like to see Spectrum cable installed in rural area on Watercure Hill Road. She commented that the Pickleball court is a great addition to the park, but she is concerned about parking in the park. She also inquired about the speed limit on Bowlby road and asked if they were lowering the speed or just putting up signs stating what the speed is.

Tara Escudero, Lime Bike representative, gave a brief overview of what the program was about and stated they hope to have them throughout the winter depending on conditions. So far, the program has been very successful.

**Resolution #123-18**

**Refer intermunicipal agreement with Chemung County Planning Board to the Town Planning Board**

**By Mr. Allison**

**Seconded by Mr. Milliken**

Motion was made to refer the draft intermunicipal agreement with the Chemung County Planning Board to the Town Planning Board for review and comments.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #124-18**

**Approve Notice of Sale for Bond Anticipation Note**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Allison**

Motion was made to authorize Fiscal Advisors to post for sale the Bond Anticipation Note for the Town Roof Project.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #125-18**

**Set date for December meeting**

**By Mr. Milliken**

**Seconded by Mr. Bush**

Motion was made to set the date of Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 5:00 PM for the December Town Board meeting.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

**Resolution #126-18**

**Approve state traffic study for Gunderman Road**

**By Mr. Bush**

**Seconded by Mr. Allison**

Motion was made to authorize NYS DOT to perform traffic study on speed limit for Gunderman Road in the Town of Elmira.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Sullivan

No- None

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mr. Bush the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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Jo Ann Sherwood, Town Clerk