

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday, October 21, 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: Faith Pipher

Others present
Town Clerk- Jo Ann Sherwood
Deputy Clerk- Tammy Stein
Attorney- Scott Moore
Code Enforcement Officer – Eric Crandall
Chief of Police- Thomas Barr
Highway Superintendent- Matthew Mustico
Buildings and Grounds Caretaker- Scott Eschbach

At 7:01 P.M. Town Attorney Scott Moore read proof of publication of notice of October 7, 2019 of notice of public hearing to consider the proposed 2020 Town Budget. The hearing was declared open and anyone wishing to present written or oral comments in favor of the proposed 2020 Town Budget was invited to do so. When no one wished to speak in favor those wishing to speak in opposition of the proposed 2020 Town Budget were invited to do so. When no one wished to speak in opposition the hearing was declared closed at 7:02 P.M

Resolution #124-19

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2019 and the workshop meetings of September 23, 2019 and October 3, 2019.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #125-19

Transfers

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motions was made to transfer \$200,000 from General Fund Town Outside Village B.9901.5910 to General Fund A.0000.4031 per 2019 Budget Plan.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #126-19

Financial Report

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Supervisor Sullivan reviewed the Town's Financial position as of September 30, 2019 and stated we are in good financial position. The September 2019 bank statements and year to date Fund Balance reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor's report for September 2019.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #127-19

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mrs. Pipher

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$83,244.37 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Department Reports:

Police Chief Tom Barr submitted his written report and stated it was a pretty typical month. Code Enforcement Officer Eric Crandall reported that September was a pretty busy month. He issued twenty-two permits with a value of over \$2,000.00 Eric stated the check for the electric

vehicle charger should be coming soon. He also reported that the current NYSEG bill for the Town Hall has decreased since the new energy lighting was installed. NYSEG bills for the Town Hall were roughly around \$500 a month. They have now decreased to around \$180 a month.

Highway Superintendent Matt Mustico reported that two years ago we received a notice from NY State DEC regarding the town drainage levy. Since then the Town has taken responsibility for maintenance of this levy. He reported that they installed slip line pipe to repair this drainage levy. He also reported that work on Coleman Avenue from Parker Rd. to Crestwood Rd. is progressing. They have installed four hundred feet of 18' pipe and five drainage structures. He hopes to have the blacktop put down this week. Matt stated there were quite a few hurdles to get through on this project. He reported that the town-wide leaf pick-up will begin on Nov. 4. Matt stated that the Coleman Avenue project being done by the County has a deadline of October 30th. Buildings and Grounds Caretaker Scott Eschbach reported that it was a busy year for grass mowing but it is finally starting to slow down. He has winterized the baby pool and he hopes to get the main pool winterized by next week. The water will be shut off to the park next week as well. The tree order should arrive next week for them to be planted on West McCanns Blvd. There are ten trees that will be planted.

Discussion:

Supervisor Sullivan stated the Assessor's Aide has informed him that NYS has approved the Cold War Exemption of 15% for veteran's service during the Cold War. The town would need to adopt this as well for our town to participate and allow this exemption. This will be added to the November agenda as a resolution.

Supervisor Sullivan reported that the Board of Elections has notified us that next year we should budget an additional \$2,800 for elections expenses as they have extended the hours for Primary Day which will now be from 6:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

Supervisor Sullivan stated we have received requests from East Hill and West Hill Fire Departments for their budgets for taxes levies.

Supervisor Sullivan gave report on budget trends for the 2020 Town budget.

Resolution #128-19

Set date for meeting to adopt 2020 budget.

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Motion was made to set the date of November 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM for a special workshop meeting to adopt the 2020 Town Budget.

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Resolution #129-19

Authorize mowing fees do be added to property tax bills for 2020

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Pipher

Resolved that Real Property Tax Department for the County of Chemung be authorized to add the following amounts to the following 2020 tax bills for the purpose of reimbursement of mowing charges for 2019:

073089	98.06-3-73	183 Bower Road	\$180.00
073089	98.08-2-63	1214 W. Church St.	120.00
073089	98.11-3-59	88 Greenridge Drive W	60.00
073089	98.12-3-37	110 Oakdale Drive	120.00

Aye- Bush, Milliken, Allison, Pipher, Sullivan

No- None

Public Comment

Joe Colletta, Hendy Ave. asked if the Town's contract with Spectrum Cable has been signed and if there is an increase. He also asked where we are with Empire Access providing cable service for the town. Supervisor Sullivan stated that he did contact Empire Access and they stated they will get back to us. We are still waiting for them to reply. Mr. Colletta also asked how many people have used the electric car charger and if the town was going to put counters on Country Club Drive for collecting traffic flow information. Supervisor Sullivan stated the counters probably will not start until next year when the monastery purchase is complete.

Paul DiPietro, Durland Ave. thanked the town for continuing with the tree planting.

He stated we should have a pruning program for all new trees planted. He stated this should happen every five years. We could work through DEC for help with a pruning program. He also stated we should have another Cornell tree study inventory done and we could qualify for a state grant for this.

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mr. Bush the board went into an executive session at 7:27 P.M.

On a motion by Mr. Allison and seconded by Mr. Milliken the board went out of executive session at 8:15 P.M.

On a motion by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Allison the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

JoAnn Sherwood, Town Clerk