

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elmira, Chemung County, New York held Monday April 15, 2024 at 7:00pm at 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY, there were present:

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

Others present
Town Clerk- Tammy Stein
Attorney- Scott Moore
Police Chief- Bob Richards
Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico
Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall
Buildings & Grounds Keeper- Sean Coggins
Community Center Director- Patty Carozza

Absent- Councilmember Albert Lucarelli

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

Resolution #72-24

Minutes

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Motion was made to approve the minutes of March 18, 2024.

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #73-24

Audit of Bills

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Resolved that all claims in the total amount of \$120,345.18 were audited and approved for payment when in funds.

<u>Early Audit</u>	
General Fund	11,941.20
General Fund (outside Village)	2,655.79
Traffic District	3,794.71
Park Fund	<u>2,342.39</u>
	20,734.09
<u>Regular Audit</u>	
General Fund	37,904.91
General Fund (outside Village)	533.66
Highway Fund	49,801.19

Fire District 1	405.00
Light District 1	4,761.89
Light District 2	48.89
Light District 3	113.89
Light District 4	36.89
Light District 5	13.89
Park District	337.27
Traffic Fund	5,221.61
T Fund	<u>432.00</u>
	99,611.09

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #74-24

Draft Financial Report

By Mr. Allison

Seconded by Mr. Milliken

Supervisor Gerould reviewed the Town's financial position as of March 31, 2024 and stated we are in a good financial position. The March 2024 bank statements and year-to-date financial reports were provided to the board. Motion was made to accept the Supervisor's report for March 2024.

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Communications

Cornell Local Roads Program

RE: Matt Mustico 20-year attendance

NYS DOT

RE: Stopping Restrictions for Dunkin Donuts (Chapman Pl.)

CC Sheriffs

RE: Jan., Feb. March 2024 statistics

Recreation Board

RE: Minutes for March 2024

City of Elmira

RE: March 2024 Dog Control Report

Department Reports

Buildings and Grounds Keeper- Sean Coggins informed the board he has been working on cleaning up the park. He has put the tables and trash cans out. Music in the park starts June 26th. The Easter egg hunt went well with approximately 150 kids.

Community Center Director- Patty Carozza stated that March was a busy month with rentals. 5 kids signed up for the spring break camp. Patty discussed an issue with people dumping personal stuff in the Town dumpster.

Police Chief- Robert Richards read his report regarding the calls, arrests and other incidents for March 2024. He discussed Officer Green attending academy in May. He informed the board that Officer Faulisi will be attending a Field Training class in May to be able to train other officers.

Code Enforcement Officer- Eric Crandall submitted his monthly report stating that his office took in 12 permits for March. He got called to several emergency calls. He informed the board that the Highway department boarded up the 1253 W. First Street property.

Highway Superintendent- Matt Mustico informed the board that they worked with the County to fix a couple vehicles needing repairs. The department will be regrading East Hill and replacing

driveway pipes on Larchmont. The paving bids will be in the paper soon for the 2024 road program.

Discussion

Supervisor Gerould discussed the formal offer she received from Mr. Pickering regarding the McCanns Blvd property. The Town Board discussed the Family Reading Partnership agreement. Attorney Moore explained the process that will take place if the Town Board decides to accept the offer.

Town Clerk Stein explained that at a recent Town Clerk meeting a few Election representatives spoke about the change in the election years. Attorney Moore will research this and get more clarification.

Resolution #75-24

Set date and time for May Workshop

By Mr. Bush

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to set May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm as the May workshop.

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #76-24

Approve Bill be Sent to Legislation, 20-year Retirement for Traffic Officers

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Bush

Whereas, the Town of Elmira has experienced challenges hiring and retaining Traffic Officers in Traffic District No. 1, and

Whereas, the Town of Elmira permits Traffic Officers to retire after 25 years of service, while many local municipalities allow police officers to retire after 20 years of service, and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Elmira determined that in order to compete with other municipalities for police officers the Town must provide an option for Traffic Officers to opt to retire after 20 years of service to better compete with the limited pool of police officer candidates, and

Whereas, in order to decrease the retirement age for Traffic Officers, the New York State Legislature must pass legislation to permit the reduction in the retirement age, and

Whereas, the Town Board requested that Senator Thomas F. O’Mara prepare legislation to decrease the number of years of service a Traffic Officer needs to retire from 25 years of service to 20 years of service, and

Whereas, Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend and Senator O’Mara have prepared legislation to allow Traffic Officers the option to reduce the number of years of service required to qualify for retirement benefits, which bills are designated as

Assembly Bill Number – A9656

Senate Bill Number – S8723, and

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Elmira approves the above referenced bills and requests that they be introduced in the New York State Assembly and Senate and,

Further resolved, the Town Clerk is directed to complete the Home Rules Request Form and mail it to the necessary agents.

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Resolution #77-24

2023 Year end Transfers

By Mr. Milliken

Seconded by Mr. Allison

Motion was made to approve the following transfers for 2023.

	Fund	Department	Account	Account Name	From Amount	To Amount
From	A	1110	5100	Payroll	\$2,850.00	
To	A	1320	5410	General Expense		\$2,850.00
From	A	1110	5100	Payroll	\$5,804.35	
To	A	1220	5400	Contractual		\$5,804.35
From	A	1220	5100	Payroll	\$233.99	
To	A	1340	5100	Payroll		\$233.99
From	A	1220	5810	Supervisor-Social Security	\$5.71	
To	A	1340	5100	Budget Officer-Social Security		\$5.71
From	A	1010	5410	General Expenses	\$1,620.05	
To	A	1345	5200	Equipment		\$1,620.05
From	A	1010	5410	General Expenses	\$544.56	
To	A	1345	5400	Contractual		\$544.56
From	A	1355	5100	Payroll	\$893.14	
From	A	1355	5420	Utilities	\$511.82	
From	A	1355	5810	Assessor-Social Security	\$68.83	
From	A	1110	5810	Justice-Social Security	\$431.07	
To	A	1355	5410	General Expense		\$1,904.56
From	A	1410	5100	Payroll	\$175.92	

To	A	1410	5400	Contractual		\$175.92
From	A	1420	5420	Utilities	\$190.27	
To	A	1420	5410	General Expense		\$190.27
From	A	1620	5430	Misc.	\$2,211.95	
From	A	1620	5420	Utilities	\$947.85	
From	A	1620	5100	Payroll	\$223.30	
To	A	1620	5300	Capital Outlay		\$3,383.10
From	A	1620	5100	Payroll	\$327.34	
To	A	1620	5410	General		\$327.34
From	A	1010	5430		\$2,490.00	
From	A	1110	5400		\$868.13	
From	A	1355	5100	payroll	\$893.14	
From	A	1410	5810		\$689.28	
To	A	1910	5420	Utilities		\$4,940.55
From	A	8510	5400	Mowing- Contractual	\$975.21	
To	A	9040	5820	Workers Compensation		\$975.21
From	A	9060	5850	Health Insurance	\$5,337.15	
To	A	9060	5860	Retirees- health Insurance		\$5,337.15
From	A	9060	5840	NYS Disability	\$63.62	
To	A	9060	5850	Hospital		\$63.62

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Fund						
From	B	5010	5100	Payroll	\$1,232.66	
To	B	5010	5410	General		\$1,232.66
From	B	3620	5400	Contractual	\$1,077.76	

From	B	8010	5440	Contr. Supt. Expense	\$1,373.96	
To	B	3620	5100	Payroll		\$2,451.72
From	B	5010	5810	Street Admin- Social Security	\$161.67	
To	B	3620	5810	Safety Inspector- Social Security		\$161.67
From	B	5010	5420	Utilities	\$176.49	
To	B	5010	5430	Misc.		\$176.49
From	B	5010	5420	Utilities	\$1,065.00	
To	B	5010	5440	Cont. Supt. Expense		\$1,065.00
From	B	8010	5440	Contr. Supt. Expense	\$635.60	
To	B	8010	5400	Contractual		\$635.60
From	B	8020	5420	Utilities	\$800.00	
To	B	8020	5410	General		\$800.00
From	B	8745	5420	Utilities	\$750.00	
To	B	8745	5442	CC River Shed		\$750.00
From	B	9010	5800	State Retirement benefits	\$350.18	
To	B	9040	5820	Workers Compensation		\$350.18

DB Fund						
From	DB	5110	5400	Contractual	\$3,115.21	
To	DB	5110	5410	General		\$315.21
From	DB	5112	5400	Contractual	\$24.47	
To	DB	5112	5200	Equipment		\$24.47
From	DB	5130	5200	Equipment	\$6,746.73	

To	DB	5130	5400	Contractual		\$6,746.73
From	DB	9010	5800	State Retirement Benefits	\$11,833.16	
To	DB	9040	5820	Workers Compensation		\$11,833.16
From	DB	9010	5800	State Retirement Benefits	\$6,871.80	
To	DB	9060	5850	Health, Medical, Dental		\$6,871.80
From	DB	9730	5600	Debt Principal	\$1,137.27	
To	DB	9730	5700	Debt Interest		\$1,137.27

From	DB	5110	5410	General Expense	\$4.60	
From	DB	5110	5410	General Expense	\$1,694.70	
From	DB	5110	5410	General Expense	\$1,092.00	
From	DB	5110	5410	General Expense	\$866.40	
TO	DB	5112	5400	Contractual Expense		\$3,657.70

Traffic Fund						
From	SM	3120	5100	Payroll	\$12,734.99	
To	SM	3120	5120	Overtime		\$12,734.99
From	SM	3120	5450	Contractual	\$1,250.30	
To	SM	9040	5820	Workers Compensation		\$1,250.30
From	SM	3120	5450	Contractual	\$5.43	
To	SM	9055	5840			\$5.43

Park Fund						
From	SP	7110	5200	Equipment	\$2,980.83	
To	SP	7110	5410	General Expense		\$2,980.83
From	SP	7110	5100	Payroll	\$10,040.67	
To	SP	7180	5100	Payroll		\$10,040.67
From	SP	7180	5410	General Expense	\$768.15	
To	SP	7180	5810	Social Security Benefits		\$768.15
From	SP	9010	5800	State Retirement	\$2,919.52	
To	SP	7180	5420	Utilities		\$2,919.52
From	SP	9010	5800	State Retirement	\$79.09	
To	SP	9055	5840	NYS Disability		\$79.09

Aye- Bush, Gerould, Allison, Milliken

No- None

Absent- Lucarelli

Motion was made by Councilmember Bush at 7:53pm and seconded by Councilmember Milliken to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, Motion Carried

Tammy Stein, Town Clerk