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ELKLAND BOROUGH

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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting called order at 6:30 pm by Council President Rick Collins

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN-ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT – RICK COLLINS	VICE PRESIDENT – MARK KOHUT
MIKE JONES	WENDY GRAHAM
KYLE ELDRIDGE	JOHN DORRANCE
PETE VAN GORDEN - ABSENT	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- It was announced that an executive session was held on March 31, 2022, with Chris Lantz, the borough solicitor, for legal reasons. North Buffalo Street erosion and the Kizer Creek culvert on Industrial Parkway were discussed. Mr. Clint Owlett will be in the borough on April 21, 2022, to discuss the erosion issue and how to fund it.

MINUTES:

- Councilman Dorrance motioned to accept March 9, 2022; minutes as presented. Councilman Eldridge seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilman Dorrance motioned to accept the financial reports as presented and Councilman Jones seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded the motion, to approve the presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$96,427.53. All present were in favor.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW
  - A written report was reviewed.
  - The sewer line repair on Patterson Ave reported to be completed.
- SEWER/WATER
  - A written report was presented there were no concerns. Council President Collins complimented employee Josh Symonds on his work at the sewer plant.
- POLICE
  - A written report was reviewed. There were no comments or questions.

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- FIRE
  - No report was issued.
- ZONING
  - No comments on the issued report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Outstanding Customer Balances were reviewed. No action to be taken at this time.
- Pool update:
  - Labella Engineering was engaged to complete a preliminary assessment of the Borough Pool.
    - Findings:
      - Water loss is occurring.
      - Cracks on the pool surface of kiddie area.
      - Side tiles along the top of the pool are loose.
      - Sidewalks around the pool are heaving.
      - The blue slide is experiencing corrosion issues on the bracing system.
      - The red slide has a cracked flange.
      - Bathhouse requires a new roof.
      - The bathhouse facia is rotting.
      - Boys' handicap shower is non-functioning.
      - Water heater was not installed.
      - Water fountain does not function.
      - An electrical inspection needs to be completed.
      - Six of fifteen (6/15) skimmer baskets are not operational.
      - Six recirculation ports are non-functioning.
      - Perimeter drain does not work.
      - No Ventilation in the Carbon dioxide room.
      - Carbon Dioxide system leaks.
      - Carbon Dioxide system analyzer and control unit do not work efficiently.
      - No ventilation in the chlorine room.
      - No gas detection nor alarm system in the chlorine room.
      - Chlorination system does not have secondary containment.
      - Chlorination system does not maintain feed rates causing operators to adjust feed rates.
      - A filter feed line is severed.
      - Drains on the other two filter units are stripped and held in place with 2'X4' s.
      - Piping drains discharge directly onto the ground into a crawl space.
      - Cable lines crossing the property are too low.
      - Pool has no winter cover.
      - Internet cable for security cameras was direct buried. The cable does not appear to be a "direct bury" cable. The cable is exposed and could be hit by a mower.
      - Water draining from a spring and is causing settlement of the walk around the bathhouse.

- The ground on the northside of the bathhouse has settled an inch, possibly due to water discharging into the crawl space.
- A Pesticide license is required to use chlorine as a disinfectant at a pool. The borough does not currently employ anyone with a pesticide license.
- A pesticide certified operator must be employed to be physically present when adjustments are made to the disinfectant rates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sewer plant heater repairs are estimated by Wilkinson Plumbing to cost \$1,400. Councilman Jones made a motion to move forward with hiring Wilkinson Plumbing to repair the heater at the sewer plant. Councilman Kohut seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, Councilman Kohut- Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilwoman – Graham – Yes, and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion Carried.
- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Dorrance seconded to have \$50,000 worth of sludge hauled out of the sewer plant. Sludge hauling will help the sewer plant become in compliance with DEP. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded to add costs of repair of Barney Hill Lift station to the agenda. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Dorrance motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded to move \$25,760 from the pool budget to the sewer fund to help cover the repair of the Barney Hill lift station. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, Councilman Kohut- Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilwoman – Graham – Yes, and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion Carried.
- It was announced that hydrant flushing will be every two weeks until June. Hydrant flushing will be weekly June – October/November.
- Cunningham Survey offered to digitize Elkland Borough survey maps. Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Dorrance seconded to have maps of the borough digitized by Cunningham Survey. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Dorrance motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded to contact Cunningham Survey to investigate the cost of surveying all the borough-owned properties, beginning specifically the property owned in Nelson Township on Browntown Road, Nelson, PA. The costs will be brought to back the borough. All present were in favor.
- A committee was formed of Bill Sherman, Mayor, Councilman Jones, Councilman Kohut, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Eldridge to review and enforce unsafe, abandoned properties, junkyards and junk cars within in the borough. A letter will be mailed to all borough residents regarding enforcement of these ordinances.
- A motion to add police car camera to the agenda was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Eldridge. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Eldridge seconded to purchase a vehicle camera for the 2021 police vehicle at a cost of \$2,120. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Jones motioned to add Westlake Chemical (formally Borel & Metamora) box culvert on Industrial Parkway to the agenda. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Jones motioned to pursue abandonment of Industrial Parkway from the intersection of Ellison Road to the center of Kizer Creek. This requires the preparation of ordinance. Councilman Dorrance seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

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- Councilman Dorrance motioned to add Mike Jones as a signor to all accounts held at Citizen and Northern Banks. Councilman Kohut seconded the motion. All present were in favor with Councilman Jones abstaining due to conflict of interest.
- Sealed Truck bids were opened:
  - 2010 Chevrolet Truck
    - Dana Venusian - \$ \$2,505
    - George Miller - \$751.99
    - Ronald Knapp - \$10,250.
    - Josh Symonds - \$4,500
    - Mike Veneziano - \$5,105
    - Mike Barra -0 \$9,650
    - Morgan & Margraff - \$15,501
    - Steve Hartman - \$7,180
  - 2005 Ford Ranger
    - Dana Venusian - \$1,505
    - Josh Symonds - \$2,000
    - Richard Boyce - \$2,005
    - Mike Veneziano - \$601.00
    - Robert Strohecker - \$2,801
    - Steve Steiner - \$996
    - William Robinson - \$1,255
    - Steve Hartman - \$1,110
    - Carol Collins - \$2,300
  - Councilman Dorrance motioned to accept the bid of \$15,501 from Morgan and Margraff for the 2010 Chevrolet Truck. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
  - Councilman Dorrance motioned to accept the bid of \$2,801 from Robert Strohecker for the 2005 Ford Ranger. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL REASONS WAS ENTERED AT 8:35 PM AND EXITED AT 8:56 PM. Councilwoman Graham left the meeting at 8:54 pm.

- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded to pay out vacation and sick time to the assistant secretary that has moved from full time to part time. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, Councilman Kohut- Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion Carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mike Snyder questioned whether there was a residency requirement for police employees of the borough. This will be researched.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall  
Secretary