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ELKLAND BOROUGH

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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was brought to order at 6:30 pm by Council President Graham.

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN-ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT – WENDY GRAHAM	VICE PRESIDENT – TIM WHITNEY- ABSENT
DEANNA SHERMAN-ABSENT	MATT SHERMAN – ARRIVED 6:32 PM
RICK COLLINS	CRAIG STEWART
PETE VAN GORDEN	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Cheryl Wilbur, Tioga County Lioness, spoke to the council. She would like to form a Lion’s Club group in Elkland Borough before 6/30/2021. There are currently no fees being assessed to form or join a group. A Lion’s Club presence within the borough opens access to event insurance coverage as well as grants. Cheryl will be visiting all the businesses within the borough to encourage attendance at an April 26, 2021 information meeting to be held at 6:30pm in the Elkland Fire Department banquet hall.
 - Councilman Stewart motioned to allow the formation of a Lion’s Club in Elkland. Councilman VanGorden seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- John Porter expressed concerns regarding horse feces on the streets within the borough.
- Belinda Seeley approached the council regarding the desire for a right-of-way across borough land off North Buffalo Street.
 - Councilman Collins motioned to have the solicitor “write something up” regarding the right-of-way request. No second to the motion was offered. Motion died on the floor.

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MINUTES:

- Councilman Stewart motioned to approve the minutes date March 22, 2021. Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. All present were in favor, except Councilman Collins, who abstained.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilman VanGorden motioned to accept the financial statements as presented. Councilman Stewart seconded motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilman VanGorden motioned to pay the bills as presented for \$103,747.87. Councilman Stewart seconded motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW
- POLICE
 - Officer Bump reported everything was going well in the borough.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT
 - Mark Goodrich reported that the fire department had been very busy.
- AUTHORITY

OLD BUSINESS:

- A review of the motor vehicle ordinance was completed. It was suggested to remove Section 501, 409, and the section for Permit Parking. The parking fine should be increased to \$10, and the updated ordinance should state where to pay the fine and in what time frame. Councilman VanGorden motioned to update the motor vehicle ordinance with the aforementioned recommendations. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- The TCAB meeting will be held in Elkland on Thursday, April 15. All Council members were encouraged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was brought to the attention of the council that the water plant is processing 50% more water than it is billing. Mark Goodrich offered:
 - Fire Department usage
 - Leak at Boral
 - Flushing hydrants
 - Leaks within in the borough
 - Unhooked meters
 - And theft of water as plausible reasons for the difference.
- Mark then went on to say that DEP would like a more accurate accounting of water usage.

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- Other sewer plant issues: There is currently no maintenance worker at the sewer plant with the abrupt departure of an employee.
- The current water/sewer connect fee was discussed with no resolution.
- Councilman Sherman motioned and Councilman VanGorden seconded the motion to move the current borough council meetings back to the borough council chambers in the borough office located at 105 Parkhurst Street. All present were in favor, except for Councilman Stewart who voted No. Motion carried. Next Council meeting will be May 12, 6:30 pm in the borough chambers.
- DPW worker Symonds reported to the council that parts to repair the pool pump, filter baskets, and chlorine system cannot be located. The council discussed rebuilding the pump room, looking for an unbiased opinion on repairing the above-mentioned issues and whether the pool would open at all in 2021. No decisions were brought forth.
- Councilman Collins motioned and Councilman Stewart seconded to move to postcard water/sewer billing from the current system of full paper bills in sealed envelopes. All present were in favor. The motion carried.
- A quote from Dickenson Environmental was discussed. DPW worker Symonds will provide another estimate for sludge hauling.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall
Secretary