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REGULAR MEETING

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

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN-ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT – WENDY GRAHAM	VICE PRESIDENT – TIM WHITNEY
DEANNA SHERMAN-ABSENT	MATT SHERMAN – ABSENT
RICK COLLINS	CRAIG STEWART
PETE VAN GORDEN	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Belinda Seely requested an answer on the right-of-way request.
- Barb Potter commented many properties within the borough need to be visited by the Zoning Officer.
- Jean Kohut questioned how many hours the zoning officer worked,
- Donna Blend had concerns over pools in the borough with no fencing.
- Mandy Stewart is concerned about the manholes on First Street that plug in heavy rain.
 - DPW will be contacted regarding this issue

MINUTES:

- Councilman VanGorden motioned to approve the minutes dated July 21, 2021. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilman Collins motioned to accept the financial reports. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

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- Councilman Whitney motioned to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$27,009.92. Councilman Stewart seconded motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW – A written report was reviewed.
 - Question of whether the borough should hire a borough manager to oversee daily operations was discussed.
 - There was also a question as to whether the borough should be mowing the top of the dikes or is this area included in the dike-mowing contract.

- SEWER/WATER – A written report was reviewed.
 - Councilwoman Graham stated that Josh was doing a good job. The operators were not contacting her with concerns.
 - An estimate from USG for camering approximately 30,000 feet of lines to determine I & I issues was presented in the amount of \$25,000. It was noted that this was Co-Star pricing, so no other estimates were necessary.
 - Councilman Stewart motioned to accept the estimate from USG for \$25,000 to camera the lines. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the results as follows: Councilman Whitney – YES, Councilman Stewart – YES, Councilman VanGorden – YES, Councilman Collins – YES, and Councilwoman Graham – YES. Motion carried.
 - An estimate for seven (7) new actuators at the sewer plant was presented in the amount of \$8,435.00. A motion to purchase the seven (7) actuators was stated by Councilman VanGorden. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the results are as follows: Councilman VanGorden – YES, Councilman Stewart – YES, Councilman Whitney – YES, Councilman Collins – YES and Councilwoman Sherman – YES. Motion carried.

- POLICE
 - A written report was presented.

- FIRE DEPARTMENT
 - The fire department responded to 5-6 fires last month.
 - Bingo is running again.
 - The department is down to one (1) fire truck because one of the trucks has lost the water pump. A rebuild is in process.

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➤ **AUTHORITY-**

- The authority would like to complete the line camering before cold weather arrives.
- The camering will provide knowledge of the infiltration issues to help with repairing the I & I issues.
- There are holes in the sewer drains that are contributing to the infiltration.
- Manholes in the borough need to have a new fiberglass insert added to help with the infiltration as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The low hanging wire at the pool is an issue. Verizon won't set a pole. Verizon will only hang the low-hanging wire on an existing pole.
- There will be no bill for the curb removal at Welch's autobody. However, protocols will be put into place for such decisions moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fall clean-up will be September 18, 2021, from 7:00am-10:00am behind the borough office. Tire collection will occur at this time. Please call ahead of time to schedule tire collection.
- The East end of River Street will be closed August 23, 2021, - August 30, 2021, for street repairs.
- The TCAB meeting will held in Knoxville at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 16, 2021. Tim Cleveland will be the guest speaker. Please contact the borough secretary prior to September 1, 2021, to RSVP.
- The Elkland Moose offered to purchase new garbage cans to place throughout the borough. The Moose has donated \$950 for six (6) cans.
 - Councilman VanGorden motioned to pay the shipping costs associated with purchasing the garbage cans. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilman VanGorden questioned if there would be any black topping completed in the borough. The consensus was no, not this year.
- Councilman VanGorden invited all council members to view the wash out along the creek located on North Buffalo. Councilman VanGorden is to bring a cost estimate for repair to the next meeting.
- A motion was made by Councilman Collins to research hiring a borough manager for Elkland Borough. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the results are as follows: Councilman Whitney – YES, Councilman Stewart – YES, Councilman VanGorden – YES, Councilman Collins – YES and Councilwoman Graham – YES. Motion carried.
- ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall
Secretary