

ELKLAND BOROUGH

6:35 PM
August 12, 2020

VIA ZOOM

The meeting was called to order by President Wendy Graham.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members:

Wendy Graham
Tim Whitney
Deanna Sherman
Pete VanGorden-Absent

Aaron Smith
Matt Sherman - Absent
Rick Collins

Mayor

Bill Sherman-Absent

Secretary: Jill Hall

Visitors:

Matt Conlin-PLGIT	Donna Blend	Holly Schoonover	Anonymous
IPhone-anonymous	Aaron Wooster	814-258-5443	

Public Presentations, Requests, and Recommendations:

- Matt Conlin from PLGIT (Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust) spoke to the council at length regarding the opportunities for Elkland Borough to diversify their investments.
- Holly Schoonover submitted the following questions to the council to be answered:
 - "What repairs are being done since the pool was closed this summer?" A long discussion was held regarding the benefits of the pool and what repairs should be done to the pool. A bid from Mitch Construction was offered for the replacement of the roof on the pool house. The recreation committee will meet before the next meeting to discuss the disrepair of the pool and list the most important repairs needed at this time: such as, resurfacing the pool, installing a new filter system and repair the leaky plumbing.
 - "What does the borough intend to do with the receipt of the ACT 13 money?" It was decided that ACT 13 monies are not budgeted funds and are not necessarily spent in the same year in which the monies are received.
 - "What are the current pandemic procedures for Jerome Park?" The park never has more than 25 persons at a time. The school lunch program carries in-carries out all needed supplies. The bathrooms are locked unless there is a reserved function (reservation forms can be found on the

borough website www.elklandborough.com). A discussion was had that CDC guideline signs could be hung as a reminder for the users of the park.

- "Will any streets be paved this summer?" The borough street paving projects are on an every-other year schedule so 2020 is a re-patching of potholes year.
- Councilman Smith inquired about the Right-To-Know request that was received in the office inquiring about the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the borough council members and employees. For safety reasons, it was requested that this information not be given out.
- Councilman Collins motioned to open the borough office and resume in-person public meetings. Councilman Smith seconded motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Councilman Collins-YES, Councilman Smith-YES, Councilwoman Sherman-Yes, Councilman Whitney-Yes, Council President Graham-NO. Motion carried. Council President requested that the secretary, Jill Hall, contact other boroughs and the PSAB to ensure proper procedures are followed prior to opening.

Meeting Minutes:

- Councilman Collins motioned and Councilman Sherman seconded the motion to accept the July 8, 2020 minutes as presented.

Financial Reports:

- There were no questions regarding the financial statements.
- Councilman Collins motioned to pay the bills as presented and Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

Municipal Reports:

- Communications: None
- Sewer/Water Report:
 - Progress at the sewer plant is at a standstill until Jeff receives help with the aeration basin. This is a project that the DEP would like to be completed.
 - Councilman Smith complimented the employees on the progress that has been made at the sewer plant.
 - The office should expect a letter from the DEP regarding the monitoring wells. The DEP
 - The lift stations have had routine maintenance completed and are in good shape. However, the Barney Hill lift station needs work completed because that lift station has never been upgraded. Envirep will provide a quote for new pump and an electrical panel upgrade and the new pump will be included in the current maintenance agreement at no additional cost.
 - Authority President Goodrich has received a quote for the bypass valve.
- DPW Report: Very Busy!
 - The trees on Sheldonia Ave have been removed. The contractor did a great job!
- Elkland Borough Authority: None
- Police Report: Given to Wendy

Old Business:

- Sale of 3 parcels in the borough is still with the solicitor.
- Camp Brook work is completed.
- Kizer Creek culvert-grants are being researched by Larson Design to fund the project.

- No Update on borough council members being paid to attend meetings.
- The USSP (uninterrupted system service plan) is still being worked on by the borough operators.
- The Comprehensive Water Sampling plan is with the borough operators
- Finish mower quote will be placed into the 2021 budget, if possible.
- The Hometown Hero flags are hopefully going to be in place by Veteran's Day.

New Business:

- An invoice from Parkson has been re-issued from the 2018 media project. The freight amount of \$17,887.50 for the project is in dispute. Councilman Smith motioned and Councilman Collins seconded the motion to send the invoice to the borough solicitor for review.
- The county courthouse has requested to use a building inspector that is not contracted with the borough. Councilman Collins motioned to deny the request and Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- DPW supervisor Clark requested permission to build 3 more picnic tables for the pavilion at Jerome Park. Councilman Smith motioned to move forward with building the 3 picnic tables. Councilwoman Sherman seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- President Graham would like to have the fire department blow a curfew whistle at 10:00 pm as a reminder that minors should be off the street.
- The Right-of-way request from Belinda Seeley over the lands owned by the borough off North Buffalo treads very closely to the borough water reservoir. This issue needs to be discussed between the solicitor, the council, the engineers and DEP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall

Borough Secretary