

ELKLAND BOROUGH

DECEMBER 29, 2020

6:30 PM

VIA ZOOM

The meeting was called to order by President Wendy Graham at 6:43 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Bill Sherman-Absent

Council Members:

Wendy Graham

Tim Whitney

Deanna Sherman

Pete VanGorden - ABSENT

Aaron Smith - ABSENT

Matt Sherman

Rick Collins

Secretary: Jill Hall

Visitors:

PENNY JEFFERS	MARK KOHUT	SUE DORANCE	
DONNA BLEND	JEAN KOHUT		
HOLLY SCHOONOVER	LEANNE HOAGLIN		

Public Presentations, Requests, and Recommendations:

- Leanne Hoaglin, the current librarian at the Elkland Borough Library thanked council for their continued support of the library. Sue Dorrance, current Director of Trustees, also thanked the council for their support. The library is open 6 days a week. The library has secured a grant which allows hotspots (internet access) to be available for loan from the library. There is also free Wi-Fi at the library and this has been a valuable assist to Elkland during this time of remote learning. The library offers programs for children and adults, alike. Meeting rooms are available for the public to use at no cost. A fax and copy machine are also available in the library. The library is vital in our community and it has proven this during these times of remote learning.
- Penny Jeffers had several questions regarding the 2021 budget.
- Jean Kohut also had several comments regarding the 2021 budget.

Meeting Minutes:

- Councilman Collins motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

Bills-To-Be-Paid:

- Councilman Whitney motioned to accept the bills as presented, in the amount of \$79,451.50. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

Municipal Reports:

- Sewer/Water Report: None
- DPW Report: Submitted by Dan Clark
- Police Report – November 2020 and December 2020 submitted by Chief Gausline
- Elkland Borough Authority: No new updates

Old Business:

- No update from the Recreation Committee regarding Pool repairs
- No tree removal estimates for tree removal of tree located at the corner of First Street.
- Councilman Collins motioned to send the cost of the water-main break to Boral Manufacturing. The leak was caused by a contractor working for Boral who intended to move an Elkland Authority Fire Hydrant. The cost of the leak to the borough was conservatively calculated to be \$205,871.99. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Councilwoman Sherman-YES, Councilman Collins-YES, Councilman Whitney –YES, Councilwoman Graham-YES. Motion carried.
- No decision on whether or not to keep council meeting discussions to agenda items only or not.
- No decision on moving forward with a backflow prevention program.
- No decision on the Tioga County Cat Project

New Business:

- Councilman Whitney motioned to accept the November 23, 2020 resignation letter from Robert Gee III, with regrets. Police Officer Gee will be done employment on 1/01/2021. Councilwoman Sherman seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- The 2021 meeting dates were set for the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm after the January 2021 and February 2021 meetings as those dates have been previously advertised.
- Rick Collins was appointed Primary voting delegate to the Tioga Tax Collection Committee. Tim Whitney was appointed First alternate voting delegate and Wendy Graham was appointed as the Second voting alternate. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Whitney motioned to keep the 2021 millage rate the same as the 2020 millage rate: 6.053 Mills. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall

Borough Secretary