

DECEMBER 10, 2021

ELKLAND BOROUGH

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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting called order at 6:30 pm by Council President Wendy Graham.

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN-ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT – WENDY GRAHAM	VICE PRESIDENT – TIM WHITNEY
DEANNA SHERMAN	MATT SHERMAN Arrived 6:35
RICK COLLINS - ABSENT	CRAIG STEWART - ABSENT
PETE VAN GORDEN -	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Mr. Dave Warner presented documentation on a new Case backhoe.
 - Cost Quote for \$74,949 to purchase backhoe, including Co-Stars discount and the borough provides the labor to paint the chipped hood on the current borough backhoe being traded in.
 - Cost Quote for #76,649, includes Co-Stars discount without the borough backhoe hood being painted prior to trade-in.
 - If the backhoe is in the 2022 budget, the 2021 Case Backhoe can be delivered to Elkland Borough in Jan 2022.
 - Receipt of any new equipment is expected to be 2-3 years because of the lack of labor force in manufacturing facilities.

MINUTES:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to accept the October 13. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to accept the financial reports and Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

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- Councilman VanGorden motioned, and Councilwoman Sherman seconded to approve the presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$62,944.79. All present were in favor.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW
 - A written report was reviewed. There were no comments nor questions.
- SEWER/WATER
 - A written report was presented there were no concerns.
- POLICE
 - A written report was presented there were no concerns.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT – Mark Goodrich reported that Covid is still going strong within the Elkland Community. Everyone was encouraged to receive vaccinations.
- AUTHORITY
 - Camering off West Main Street showed many areas of infiltration. New sewage lines were completed and inspected by PennDOT in 2009. The Borough should consider hiring the borough engineer to inspect any new slip-lining that occurs in the borough. The Borough can consider spot repairs along West Main Street.... slip line or complete t-line repairs.
 - The camering discovered that two storm drains on Pattison Avenue are connected to into the sewer lines so the sewer plant is processing this water unnecessarily.
 - 380 feet of sewer line must be replaced on Pattison Ave, from 2nd Street to Sheldonia.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Erosion on North Buffalo
 - Dunlop Construction viewed the erosion on North Buffalo. The determination from the inspection is that the Borough is in danger of losing the whole upper end of North Buffalo into the creek.
 - The creek bed is unstable and significantly drops off because of the erosion.
 - Dan Clark will contact the county to determine the borough's next course of action.
- The new parking police ordinance is complete. It can be adopted after December 12, 2021
- The Green-Light-Go draft application is being completed by Larson Design Group in hopes to garner a grant to replace the traffic light on Main Street.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- 2022 Meeting dates were presented. Meetings to be held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the Borough Council chambers. Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Whitney seconded to advertise the 2022 meetings as presented. All present were in favor.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Sherman motioned to adopt the proposed 2022 budget, as presented; to advertise the budget in the paper and to set a special meeting to adopt the budget on December 22, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the Elkland Borough office building. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Davis Hill Development submitted a proposal to lease land to erect a solar farm. No movement was made.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to install the V-Spec into the 2021 police Tahoe at a cost of \$600. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Councilwoman Sherman – Yes, Councilman Whitney- Yes, Councilman Sherman – Yes, Councilwoman Graham – Yes. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Erick Coolidge sent a letter to the borough requesting support for improving the flooding rules to be more proactive and less reactive. Councilman Sherman motioned to support Commissioner’s Coolidge crusade. Councilwoman Sherman seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion Carried.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Whitney seconded to sign the Police and DPW union contracts, good for 2022, 2023, and 2024. All present were in favor with Councilman VanGorden abstaining due to his part-time Elkland Borough employment. Motion carried.
- DPW gravel services –
 - In 2016, the current council decide that the borough would sell excess gravel.
 - Gravel is removed by DPW from creeks to prevent flooding
 - Gravel currently plugs creeks
 - Mike Jones commented that the price charged by the borough must be equal or higher to than local contractor prices.
 - DEP states that anyone selling gravel must have a permit
 - The borough needs a calibrated weight-scale to sell gravel by the ton.
 - The council requested that the DPW supervisor and borough secretary create a new gravel policy to present to the council.
- The Army Corps of Engineers has granted Elkland Borough an extension to the end of 2022 to complete “pass-through” dike inspections. Any pipe, culvert, gas line, etc. must be inspected every 5 years.
 - It was suggested to contact R-Caps or PA Rural water for help with the camering of the pass-through.
- It was announced that part-time, weekend & holiday sewer/water employee Louis Bloom will be resigning effective December 26, 2021. A letter of resignation is requested.
 - The borough DPW and sewer/water employees are devising a schedule that will allow each worker to work one weekend of the month with the following

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weekend to be a three-day weekend to help prevent overtime and prevent violation of labor laws that prevent any employee from working more than 13 days in a row.

- Josh is working towards gaining his operator's license and getting his contact hours under the current operator, Pat Crowley.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall
Secretary