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ELKLAND BOROUGH

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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting called order at 6:30 pm by Council President Rick Collins

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN-ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT – RICK COLLINS	VICE PRESIDENT – MARK KOHUT
MIKE JONES	WENDY GRAHAM
KYLE ELDRIDGE	JOHN DORRANCE
PETE VAN GORDEN -	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Dianna Tanner purchased 107 East Highland Ave and would like to surrender the EDU associated with the property.
- Amanda Stuart spoke on her father's behalf regarding his per-diem position. She also questioned what the rules surrounding ATV's usage are within Elkland Borough.

MINUTES:

- Councilman Dorrance motioned to accept February 9, 2022; minutes as presented. Councilwoman Graham seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilwoman Graham motioned to accept the financial reports as presented and Councilman Dorrance seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Councilwoman Graham motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded the motion, to approve the presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$82,105.34. All present were in favor.

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MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

All municipal reports should be written and submitted to the borough office no later than the Friday before the meeting.

- DPW
 - A written report was reviewed.
- SEWER/WATER
 - A written report was presented there were no concerns.
- POLICE
 - A written report was reviewed

ORDINANCE 2021-01

- Councilman Dorrance motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021-01-an update to the parking ordinance. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilwoman Graham – Yes, Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman VanGorden – Yes and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT
 - 12 calls. Been a very busy year.
 - Fire Department is applying for numerous grants

OLD BUSINESS:

- Erosion on North Buffalo
 - Some work has been completed to help with erosion issue:
 - Concrete, gravel, etc. has been put in place.
 - Councilman VanGorden feels the road will soon fall.
- 2022 Budget – The adopted 2022 Budget will not change.

NEW BUSINESS:

- L/B Water submitted a \$164,526.05 quote for water meter upgrades. Replacing all meters with R.F. readers would cut meter reading time in half. These meters can also be shutoff individually, circumventing the issue of one curb stop to two residences. The borough hopes to begin replacing a few old meters yearly with R.F. readers until the whole borough is complete.
- BLINK Telephone submitted a quote to lower phone and internet costs at the pool, borough, barn and sewer plant by \$144.45/month. No movement was made.
- Councilman Kohut would like to enact a written public comment policy.

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- Invoice-To-Be-Paid was tabled.

An executive session for personnel reasons was entered at 7:18 pm and exited at 7:55pm.

- Councilman Kohut motioned, and Councilman Dorrance seconded to move Assistant Secretary position to part-time at 24 hours a week and to move to Citizen and Northern lockbox process. All present were in favor with Councilwoman Graham stating a No vote. Motion carried.
- Councilman Dorrance motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded to move that both the Assistant Secretary and Secretary move to 24 hours a week, in office, beginning April 1, 2022. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, Councilman VanGorden – Yes, Councilwoman Graham – No and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.
- Councilman Eldridge motioned, and Councilman Jones seconded to move all water/sewer/garbage billing collections to Citizen and Northern Bank. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: : Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, Councilman VanGorden – Yes, Councilwoman Graham – No and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall
Secretary