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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 - ABSENT
MIKE JONES	WENDY GRAHAM
KYLE ELDRIDGE	
PETE VAN GORDEN - ABSENT	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Maria Phelps recently purchased property located on North Buffalo, abutting the Pizza Barn property. Maria would like to abandon the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU/hookup) associated with the newly acquired property. At this time, Elkland Borough is under DEP mandate to keep all existing EDUs with no addition of any new ones until the sewer plant has met all current DEP-mandated repairs and updates.

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT:

- Nominations were opened for the currently vacant council seat.
  - Council President Collins nominated John Dorrance to the vacant seat. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Eldridge – Yes, Councilman Jones- Yes, Councilman Graham – Yes, Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried. John will join the council as soon as his paperwork is completed.

RECREATION AUTHORITY:

- Nominations were opened for seats on the Recreation Authority.
  - Councilman Jones nominated Maria Phelps to a 2-year seat on the recreation authority and nominated Jessica Watters to a 1-year seat. A roll call vote was taken for Maria Phelps' nomination with the following results: Councilman

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Eldridge – Yes, Councilman Jones- Yes, Councilman Graham – Yes, Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.

- A roll call vote was taken for Jessica Watters’ nomination with the following results: Councilman Eldridge – Yes, Councilman Jones- Yes, Councilman Graham – Yes, Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

- Councilwoman Graham motioned to accept the December 8, 2021, December 22, 2021, and January 3, 2022; minutes as presented. Councilman Eldridge seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilwoman Graham motioned to accept the financial reports as presented and Councilman Jones seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Eldridge motioned, and Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion, to approve the presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$69,340.46. All present were in favor.

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.
  - Councilman Eldridge inquired about the procedure for snow removal in the borough, most specifically, who determines when snow removal will commence. Currently, the Chief of Police notifies DPW when the roads are needing attending.
  - Councilman Jones requested that a formal, written policy be implanted on notification for the snow removal needs.
- SEWER/WATER
  - A written report was presented there were no concerns.
- POLICE
  - No report was presented.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report was presented.
- AUTHORITY
  - No report was presented

OLD BUSINESS:

- Erosion on North Buffalo



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- Councilman Jones motioned and Councilman Eldridge seconded to move part-time DPW employee Peter VanGorden to per diem (as needed) with hours approved by the personnel committee and/or council. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Eldridge – Yes, Councilman Jones- Yes, Councilman Graham –No, Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall  
Secretary