

ELKLAND BOROUGH

JANUARY 14, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING

Council President brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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| PRESIDENT – WENDY GRAHAM | VICE PRESIDENT – TIM WHITNEY |
| DEANNA SHERMAN           | RICK COLLINS                 |
| RICK COLLINS             | AARON SMITH- ABSENT          |
| PETE VAN GORDEN- ABSENT  | SECRETARY- JILL HALL         |

VISITORS:

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| Holly Schoonover | Mark Goodrich  | Brian Davenport | Ray Gausline  |
| Richard Potter   | Matthew Morley | Jean Kohut      | Frances Kohut |
| Mike Jones       | Donna Blend    |                 |               |
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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Mrs. Jean Kohut commented on the budget.

MINUTES:

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

FINANCIALS AND INVOICES-TO-BE-PAID:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to pay the invoices-to-be-paid in the amount of \$37,621.99. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW submitted a written report. There was no discussion.
- The December police report was reviewed during the December 29<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting.
- Authority report:
  - Sewer plant is in violation because the #1 sand filter is not working, and the plant is permitted for two sand filters (must have a back-up). The sand will need to be removed, placed into holding dumpsters, repairs completed, and the sand returned. This repair must wait until warmer weather due to the sand will freeze in the dumpsters during the repair process.
  - The by-pass valve permit has been revoked by the DEP. To become in compliance with this revocation:

- A switch to open and close the bypass must be put in place and alarm system to notify when the switch is open must be working.
    - Or the bypass valve needs to be sealed with cement so that the valve cannot be accessed.
  - The water system needs updating.
  - The DEP received a sewage complaint from 629 West Main. It has been considered an ‘unfounded’ complaint and no further action is necessary.
  - An Authority meeting is needed.
    - There will be a personnel discussion.
- Fire Hall:
  - Bingo is once again back in operation.
  - Medical personnel have had the First coronavirus vaccine. Mark Goodrich encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Pool repair update-the committee has not met.
- Tree removal estimates- no new estimates have been garnered.
- Tioga County Cat Project- tabled
- Council persons only discussing agenda items- tabled.
- Back-Flow-prevention project-tabled.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to accept the 2021 Elkland Borough Budget as presented. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the results are as follows: Councilman Collins – NO, Councilwoman Sherman – YES, Councilman Whitney – YES, President Graham – YES. Motion Carried.
- Councilman Whitney motioned to accept the presented quote from Whitmoyer Auto Group located in Mount Joy, PA for Co-Star price of \$38,375.00 to purchase a 2021F-350 4X\$ SD Regular cab 8’ box 142” WB SRW XL (F3b) . All present were in favor. Motion Carried.
- Councilman Whitney motioned to advertise the 2021-01 Ordinance, Updating the water, sewer, and solid waste disposal rates. Councilwoman Sherman seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to hold special meeting to consider adopting Ordinance 2021-01 on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to hire two casual part-time police officers, not to exceed 20 hours worked per week (10 hours each officer) until a full-time police officer is found. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The part-time officers will be Jeremy Cook and Daniel Bump.
- Councilman Smith submitted a resignation from council. The resignation was not accepted at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall  
Secretary