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ELKLAND BOROUGH

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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was brought to order at 6:30 pm by Council Vice-President Whitney.

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN-ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT – WENDY GRAHAM	VICE PRESIDENT – TIM WHITNEY
DEANNA SHERMAN	MATT SHERMAN – ARRIVED 6:33
RICK COLLINS	CRAIG STEWART
PETE VAN GORDEN	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall-absent

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Belinda Seely requested an answer on the right-of-way request.
- Donna Blend submitted a comment form regarding a low-hanging wire at the pool – Jill will be requested to call for resolution
- Officer Bump and wife Ashley’s baby arrived today.
- What was the price of the curb removal at Welch’s?

MINUTES:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to approve the minutes dated June 9, 2021. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilman Collins motioned to accept the financial reports. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$94,730.91. Councilman Stewart seconded motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried. There was a question on the Invoice payable to the Big M—labeled incorrectly?

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MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW – A written report was reviewed.
 - There is an area on First Street where the manholes are not holding water. Councilman VanGorden will check with Dan to see if manholes have been ordered.

- SEWER/WATER
 - Employee Josh Symonds inquired as to how much was in the budget for sludge removal at the sewer plant. Council stated \$150,500. was in the budget plus any monies garnered from processing other municipality sludge.
 - Jean Kohut questioned whether lines were being flushed. The lines are flushed monthly on the last Wednesday of the month. Employee Josh Symonds recommended flushing the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in August, September, and October.
 - The borough has been charged a \$4,000 fine for the bypass on the river.
 - Employee Josh Symonds need an updated discharge chemical list from Boral.
 - The sewer plant needs a holding tank for filter replacement.
 - Councilman VanGorden motioned to purchase the holding tank. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, the results are as follows: Councilman Whitney-Yes, Councilman Collins – Y, Councilman Sherman-Yes, Councilwoman Sherman-Yes, Councilman VanGorden – Yes, and Councilwoman Graham – Yes. Motion Carried.

- POLICE
 - A written report was presented.

- FIRE DEPARTMENT
 - No report was presented.

- AUTHORITY-
 - \$91,000 has been granted to the borough for the American Rescue Plan Act. These monies can be used for infrastructure repairs. The authority is requesting that \$50,000 of the money be used to slip-line the lines within in the borough to mitigate the effluent issues at the sewer plant. The authority would like to complete this prior to winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Councilwoman Graham updated the council on the new Lion's Club within in the borough.
 - The club would like to fund more benches, trash receptacles and a family swing at Jerome Park. A movie night will be held in the park the week before

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school begins. All improvements and activities will be at no cost to the borough, but the club is requesting the council give permission. It was noted that the Lion' Club carries \$2 million in insurance coverage for any activity they are involved in.

- Councilman Sherman motioned to grant permission for the Lion's Club to move forward with all planned improvements and activities at Jerome Park. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Act 13 monies received in the amount of \$34,979.44. Can these funds be used for slip-lining.
- American Rescue Plan Act grant monies received in the amount of \$91,009.88. See above for request to use funds from Authority.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Sherman seconded the motion to sell NTSWA stickers in the borough office for residents to purchase. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Minutes taken by Deanna Sherman during the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall
Secretary