

ELKLAND BOROUGH

JULY 8, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING BY ZOOM

6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by: WENDY GRAHAM, COUNCIL PRESIDENT at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members:

Wendy Graham
Tim Whitney
Deanna Sherman-Absent
Pete VanGorden-Absent

Aaron Smith
Matt Sherman-Absent
Rick Collins

Mayor

Bill Sherman-Absent

Secretary: Jill Hall

ZOOM PARTICIPANTS:

Donna Blend	Aaron Wooster		
Anonymous	814-258-5442		

Public Presentations, Requests, and Recommendations:

No Public presentations or comments

Meeting Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- There were no comments or questions on the Treasurer's report.

Bills-To-Be-Paid:

- Councilman Smith motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$56,277.38. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

Municipal Reports:

- Communications: NONE
- Sewer/Water Report:
 - Councilman Smith reviewed the water/sewer report.
 - Operators Crowley collected the flow paperwork for reporting purposes and will return the information to the plant.
 - Lagoon liner has been repaired. The repair work was terrific.
 - Basin had to be repaired before being filled. The liner was a rubber with nylon material and the liner tore very easily due to sun-rot.
 - Sludge is being removed and hauled off by Tri-County Spreading. The current invoice amount is \$22,140.00.
 - DEP was at the sewer plant a year ago looking for sample monitoring wells. These monitoring wells are to ensure that lagoon is not leaking. The DEP informed Elkland Borough that it is required that there be two monitoring wells and that this should be included in the Comprehensive Sampling Plan. The Comprehensive Sampling Plan should be a document created by the borough engineers, Larson Design Group.
 - The TTH and HAA5 drinking water samples should have been collected. Councilman Smith will follow up.
 - After much searching, the DEP was able to locate the sewer overflow bypass. In emergency situations, this is used to prevent sewer from backing up into residents' homes. The DEP is fine with the borough having and using this bypass; however, the bypass must have a shut-off valve installed as it currently is always open. This may require a permit amendment...to be determined.
- DPW Report:
 - The DPW department has been extremely busy.
 - A finish-mower quote was submitted by Employee Clark in the amount of \$850.00. The current mower deck on the New Holland machine is defective and is now longer under warranty. No recall has been issued on this defect so any repairs needed will now cost money.
 - Councilman Graham made a motion to purchase the pull-behind finish mower for \$850.00. There was no second, so the motion died on the floor. Councilman Collins would like more of a comparison of products, prices, and warranty information.
- Elkland Borough Authority: TABLED

Old Business:

- Well #17 is being tested weekly-per DEP
- Sale of 3 parcels with solicitor
 - The secretary requested a clear description of these parcels to send this information off to the solicitor.
 - There is one interested party in these parcels.
- No update on council members receiving pay to attend meetings
- A zoom meeting was conducted between the borough solicitor, Boral, three council members, and Larson Design. Funding opportunities need to be researched and Larson Design was tasked to search out grants for this project. Financing such a project is neither practical nor feasible for the borough.
- Camp Brook: In order to mitigate flooding, the bed of the brook needs to be cleaned. The DEP only allows 250 feet of work completed per permit. The borough needs to seek out another permit to keep the brook flowing as needed.
- The current operators, Pat & Ann Crowley need to be contacted regarding:
 - The need of a comprehensive monitoring plan at the water plant-UPDATE
 - The need of an Uninterrupted System Service Plan (USSP)-UPDATE
 - The cost of an auto-mixing valve-This was handed to Larson Design-UPDATE

New Business:

- Everyone was reminded to join Swift911. This is a great resource for the residents and allows public notifications to be sent out in a timely fashion. This is a service that is no-cost to the borough.

- A Thank You letter was from Jess Mallard, Principal, for the support commitment provided to the local children.
- It was announced that Officer Gee is researching a security system for the Borough red light, pool, Barn, and park.
- A letter was received from Christine Hendrickson in hopes of monetary support for the Senior Citizens to help the local fire department. Since the borough is not allowed to make donations, Councilman Collins requested the information be turned over to him.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall

Borough Secretary

Please know that these are draft minutes only. They are not yet approved by council. These are being published with the understanding that the borough is working extremely hard to be transparent during these very odd times. Minutes are subject to change after council review.