

# ELKLAND BOROUGH

JUNE 10, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING BY ZOOM

6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by: WENDY GRAHAM, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

## ROLL CALL:

### Council Members:

Wendy Graham-  
Tim Whitney  
Deanna Sherman  
Pete VanGorden-Absent

Aaron Smith  
Matt Sherman  
Rick Collins

### Mayor

Bill Sherman-Absent

Secretary: Jill Hall

## ZOOM PARTICIPANTS:

Brian Preski	Lynn Herman	Jody's iPhone	Aaron Wooster
Anonymous	Donna Blend	Jean Kohut	

## Public Presentations, Requests, and Recommendations:

Brian Preski and Lynn Herman spoke about back-flow prevention. They are working in conjunction with PA Rural Water. The law states no customer can put pollutions back into the public supply through cross connections. The law further states that after a customer has been notified that a back-flow prevention must be installed water can be turned off if the customer does not comply. Through the program, a data base of the back-flow valves and serial numbers is created. Typically, for other boroughs, cities, and townships a 3%-5% reduction in liability insurance is gained. This program does not cost the customer or the borough monies.

## Meeting Minutes:

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

## Municipal Reports:

- Communications: NONE

- Sewer/Water Report:
  - Councilman Smith read the sewer report provided by Employee Chamberlain. Three sand filters pumps have been repaired and are operating well.
  - The new aeration blower was installed by Employee Symonds.
  - Aeration basin 1B has had all the sand removed and a response regarding the warranty on the basin liner is hopefully forthcoming.
  - Work is ongoing at the Barney Hill Lift Station. A shut off valve is needed and the pump is in need of repair.
  - Accelerator C is being used to reduce the nitrogen in the effluent. Effluent nitrogen levels will be monitored this month to determine the effectiveness of Accelerator C.
  - Per Dep, sludge needs to be removed from the pond. Tri County Spreading submitted a proposal to remove the sludge at \$0.18/gallon.
    - Councilman Smith motioned to move forward with sludge hauling by Tri County Spreading from the pond not to exceed a cost of \$50,000. Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Councilman Collins-YES, Councilman Whitney-YES, Councilman Smith-YES, Councilman Sherman-YES and President Graham-YES. Motion carried.
  - Employee Chamberlain expressed displeasure regarding lack of information being provided to him regarding the DEP. It was a misunderstanding and information regarding DEP will be given to him moving forward.
- DPW Report: TABLED
- Elkland Borough Authority: TABLED

#### Old Business:

- Well #17 is being tested weekly-per DEP
- Sale of 3 parcels with solicitor
- No update on council members receiving pay to attend meetings
- Larsen Design is trying to coordinate a meeting between Boral, Larsen Design, Elkland Borough and the Borough Solicitor to determine what costs will be paid by which party during the Kizer Creek project (installing a new culvert to help the flow of Kizer Creek preventing flooding.)
- No update on the Camp Brook project
- The current operators, Pat & Ann Crowley need to be contacted regarding:
  - The need of a comprehensive monitoring plan at the water plant
  - The need of an Interrupted System Service Plan (USSP)
  - The cost of an auto-mixing valve
- Everyone was reminded to please return the DEP-mandated Copper and Lead surveys.

#### New Business:

- Donna Blend has resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board
- Councilman Sherman motioned to join Tioga County Development Corporation, doing business as Develop Tioga, for \$100. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- It was announced that the 2019 Borough audit is complete and available for review once the pandemic is over.
- Councilman Smith reported that the roof gables at the sewer plant were rotted. This was discovered when replacing the roof.
  - Councilman Smith motioned to approve the \$175 overage charge for the roof replacement. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
  - Councilman Smith motioned to have the current contractor repair the roof gables to operational conditions and to have the contractor submit the bill post repairs. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

- Councilman Smith motioned to approve the quote of \$2,000 from Adrenaline Cutters Tree Service to remove 6 Ash trees from Sheldonia Avenue. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motioned carried.
- A discussion ensued regarding dying trees on the north side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. There are several dead and/or dying trees due to pavement surrounding them from the road project. There is also a tree on the corner of Parkhurst and 1<sup>st</sup> Street that also needs to be removed due to pavement surrounding the roots. It was suggested the borough solicitor be contacted to see whose responsibility it is to pay for damage caused by the trees should they come down as well as who has the right to remove the trees.
- Councilman Collins expressed concerns regarding the old pump house by the river. Young people are congregating there and jumping off the roof of the building. Liability is a major concern if an injury occurs. It was recommended that No-Trespassing signs be placed visibly in hopes to deter the pump house as a gathering place.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall

Borough Secretary