

May 12, 2021

ELKLAND BOROUGH

JUNE 9, 2021

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-ABSENT	VICE PRESIDENT – TIM WHITNEY
DEANNA SHERMAN-ABSENT	MATT SHERMAN
RICK COLLINS-ABSENT	CRAIG STEWART
PETE VAN GORDEN	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Belinda Seely inquired about an update for her right-of-way proposal.
- Jeannie Kohut questioned who was paying for the pool opening party.

MINUTES:

- Councilman VanGorden motioned to approve the minutes dated May 12, 2021. Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilman VanGorden motioned to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$27,986.77. Councilman Sherman seconded motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

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MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW – A written report was reviewed.
- SEWER/WATER
 - Josh Symonds inquired as to how much was in the budget for sludge removal at the sewer plant. Council stated they thought \$50,000 was in the budget plus any monies garnered from processing other municipality sludge.
 - The borough is facing fines from the DEP. The 2017 Chapter 94 report needs to be submitted as soon as possible, otherwise fines will continue to compound. The Chapter 94 report for years 2018, 2019, and 2020 have been submitted.
- POLICE
 - A written report was presented.
 - Officer Bump reported that a lot of illegal drugs are being removed from the streets of Elkland Borough. Officer Bump was thanked for his hard work.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT
 - No report was presented.
- AUTHORITY-No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- DPW announced that the pool repairs were completed, and that pool would be ready to open on time.
- Opening day of the pool will be June 12, 2021, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Free swim and pizza for all. Pizza donated by Kwik Fill in Elkland. (Thank you, Kwik Fill!) A bounce house and a dunk tank have been secured for the day. Officer Bump will be in the tank. Thank you to Elkland Moose for their generous \$500.00 donation to make this day possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Councilman VanGorden stated that a new storm drain cover needs to be purchased for First Street. The street is flooding any time it rains.
- Councilman Sherman motioned and Councilman Stewart seconded to hire Mike Arnold for the open sewer/dpw position. Start date to be Monday, June 14, 2021, at the pay rate mandated by the union contract. (\$18.69/hr.). A roll call vote was taken, and the results are as follows: Councilman Sherman – YES, Councilman VanGorden – YES, Councilman Stewart – YES, and Councilman Whitney – YES. Motion carried.
- Sealed bids for dike mowing were opened. Councilman VanGorden motioned to accept the 5-year dike bid from Egleston Enterprises for \$8,000/year. Councilman Sherman

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seconded the motion. A roll call was taken, and the results are as follows: Councilman Stewart – YES, Councilman Sherman – YES, Councilman VanGorden – YES, and Councilman Whitney- YES. Motion carried.

- Councilman Stewart motioned and Councilman VanGorden motioned to accept Resolution 2-2021, renaming private road off East Main Street to Nittany Lane. A roll call vote was taken, and the results are as follows: Councilman Stewart – YES, Councilman Sherman – YES, Councilman VanGorden – YES, and Councilman Whitney- YES. Motion carried.
- It was announced that the Recreation Authority members will be resigning at the end of 2021. The council needs to consider who they would like to place on the board once the current members exit.
- Councilman VanGorden motioned, and Councilman Stewart seconded the motion to pay for the secretary to join the Tioga County Secretary’s Association. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilman VanGorden expressed concern that North Buffalo Street is going to erode from underneath.
- The new owners of 113 Parkhurst Street have two water/sewer/garbage bills. They would like to give up an EDU, thus bringing them to only one water/sewer/garbage bill. The process of giving up an EDU must be researched.
- The backhoe lease is due to expire this year. Warner Tractor has relayed to the borough that no new equipment is currently available. The DPW supervisor has concerns that the borough will be charged for the extra hours on the backhoe due to the lack of new equipment availability. Dave Warner at Warner Tractor will be contacted.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall
Secretary