

JUNE 9, 2022

ELKLAND BOROUGH

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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting called order at 6:30 pm by Council President Rick Collins

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN-ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT – RICK COLLINS	VICE PRESIDENT – MARK KOHUT
MIKE JONES	WENDY GRAHAM - ABSENT
KYLE ELDRIDGE	JOHN DORRANCE
PETE VAN GORDEN - ABSENT	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall-ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Laura Clarson, President of Tioga County Cat Project, a T-N-R organization spoke to the council about a large colony of feral cats living on River Street in the borough.
- Terry Oberther-Wells and Aaron Smith also spoke about the feral cat problem within Elkland Borough.
- Holly Schoonover shared concerns that the current water bill set-up did not indicate whether the bills had been estimated. Holly also suggested that if selling borough lands, the mineral and oil rights be kept. Holly was also not in favor of supporting expunging previous crimes if the borough were to create an ordinance legalizing marijuana.

MINUTES:

- Councilman Dorrance motioned to accept May 11, 2022; minutes as presented. Councilman Eldridge seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilman Kohut motioned, and Councilman Dorrance seconded the motion, to approve the presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$61,290.93 All present were in favor.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW
 - A written report was reviewed.
 - The DPW department was commended for doing a fantastic job with the hot patch throughout the streets and getting the fire hydrants flushed weekly.
- SEWER/WATER
 - No report was presented.
- POLICE
 - A written report was reviewed. There were no comments or questions.

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- FIRE
 - No report was issued.
- ZONING
 - Three permits were issued.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Outstanding Customer Balances were reviewed.
 - Bender Trailer Park is still making payments towards outstanding bill.
 - New remote-read readers have been installed in a few homes.
 - If the customer has used the LiWAP program to pay their bill, the water must remain on for 90 days after payment.
- North Buffalo Erosion – Larson Design Group is searching for grants to help with the cost of the \$515,000 plus project.
- Tannery Hill Road erosion – still waiting to hear from PennDOT.
- Cunningham Surveying reported that only the borough property owned in Nelson Township would need to be surveyed, due to encroachment by an abutting property owner.
- River Street Rail bill is at the solicitor’s office to be collected from Seth Baker.
- The Support of Legalizing Cannabis Resolution was tabled indefinitely. If the borough decides to go that way, the borough will create their own resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Workman’s Compensation Resolution to cover support personnel was tabled.
- Wendy Graham submitted letter of interest to join the Recreation Authority. Councilman Mike Jones motioned, and Councilman Kyle Eldridge seconded to place Wendy Graham on the Recreation Authority for a 3-year term. All present were in favor.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL AND PERSONNEL REASONS WAS ENTERED AT 6:51PM AND EXITED AT 7:05PM.

- Councilman Dorrance motioned, and Councilman Jones seconded to accept Tara Simmon’s resignation, with regrets, effective July 7, 2022. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Dorrance motioned, and Councilman Jones seconded to have Borough Office summer hours as Monday, Tuesday and Thursday open 8:00AM – 4:00PM and Wednesday and Friday by appointment only by call Jill directly on her cell phone. The summer hours are due to employee family health issues, not a permanent thing. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Eldridge motioned, and Councilman Jones seconded to add water sales to the agenda. All present were in favor
- Councilman Eldridge motioned, and Councilman Dorrance seconded to sell 75,000 gallons of water for \$.01/gallon to a contractor for a milling machine. All present were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jill Hall
Secretary