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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
KYLE ELDRIDGE	JOHN DORRANCE - ABSENT
PETE VAN GORDEN - ABSENT	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Holly Schoonover mentioned that Knoxville removes their Hometown Hero banners during the winter months.
- Mark Goodrich recommended purchasing new Christmas decorations for the borough.

MINUTES:

- Councilman Eldridge motioned to accept February 9, 2022; minutes as presented. Councilwoman Graham seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilman Kohut motioned to accept the financial reports as presented and Councilman Jones seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Councilwoman Graham motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded the motion, to approve the presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$112,696.60. All present were in favor.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW
 - A written report was reviewed.
- SEWER/WATER
 - A written report was presented there were no concerns. DEP was pleased during their last inspection on February 10. Projects are moving forward at the sewer plant.
- POLICE
 - A written report was reviewed. Comments were “that lots of good stuff is occurring in the borough”.
- FIRE

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- Fire Department will meet with the school regarding evacuation of the school in an emergency. The department would like to have a bridge erected over to Taft Avenue.
- The fire department requested that the cameras on Main Street stay in place as they are used in investigating fires.
- ZONING
 - No Zoning report was issued.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Erosion on North Buffalo
 - It was suggested to contact Representative Clint Owlett regarding the erosion issues.
- Councilman Eldridge motioned to accept the proposal from BLINK for new telephones and telephone service. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Eldridge seconded the motion to accept the L/B Water quote for 4 RF remote read water meters in the amount of \$3,093.05. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilwoman Graham – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilwoman Graham seconded to purchase the updated version of the Billing software – Visual Utility Billing (VUB) for \$4,150. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilwoman Graham – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.
- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilwoman Graham seconded to allow Sewer worker, Josh Symonds, the ability to purchase chemicals from the cheapest and/or most reliable supplier. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilwoman Graham – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.
- Councilman Mike Jones motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded to keep the Elkland Borough pool closed for the 2022 season. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilwoman Graham – No, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.
- Councilman Jones motioned to disconnect the pool phone. Councilman Eldridge seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

An executive session for personnel reasons was entered at 7:42pm and exited at 8:03pm.

- Councilman Jones motioned to hire Tara Simmon as the weekend/holiday sewer/water plant part time employee at a rate of \$18.00/hour for 4 hours each weekend. This will be reviewed after ninety days. Start date of March 12, 2022. Councilman Eldridge seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilwoman Graham – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.
- Councilman Kohut motioned, and Councilwoman Graham seconded to pay Josh Symonds Operator pay, \$23.35/hour, during his testing time at the sewer plant. This amount is per union contract. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilwoman Graham – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried.

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- Liquid Fuels monies in the amount of \$59,333.80 was received in March 2022. The balance of the Liquid Fuels account is currently \$247,119.79.
- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Eldridge seconded to advertise two borough vehicles:
 - 2005 Ford Ranger work truck, 2-wheel drive, 130,000 miles
 - 2010 Chevy 2500 with plow, AC, and a long box bed.All present were in favor. Secretary will advertise in Wellsboro Sun Gazette, Penny Saver, Dollar Saver and on the borough websites.
- It was announced that the drop box at the borough office will no longer be available.
- It was announced that a bill for the water main break in 2020 was never sent.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall
Secretary