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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
KYLE ELDRIDGE	JOHN DORRANCE
PETE VAN GORDEN - ABSENT	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- VerdanTerra, a survey engineering company produced blueprints for approval of a subdivision at 621 West Main Street.

MINUTES:

- Councilman Dorrance motioned to accept April 13, 2022; minutes as presented. Councilman Kohut seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilwoman Graham motioned to accept the financial reports as presented and Councilman Dorrance seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilwoman Graham seconded the motion, to approve the presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$97,488.56. All present were in favor.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW
 - A written report was reviewed with no comments.
- SEWER/WATER
 - A written report was presented there were no concerns.
- POLICE
 - A written report was reviewed. There were no comments or questions.
- FIRE
 - No report was issued.
- ZONING
 - No comments on the issued report.

OLD BUSINESS:

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- Outstanding Customer Balances were reviewed. No action to be taken at this time.
- Remote readers will begin to replace old water meters throughout the borough. This will occur as time and costs permit.
- Junk cars and Dangerous Property Ordinances will fully be enforced beginning June 1, 2022. A letter has been mailed to all residents to provide opportunity for compliance prior to enforcement.
- North Buffalo Erosion – Brian Haight of PennDOT has submitted an estimated quote to repair the erosion issues. The estimated cost is \$515,000. The borough will contact Larson Group to request they research grant opportunities.
- Cunningham Survey will be in the borough on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, to discuss the properties in the brought that require an updated survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tannery Hill Road at addresses 1665 is eroding from underneath along the curbing in the borough right-of-way. The sluice underneath the road is failing and will need to be replaced. PennDOT and Elkland Borough are trying to reach an agreement over who is responsible for payment of the repair.
- Town Wide sales will be held June 11, 2022.
- Councilman Jones motioned and Councilwoman Graham second to accept with regret Lela Calvarios resignation from the Recreation Authority. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilwoman Graham motioned, and Councilman Jones seconded to advertise the new vacancy on the Recreation Authority. All present were in favor. Motion passes.
- A resolution in support of legalizing the cannabis industry was brought forth. It was decided a discussion with the Elkland Police Department should occur prior to acting.
- The DPW department submitted a quote from BradoCo for an infrared heater for street repair. The council would like to receive two more quotes and possibly a demonstration prior to acting.
- Councilwoman Graham motioned to adopt the Tioga County Response Operation Plan, Resolution 03-2022. Councilman Eldridge seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- The meat processing plant (RiverStreet Rail, INC) in Nelson uses the Elkland Borough sewer facilities. During the winter months, the borough DPW workers were called to RiverStreet Rail for a lateral issue. The workers cleared the lateral and the borough office billed RiverStreet Rail for the services. Seth Baker, owner, is refusing to pay the bill. The bill will be sent to the solicitor's office for demand of payment. The council feels litigation is probable to recoup the costs.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL AND PERSONNEL REASONS WAS ENTERED AT 7:14PM AND EXITED AT 8:01PM.

- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Eldridge seconded to add Underground Storage tanks (found on Ellison Road) to the agenda. All present were in favor. Motion passed.
- Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilwoman Graham seconded to inspect the underground tanks found on Ellison Road. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilman Jones motioned to move forward with legal means to recoup costs spent at RiverStreet Rail, INC, owned by Seth Baker. Property is in Nelson, PA. A roll call vote was taken, with the following results: Councilman Dorrance -Yes. Councilman Kohut -Yes, Councilwoman Graham-Yes, Councilman Eldridge-Yes, Councilman Jones, and Councilman Collins -Yes. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Kohut to cease paying the Zoning Officer position an hourly wage and to pay the Zoning Officer \$25 a permit. A roll call vote was taken, with the following results: Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilman Kohut –

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Yes, Councilwoman Graham – Yes, and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion carried. To be effective June 1, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall
Secretary