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ELKLAND BOROUGH

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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting called order at 6:29 pm by Council President Rick Collins

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN

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:

- Paul Golubic and Michael Coast, representing RES – Aquatic Resource Restoration, spoke regarding a proposed wetland planting project on West Main Street along Camp Brook in Elkland, PA. The project will entail:
 - Invasive species control
 - Uplift aquatic purity
 - Potential to curtail flooding by stabilizing flood plain
 - Hand planting
 - Brush removal by hand and brush cutters

MINUTES:

- Councilman Dorrance motioned to accept the September 14, 2022, regular minutes and Councilman Kohut seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilman Dorrance motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded the motion, to approve the presented bills to be paid in the amount of \$73, 397.51 All present were in favor.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW
- SEWER/WATER
- POLICE
 - No report was issued.
- FIRE
 - No report was issued.
- ZONING

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- A written report was reviewed. No comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Outstanding Customer Balances – Solicitor Chris Lantz to be contacted regarding some of the growing outstanding balances.
- North Buffalo Erosion – Larson Design Group is searching for grants to help with the cost of the \$515,000 plus project.
- River Street Rail bill – with the solicitor to be move forward with legal means to recoup the costs of unplugging the laterals to the meat processing plant.
- Survey of Borough property on BrownTown Road, Nelson due to encroachment issues. The Borough is waiting on a response from Cunningham Survey.
- DEP COA (Consent Order and Agreement)-
 - Brad Upson, Labella Engineering spoke regarding the COA The following implementations are estimated to cost \$97,000 in engineering fees.
 - Development of Process Control must be completed
 - Corrective Action Plan must be completed
 - Engineering Valuation Report to be completed
 - Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Eldridge seconded to add Labella Engineering estimate to the current agenda. All present were in favor.
 - Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Dorrance seconded to hire Labella Engineering to perform all necessary engineering work associated with the 2022 COA for the estimate of \$97,000. A rollcall vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilwoman Graham- Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion Carried.
 - A motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Eldridge to sign the Consent and Agreement Order mandated by the PA DEP. A rollcall vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilwoman Graham- Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion Carried.
- New Office Security System - No movement made.
- Proposed Animal Ordinance - No movement made

NEW BUSINESS:

- GREENLIGHT GO GRANT- A motion was made by Councilman Eldridge and seconded by Councilwoman Graham to allow Larsen Design to prepare sealed bid requests for the erection of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street and Buffalo Street. All present were in favor.
- American Rescue Plan Act Funds – (ARPA) \$91,297.63 received. This is second portion that was awarded to Elkland Borough.
- Police Car Repairs – Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded to have the 2017 police cruiser repaired at the lowest estimate between the current estimate from Walter's Chevrolet and one more quote from another garage of the police office's choosing. The new quote will not exceed the \$702.02 quote received from Walter's Chevrolet. All present were in favor.
- Fire Hydrant Quote – Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Dorrance seconded to purchase to fire hydrants from L/B Water at the quoted cost of \$4,492.75. All present were in favor.

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- Trick-Or-Treating – Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Eldridge seconded to host Halloween in the borough on Monday, October 31, 2022, from 6:00-7:30. It was requested that homes who wish to participate leave an outside light on. All present were in favor.
- Fall-Fest at Jerome Park – The Elkland Borough Recreation Authority will host a fall fest at Jerome Park on Saturday October 22, 2022. There will be concessions, crafts to purchase, a bounce house, music, and contests.
- Dike Leak Inspection Quote – Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Eldridge seconded the motion to hire PIPE EYE Inspections to check for leaks in water pipes that pass through the dike. (This is a DEP and Army Corp of Engineers mandate to be completed every 5 years). The estimate quoted \$5,646.40/day. All present were in favor.
- Resolution 2022-02- A Resolution of the Borough of Elkland Council, Tioga County, PA, Authorizing the Construction of a Bridge/Culver over Kizer Creek. Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded to sign the Resolution 2022-02. A rollcall vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes, Councilwoman Graham- Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes and Councilman Collins – Yes. Motion Carried.
- Addition to agenda – Councilman Jones motioned, and Councilwoman Graham seconded to add the heating system at the sewer plant.
- Sewer Plant Heating System - Councilman Jones motioned to advertise for sealed bids for repair/replacement of the boiler system at the sewer plant. Councilman Dorrance seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Donna Blend questioned as to why the temporary secretary at the meetings along with the secretary.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall
Secretary