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ELKLAND BOROUGH

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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was brought to order at 6:30 pm by Council President Wendy Graham.

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN-ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT – WENDY GRAHAM	VICE PRESIDENT – TIM WHITNEY
DEANNA SHERMAN Arrived during executive session	MATT SHERMAN – ABSENT
RICK COLLINS	CRAIG STEWART - ABSENT
PETE VAN GORDEN	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- EXECUTIVE SESSION for legal reasons ENTERED 6:32 PM. ENDED 6:59 PM.
Belinda Seeley was invited into the session

MINUTES:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to accept the July 21, 2021, minutes as amended, the September 9, 2021, regular meeting minutes, the September 20, 2021, special meeting minutes as presented. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilman Whitney motioned to accept the financial reports and Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Whitney seconded to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$47,2563.55 All present were in favor.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW – A written report was reviewed.
 - New Park signs with park rules will be researched. The Park should be open only dawn to dusk.
 - The storm drains on 1st Street have been repaired.

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- The erosion concerns on North Buffalo Street will be addressed soon.
- SEWER/WATER
 - Camering of sewer lines will begin Monday, October 18, 2021. The work will be completed in 5 10-hours days.
 - An estimate for a portable band saw will be garnered.
 - The sewer plant worker is having difficulty getting chemicals from the current supplier, Amrex.
- POLICE
 - A written report was presented there were no concerns.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT – no report
- AUTHORITY- no report

OLD BUSINESS:

- The storm drains on 1st Street have been repaired.
- The erosion concerns on North Buffalo Street will be addressed soon.
- New Park signs with park rules will be researched. The Park should be open only dawn to dusk
- Councilman Collins motioned to have Halloween in the borough 6:00-7:30 pm on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Councilwoman Sherman seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman VanGorden seconded to accept resolution 2-2021, the purchase of a 2021 Tahoe police vehicle. A roll call vote was taken, and the results are as follows: Councilman Collins – No, Councilman VanGorden – Yes, Councilwoman Sherman – Yes, Councilman Whitney – Yes, and Councilwoman Graham – Yes. Motion carried.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Whitney seconded to sign a letter designating Sergeant Bump as a signatory for the purchase of a new police vehicle. All present were in favor, except Councilman Collins who voted Nay. Motion carried.
- Councilman Collins motioned and Councilman VanGorden seconded to enter in the CoStars contract to purchase 125 tons of salt. All present were in favor.
- 111 West Highland meter will be changed on October 18, 2021, at 9:00 am. Secretary will set up the appointment with the customer.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Collins seconded to accept and advertise Ordinance 2021-02, Amending the Street Parking section of the police ordinance. All present were in favor.

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- It was announced that the budget is still in process.
- Councilman Collins motioned to lease a color copier for 60 months at a cost of \$183.91 a month from Higher Information Group. Councilman VanGorden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the results are as follows: Councilman Collins – Yes, Councilman VanGorden – Yes, Councilwoman Sherman – Yes, Councilman Whitney – Yes and Councilwoman Graham – Yes.
- Hometown Hero Celebration will be held on November 13, 2021, At 1:00 pm on the borough lawn.
- A Veteran’s dinner will be held on November 11, 2021, at the Elkland Fire Hall from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. This dinner is being hosted by the Elkland Police Department.
- Larsen Design completed a dike study after the earlier flooding. The full report can be viewed in the borough office.
- The police department would like new “no parking” signs with time limits and no overnight parking.
- The council is not interested in having solicitation permits that last for more than one day.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Collins motioned to advertise new street parking ordinance. All present were in favor.
- Councilman VanGorden motioned, and Councilman Whitney seconded to enter into a 2022 lift station maintenance agreement with Envirep. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Collins motioned and Councilman Whitney to purchase two aeration blowers at the sewer plant for \$12,106.00. A roll call vote was taken. The results are as follows: Councilman Collins – Yes, Councilman Whitney – Yes, Councilwoman Sherman – Yes, Councilman VanGorden – Yes and Councilwoman Graham – Yes. Motion carried.
- Councilman Collins motioned and Councilman VanGorden seconded to move forward with processing liens for outstanding water/sewer/garbage bills. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Whitney motioned to add pump monitoring devices to the agenda. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Councilman VanGorden motioned, and Councilman Whitney seconded to accept the quote from Envirep for alarm monitoring systems for pump station on Barney Hill for \$24,696.00 (this is a DEP mandated expense.) A roll call vote was taken. The results are as follows: Councilman Collins – Yes, Councilman VanGorden – Yes, Councilman Whitney – Yes, Councilwoman Sherman – Yes, and Councilwoman Graham – Yes. Motion carried.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman VanGorden seconded to place discussing a raise for the tax collector. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Collins motioned to raise the Tax Collector’s salary to 4% of tax collections. All present were in favor. Councilwoman Sherman and Councilwoman Graham abstain from voting on the basis that the current tax collector is a relative.

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➤ ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall
Secretary