

# ELKLAND BOROUGH

OCTOBER 14, 2020  
6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Wendy Graham.

## ROLL CALL:

### Council Members:

#### Mayor

Wendy Graham  
Bill Sherman-Absent  
Tim Whitney  
Deanna Sherman  
Pete VanGorden

Aaron Smith

Matt Sherman  
Rick Collins

Secretary: Jill Hall

#### Visitors:

MARK GOODRICH	MIKE JONES	JOSH SYMONDS	PENNY JEFFERS
HOLLY SCHOONOVER	BELINDA SEELEY	TYLER COOVER	MATT MORLEY
RICHARD POTTER II	DONNA BLEND	LAURA CLARSON	KELLY STEM COSKY

## Public Presentations, Requests, and Recommendations:

- Laura Clarson and Kelly Stemcosky, President and Vice-President of Tioga County Cat Project (TCCP), presented at the meeting their mission of TCCP. TCCP would like to reduce the feral cat population within Tioga County by TNR (Trapping, Neuter, & Return) as well as helping Tioga County residents with their personal cats' neutering procedures. This is being done all through donations and fundraising. To date, 150 cats from Elkland Borough have been taken care of to date. There is currently a waiting list of more than 200 cats. TCCP is in need of donations: canned food, traps, money, volunteer hours, would all be greatly appreciated.

## Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

## Bills-To-Be-Paid:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to accept the bills as presented. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

## Municipal Reports:

- Sewer/Water Report:
  - The water main breaks were caused by contractors who were working at Boral. The contractors decided to move an Elkland Borough Authority fire hydrant. A new hydrant was

installed, 424,000 gallons of treated water were lost, many man hours were accrued, and water-sample testing had to be completed before the mandatory boil water advisory could be lifted. The DEP was pleased with how the borough worked to get the boil water advisory out to the public and with how well the borough employees were to repair the breaks.

- The sump pump on Barney Hill continues to fail. A letter must be submitted to the DEP as to when the repairs to the pump will be completed and a bypass plan must be created. Eastern Security needs to be contacted because the alarm did not sound. Josh Symonds reported to the DEP that the pump will be replaced by the end of October, 2020.
  - Larson Design will be contacted regarding the need for more nitrogen credits.
- DPW Report:
- Issued in writing and there were no questions.
- Elkland Borough Authority:
- Covered in Sewer/Water Report. Mark Goodrich is trying to have a meeting by the end of October.

#### Old Business:

- Recreation committee met and will send out a survey to inquire the opinion of Elkland Borough residents regarding moving the pool to a more central location in the borough (Grants would need to be researched) or leaving the pool in its current place and remodeling.

#### New Business:

- Auditor Engagement letter from J.H. Williams & Co was submitted to the borough for the 2020 Audit season. Councilman Whitney motioned to accept the terms in the letter and to sign the letter. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion passed.
- A tree removal estimate of \$3,0000 was submitted by Adrenaline Cutters Tree Service to have a large tree removed within the borough. The tree is a risk to wires and a borough road. Councilman Collins would like more estimates to be submitted. Dan Clark, DPW worker, is expected to find more estimates.
- Residents were reminded that Tioga County PA is on a drought watch and that everyone should reduce their normal water consumption by 5%.

The council entered executive session at 7:16 pm for personnel reasons. The executive session ended at 7:58 pm.

- A Covid-19 Committee was established. The sitting members are: Deanna Sherman, Committee Chair, Rick Collins and Matt Sherman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall

Borough Secretary