

JULY 12, 2023
ELKLAND BOROUGH
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting called order at 6:30 pm by Council President Mike Jones.

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN-ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT – MIKE JONES	VICE PRESIDENT – MARK KOHUT
RICK COLLINS	WENDY GRAHAM - ABSENT
KYLE ELDRIDGE	JOHN DORRANCE
PETE VAN GORDEN - ABSENT	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Richie Potter expressed to the council that a vehicle on Pattison Ave Ext is still unregistered and full of garbage. Also, there is long grass on Pattison Ave.
- Mr. Jacobson volunteered to help the council review the zoning ordinance to make recommendations on updates.
- The alley behind the flower shop and CBD store, located on Main Street, has a manhole cover that is too low. The sewer operator, Josh Symonds, will look, it is possible that the cover is for an old septic tank.
- The Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall will be arriving in Lawrenceville, PA in July 2024. Volunteers are needed!

MINUTES: Councilman Collins motioned to accept the June 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes and the July 10, 2023, special meeting minutes as presented. Councilman Kohut seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilman Dorrance motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded to accept the June 2023 financial statements as presented. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilman Kohut motioned, and Councilman Collins seconded to pay the bills in the amount of \$112,312.32. All present were in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilman Kohut motioned, and Councilman Eldridge seconded to make the following revenue transfers:
 - Lockbox to General Fund - \$11,688.82
 - Lockbox to Sewer Fund - \$44,903.45
 - Lockbox to Water Fund - \$21,903.45

All present were in favor. Motion Carried

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW - No comments on report – Dan Clark, DPW supervisor said that work was going well.
- SEWER/WATER
 - No comments on report
- POLICE
 - No comments on report
- AUTHORITY - No report
- FIRE – No Report
- ZONING
 - No comments on report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- North Buffalo Erosion – No new update
- Encroachment on to Borough property in Nelson – The July 1, 2023, deadline to have all items removed from borough property has passed. The council will check to see whether progress has been made and the next steps will then be determined.
- River Street Rail-
 - **EXECUTIVE SESSION ENTERED 6:48PM AND EXITED AT 7:09 PM.**
 - River Street Rail offered a proposal (Pay a certain fee and remove the processing plant from the borough’s public sewer by the fall of 2023) that the borough accepted and now the proposed offer has been rescinded. The borough will hand it back to the borough solicitor to see what River Street Rail next proposes.
- Infrastructure Improvement Financing-
 - No movement was made on this topic.
- NYPUM Building –
 - The borough leaders would like a kids’ program in the building, but the borough needs a lease and proof of liability insurance. A motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Kohut to have the Borough Solicitor mail a letter to William Hall to request the building be turned over to Elkland Borough, as the former NYPUM program by-laws state that the building would revert to the borough if NYPUM ceased to exist in Elkland.
- Rod and Gun Club
 - Waiting on Rod and Gun club to create a new lease.
- 2023 Sewer Plant Rehabilitation Bids
 - Both bids reviewed during the July10, 2023, meeting were too high and therefore rejected. Councilman Collins motioned, and Councilman Kohut seconded to advertise the new bid packets created by Labella Associates as soon as the bid packets were ready and to hold a special meeting on August 21st at 3:30 pm to open new bids received. All present were in favor.
- Pool Discussion – Council gave the Recreation Authority a year to progress forward to seek grants for pool replacement/upkeep/improvements. Councilman Collins motioned, and Councilman Dorrance seconded to have the borough secretary send Wendy Graham, Chairman of The Recreation Committee, for an update on seeking financial help for the pool. All present were in favor.
- Animals–At- Large Ordinance
 - Councilman Dorrance motioned to adopt the Animals-At-Large Ordinance; Ordinance Number 2023-02. Councilman Kohut seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Dorrance – Yes, Councilman Kohut – Yes, Councilman Eldridge – Yes, Councilman Collins – Yes, Councilman Jones – Yes. Motion carried.
 - Holly Schoonover wanted to know where kennels would be in Elkland Borough.

- Elkland will use local shelters when necessary.
- Laura Clarson, President of Tioga County Cat Project (TCCP), asked if the TCCP would still be allowed to operate in Elkland Borough.
 - Yes, TCCP can still operate in Elkland Borough.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Councilman Kyle Eldrige submitted his resignation from the Borough Council, Councilman Kohut motioned to accept Mr. Eldridge's resignation letter, with regrets and Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Councilman Kohut motioned to advertise for interested persons to submit a letter of interest in serving on the borough council to the borough office. Councilman Dorrance seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A resident wanted to know when potholes were going to be addressed, specifically North Buffalo (NY end) and Coates Ave.
 - A work order will be submitted to DPW for these areas, as DPW has begun filling potholes throughout the borough already.
- Donna Blend commented that the two council members not attending the council meetings are doing a disservice to the borough.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully,

Jill Hall
Secretary