

ELKLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: TROY BURROUS, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, MARK GOODRICH, MATT SHERMAN, TIM WHITNEY, WENDY GRAHAM.

NOT PRESENT: MAYOR BILL SHERMAN, COUNCIL MEMBER PETE VANGORDEN.

OTHERS: DONNA BLEND, BILL HALL, AUSTIN WELCH, HOLLY SCHOONOVER, JUNE WOODARD, JEREMY FREEMAN

CALL TO ORDER: WENDY GRAHAM CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00PM.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED GOING OVER THE BANK ACCOUNTS WE FOUND THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY EXPENSES AND PAYROLL. WE ARE WAITING FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES TO COME IN WHICH MAY NOT BE UNTIL NEXT MONTH. SHE STATED THE TREASURER NEEDS APPROXIMATELY \$60,000.00 TO PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL. WE WILL NEED TO TAKE THAT \$60,000.00 OUT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVES FUND AND IT SHOULD BE PAID BACK WHEN WE RECEIVE REAL ESTATE REVENUE.

MATT SHERMAN ASKED IF THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ONGOING ISSUE. MARK GOODRICH STATED JUST UNTIL THINGS ARE CORRECTED. MATT SHERMAN STATED THAT WE ARE A REACTIVE TOWN AND WE NEED TO BE PROACTIVE AND PUT TOGETHER A PLAN FOR MOVING FORWARD.

WENDY STATED TERRI CARD IS STILL WORKING THROUGH THINGS. SHE ALSO STATED WE HAD SOME HIGH BILLS WITH INSURANCE THAT NEED TO BE PAID. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED IF WE DO NOT MAKE CHANGES WE ARE GOING TO END UP IN THE SAME PLACE DOWN THE ROAD.

TERRI CARD STATED WHEN SHE BEGAN, SHE FOUND BILLS THAT WERE OVER PAID AND SOME THAT WERE NOT PAID. TERRI CARD STATED THAT GLENDA-MARZO BURTON IS WORKING TO HELP GET THE LOCKBOX FIGURED OUT BECAUSE FUNDS WERE GOING INTO THE LOCKBOX BUT NEED TO BE DISPERSED INTO THE CORRECT ACCOUNTS. GLENDA STATED THAT NO MONEY GOES INTO THE GENERAL FUND EXCEPT PAYROLL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES.

TERRI CARD STATED THERE IS \$172,000.00 IN THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND WE NEED TO TAKE OUT \$60,000.00 TO PUT INTO THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT TO PAY BILLS, THAT WOULD LEAVE \$112,000.00. TERRI STATED \$32,000.00 OF THE \$60,000.00 IS TO PAY INSURANCE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON TO TAKE \$60,000.00 OUT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVES FUND AND PUT INTO THE GENERAL FUND, BUT IT IS TO BE PAID BACK WHEN REAL ESTATE TAXES COME IN, SECONDED BY MARK GOODRICH. ROLL CALL VOTE: TROY BURROUS – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MATT SHERMAN ASKED IF WE KNOW HOW MUCH WE SHOULD RECEIVE IN TAZ REVENUE. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED IT DEPENDS ON IF RESIDENTS PAY THEIR TAXES, IF THEY DO, WE SHOULD RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY \$280,000.00. FURTHER DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ABOUT EXPENSES.

HOLLY SCHOONOVER ASKED WHERE IS LAST YEARS ACT 13 MONEY? GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THAT THE MONEY IS STILL IN THE ACCOUNT BUT IT HAS BEEN ALLOTTED FOR UPCOMING PROJECTS. BILL HALL STATED THAT THE BOROUGH CAN GET A TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN, AND WHEN THE TAXES COME IN YOU PAY THE LOAN BACK. DONNA BLEND STATED THERE IS INTEREST ON THAT TYPE OF LOAN.

HOLLY SCHOONOVER ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY IS IN LIQUID FUELS MONEY? MANDY STATED THERE IS APPROXIMATELY \$187,000.00. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THAT MONEY CAN ONLY BE USED FOR CERTAIN THINGS LIKE STREETS AND SLIP LINING.

MATT SHERMAN ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED SHE MADE A SUGGESTION AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING TO LOOK INTO SEEING IF WE HAVE A NEED FOR TWO FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS, THAT WILL SAVE THE BOROUGH THAT SALARY EVERY YEAR.

HOLLY SCHOONOVER STATED WITH THE BUDGET THE POLICE OFFICERS SALARY IN ONLY 9.6% OF THE BUDGET. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED SHE WILL GO BACK AND LOOK AT THE BUDGET. FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS MADE PERTAINING TO WHAT THE BOROUGH POLICE OFFICERS DO WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

MATT SHERMAN STATED HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT GLENDA IS ASKING TO GET RID OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. MARK GOODRICH STATED THERE ARE OTHER CUTS THAT ALSO NEED TO BE MADE. MATT SHERMAN ASKED WHAT ARE THE BOROUGHS OPTIONS TO MAKE CUTS.

WENDY STATED THIS MEETING WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT TRANSFERRING FUNDS SO THAT BILLS CAN BE PAID; THE DISCUSSION OF THE POLICE AND CUTS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED AT THIS TIME.

MATT SHERMAN ASKED HOW DO WE AVOID CONTINUING TO BE IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION THAT WE ARE IN MOVING FORWARD? DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO REVENUE AND BOROUGH ASSETS WERE DISCUSSED.

MARK GOODRICH STATED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS A RELIEF FUND AND THE REMAINING FUNDS FROM THE BOROUGH IS A CONTRACT. THE RELIEF FUND COMES FROM THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA DIRECTLY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND CAN ONLY BE USED FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

GLENDAMARZO-BURTON STATED THE BOROUGH IS SPENDING MORE MONEY THAN WHAT IS BEING BROUGHT IN, TAXES HAVEN'T BEEN RAISED. AUSTIN WELCH STATED THAT WHEN HE GOT HIS TAXES FOR HIS SHOP, THEY WERE HALF OF WHAT THEY WERE LAST YEAR. MATT SHERMAN STATED HE BELIEVES THAT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE REASSESSMENT THAT JUST HAPPENED.

WENDY GRAHAM STATED WE HAVE GOTTEN A GRANT BUT IS HAS NOT COME IN YET. FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT THE GRANT WAS DISCUSSED.

JUNE WOODARD DISCUSSED GRANT MONEY AND FUNDING.

MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT GRANT FUNDING DOES NOT FUND THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT, HE STATED WE NEED TO MAKE CUTS ON GENERAL FUNDS. MARK STATED MAYBE CUTTING BACK ON DIKE MOWING, AND OTHER THINGS WE NEED TO LOOK AT. MARK STATED THE BOROUGH IS PROBABLY LOOKING AT A TAX INCREASE.

HOLLY SCHOONOVER STATED THAT WHEN SHE WAS ON COUNCIL THE BOROUGH SOLD WATER TO FRACKING COMPANIES. HOLLY ALSO STATED THAT MAYBE THE BOROUGH CAN CONSIDER SELLING HAY BALES USING THE NYPUM PROPERTY.

HOLLY SCHOONOVER STATED THAT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF MARCH DPW WORKERS HAVE BEEN ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ARE GETTING PAID OVERTIME. HOLLY CALLED BLOSSBURG, KNOXVILLE, WESTFIELD AND LAWRENCEVILLE AND NONE OF THOSE MUNICIPALITIES PAY THEIR DPW TO ATTEND MEETINGS. AUSTIN WELCH STATED THAT WHEN HE HAS SEEN DPW ATTEND MEETINGS IT IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ATTEND AND THE COUNCIL CAN ASK QUESTIONS AND GET INFORMATION AS NEEDED. HOLLY STATED SHE HAS NEVER HEARD A MOTION FROM THE COUNCIL TO PAY DPW WORKERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS.

TROY BURROUS STATED THAT A MAJORITY OF THE BOROUGH'S EXPENSES ARE GOING TOWARDS EMPLOYEE PAY, HE STATED THAT HOPEFULLY IT DOESN'T LEAD TO HAVING TO LAY PEOPLE OFF.

MATT SHERMAN MADE A SUGGESTION THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS AND TRY TO FIND WHERE CUTS CAN BE MADE. MATT SAID THAT WE NEED TO MAKE ELKLAND GREAT AGAIN.

TERRI CARD STATED THAT IF THE COUNCIL WANTS THE BOOKS TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT BY THURSDAY THAT IS NOT ENOUGH TIME.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS MET BUT THEY WILL MEET AGAIN AND TALK ABOUT THINGS.

JEREMY FREEMAN ASKED IF THE BUDGET WAS BALANCED. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON SAID THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS GIVEN THE BUDGET BUT WAS NOT TOLD FUNDS WERE BEING COMINGLED. THEY WERE HANDED LAST YEARS BUDGET AND TOLD IT SHOULD BE ABOUT THE SAME. JUNE WOODARD STATED THAT THEY DID THE BEST THEY COULD WITH WHAT THEY WERE GIVEN AT THE TIME, THEY ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION AND IT WAS NOT PROVIDED TO THEM.

MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT THE BUDGET WAS PUT TOGETHER BY AN APPOINTED COUNCIL BY THE JUDGE, MOST BUDGETS ARE PUT TOGETHER IN MONTHS AND THE COUNCIL ONLY HAD WEEKS. A BUDGET HAD TO BE IN PLACE BY THE NEW YEAR.

TERRI CARD STATED THAT SHE DID NOT SEE IN THE BUDGET WHERE LIQUID FUELS WAS BUDGETED. SHE STATED THAT NORMALLY A SEPARATE BUDGET IS USUALLY DONE FOR LIQUID FUELS AND THAT WAS NOT DONE. SHE STATED THAT LIQUID FUELS MONEY CAN BE USED FOR MANY DIFFERENT THINGS BUT IT WAS NOT BUDGETED.

MORE BUDGET DISCUSSION WAS DISCUSSED.

AUSTIN WELCH STATED MINUTES ARE NOT BEING PUT ON THE WEBSITE, AND WENDY MADE THAT DECISION ON HER OWN.

FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS DISCUSSED ABOUT THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AND MEETING MINUTES BEING PUT ON THE WEBSITE.

ADJOURNMENT: WENDY GRAHAM ENDED THE MEETING ABRUPTLY AT 5:50 PM

ELKLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
THURSDAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: MATT SHERMAN, MARK GOODRICH, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, TIM WHITNEY, WENDY GRAHAM

OTHERS: MAYOR BILL SHERMAN, DONNA BLEND, HOLLY SCHOONOVER, ANN CROWLEY, TARA SIMMONS, JUNE WOODARD, AUSTIN WELCH, JEREMY FREEMAN

CALL TO ORDER: WENDY GRAHAM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P M

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS:

WENDY GRAHAM READ AND PRESENTED LETTERS FROM BOB GOODRICH HONORING COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

DAVE FROM REAL DISPOSAL WANTED THE BOROUGH TO KNOW THAT THEY OFFER THE SAME SERVICES THAT NORTHERN TIER SOLID WASTE DOES AND THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE IF THE BOROUGH WOULD LIKE TO AT SOME POINT UTILIZE THEIR SERVICES. WENDY STATED THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT BUT THAT WE WOULD KEEP THEIR INFORMATION ON HAND.

AUSTIN WELCH MADE A PRESENTATION PERTAINING TO SOME CONCERNS HE HAS. HE STATED THAT ROBERTS RULE OF ORDER STATES THAT A PUBLIC MEETING CANNOT BE ADJOURNED BY ONE PERSON THERE MUST BE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AND A SECOND. AUSTIN STATED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF AN ISSUE WITH TARA SIMMONS AT THE SEWER PLANT. AUSTIN STATED THAT TARA HAS CAUSED A LOT OF ISSUES FOR THE BOROUGH BY CALLING THE DEP. WENDY GRAHAM STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON. HE STATED THE HE FINDS IT UNETHICAL TO REMOVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OFF A COMMITTEE TO PROTECT PEOPLE. AUSTIN STATED THAT THERE WERE ISSUES WITH WATER SHUT OFFS. AUSTIN STATED THAT THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAS BEEN PUSHING OFFICE STAFF TO DO THINGS SOLEY AT HER DISCRETION. WENDY GRAMHAM STATED THAT COUNCIL IS VOTED BY RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH AND THAT THE AUTHORITY IS APPOINTED. AUSTIN STATED THAT THE MINUTES WERE TAKEN OFF THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AND THAT THE FACEBOOK PAGE WAS REMOVED. WENDY GRAHAM STATED THAT THERE WASN'T A COUNCIL. AUSTIN STATED THAT TRYING TO RALLY A VOTE TO REMOVE ANOTHER COUNCIL MEMBER AND BELIEVING THAT THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS IS UNETHICAL. HE STATED THAT AN ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER DOES NOT HAVE MORE AUTHORITY THN AN APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER. AUSTIN STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THE BEHAVIOR AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING WAS NOT BECOMING OF A COUNCIL PRESIDENT. HE STATED THAT HE LOOKED UP SECTION 8-101A AND IT STATES THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNCIL AND CAN BE

REPLACED AT ANY TIME. AUSTIN RECOMMENDS IF THE COMMUNITY WANTS THINGS TO CONTINUE TO MOVE SMOOTH THAT IT IS ADDED TO THE AGENDA TO REORGANIZE AND APPOINT A NEW COUNCIL PRESIDENT. MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT THE MEETING THAT AUSTIN WAS REFERRING TO WAS A SPECIAL MEETING AND AS A COUNCIL WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT IS DISCUSSED DURING A SPECIAL MEETING. MARK ALSO STATED THAT HE WANTS TO REQUEST MEETINGS NOT TO BE RECORDED AND IF THEY ARE RECORDED, HE IS ASKING THAT THEY NOT BE GIVEN OUT UNTIL THE COUNCIL APPROVES THEM. AUSTIN AND GLENDA BOTH STATED THAT THE SUNSHINE LAW STATES THAT A PUBLIC MEETING CAN BE RECORDED.

TARA SIMMONS ASKED TO SPEAK STATING SHE CONTACTED THE PA DEP DUE TO WANTING TO GET HER SUBCLASS IN PONDS AND LAGOONS. SHE STATED SHE CONTACTED THE CROWLEY'S AND THAT THEY REFUSED TO SIGN OFF ON HER PAPERWORK. TARA STATED THAT WHEN SHE CONTACTED THE DEP THEY TOLD HER THAT SHE COULD HAVE HER WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR FROM CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE COME TO THE BOROUGH AND SIGN OFF ON HER PAPERWORK. TARA STATED THAT "PAUL" IS GOING TO COME TO THE BOROUGH SEWER PLANT AND CHECK IT OUT AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE DEP HAS. GLENDA ASKED IF THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL BECAUSE THERE ARE LIABILITIES AND ASKED IF TARA ASKED THE COUNCIL. TARA STATED THAT SHE DID NOT. GLENDA ASKED IF SHE TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO INVITE HIM TO COME AND TARA STATED SHE DID. GLENDA STATED TO TARA THAT SHE HAD NO RIGHT TO DO THAT. TARA STATED THAT SHE WAS NOT AWARE AND THAT SHE WOULD FILL OUT A FORM AND SEE WHAT THE COUNCIL HAD TO SAY ABOUT IT. TARA STATED SHE HAS NEVER REPORTED ANYTHING TO THE PA DEP, BUT IF SHE SEES SOMETHING WRONG IT IS UPON HER TO REPORT IT JUST LIKE THE CROWLEY'S SHOULD BE DOING. JUNE WOODARD AND JEREMY FREEMAN BOTH STATED THAT THEY FOUND OUT THAT IT IS TO BE REPORTED TO THE OPERATOR OF THE SYSTEM FIRST WHEN THINGS ARE FOUND TO BE WRONG, WHICH WOULD BE THE CROWLEY'S BECAUSE IT IS THEIR LICENSE ON THE WALL.

ANN CROWLEY INTRODUCED HERSELF AND STATED THEY DID NOT REFUSE TO SIGN OFF ON TARA'S PAPERWORK, SHE STATED THAT THEY WERE TOLD BY THE DEP THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF HOURS ARE NEEDED TO BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SIGNING OFF. THE CROWLEY'S SAID THEY WERE WILLING TO WORK WITH TARA BUT SHE WANTED THINGS DONE RIGHT AWAY. ANN STATED THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON IN THE BOROUGH THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED RIGHT AWAY AND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON THE NEEDS OF THE BOROUGH. THERE WAS A SEWER BACK UP, AND ISSUES AT THE WATER PLANT THAT WERE IN NEED OF BEING ADDRESSED TO KEEP THE BOROUGH RUNNING AND THAT THEY DIDN'T JUST DROP EVERYTHING TO MEET WITH TARA. ANN STATED THAT ACCORDING TO THE DEP THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN OFF ON HER PAPERWORK. THE CROWLEY'S WILL NOT SIGN OFF UNTIL THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE THAT TARA CAN BE IN THE PLANT SAFELY AND RUN IT. IT IS ABOUT A SAFETY ISSUE. ANN STATED THAT THEY ARE NOT FORCING THE

COUNCIL TO HAVE THEM AS THE BOROUGH OPERATORS THEY HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE OVER THE YEARS TO HELP THINGS RUN SMOOTHLY. A COMMENT WAS MADE ASKING WHY WE ARE IN SUCH A MESS WITH THE SEWER PLANT, ANN STATED YEARS OF NEGLECT. THE CROWLEY'S HAVE MET WITH THE SEWER / WATER AUTHORITY TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO GET THE PLANT WORKING PROPERLY.

JUNE WOODARD EXPLAINED SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING AT THE SEWER PLANT, INFLUENTS, SLIP LINING, GETTING A BETTER HANDLE ON THE USAGE IN THE TOWN, SAFETY CONCERNS BUT THE AUTHORITY IS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER, AND THE DEP TO MOVE FORWARD WITH WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

ANN CROWLEY STATED THAT THIS YEAR THEY HAD MORE COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUTHORITY THAN ANY YEAR PRIOR WORKING IN THE BOROUGH. WENDY STATED THEY HAVE HEARD MORE FROM EVERYONE BUT THE PRESIDENT BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT WAS OMITTED FROM KNOWING THINGS. ANN SUGGESTED MORE COMMUNICATION.

HOLLY SCHOONOVER STATED THAT THE LAST TWO MEETINGS THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY WITH THE FINANCIALS OF THE BOROUGH. THE SUGGESTION WAS TO ELIMINATE THE POLICE. FOR THE PAST 70 YEARS ELKLAND HAS ALWAYS HAD 2 FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS AND OCCASIONAL PART TIMERS. THE APPROVED 2024 ELKLAND BOROUGH BUDGET WAS 1.881 MILLION DOLLARS AND DISCUSSION THAT THE POLICE TOOK 68 % OF THE BUDGET. 9.6% OF THE BUDGET IS FOR THE POLICE AND THAT INCLUDES SALARIES, UNIFORMS AND FUEL. UNFORTUNATELY, THE FORMER SECRETARY DID NOT APPROPRIATELY PROVIDE THE ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE AND THAT IS WHAT HAS PUT US IN THIS DILEMMA. HOLLY GAVE SOME STATISTICS CONCERNING PA POLICE NUMBERS. SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS TOLD MANY MUNICIPALITIES USE ACT 13 MONEY TO FUND THE POLICE AND THAT IS ALLOWED.

JESS MALLARD, THE PRINCIPAL AT THE SCHOOL EXPRESSED THE NEED TO KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE AT THE SCHOOL. FROM A SCHOOL PERSPECTIVE WE NEED TO AS A COMMUNITY PUT THINGS IN PLACE TO KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE. HAVING OUR POLICE FORCE IS IMPORTANT IN MAINTAINING THAT. SHOULD THERE BE AN EMERGENCY AT THE SCHOOL OR ANYWHERE IN THE COMMUNITY IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE POLICE SUPPORT.

RAYMI HIGGINS SPOKE CONCERNING TIME FRAME OF GETTING AN AMBULANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY. SHE ALSO SPOKE CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES FOR AN OFFICER TO RESPOND IF THEY ARE OUT OF THE BOROUGH. SHE STATED THAT WE HAVE OFFICERS HERE IN THE BOROUGH NOW AND IF WE WERE TO GET RID OF THEM THE SAFETY IS GONE. STATE POLICE ARE LOOKING AT CHARGING FOR THEIR SERVICES.

HOLLY STATED THERE WAS A BALANCED BUDGET THAT INCLUDED EVERYTHING FOR THE POLICE.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THAT THE POLICE BUDGET IS HIGH BECAUSE OF THE UNION. THE BOROUGH DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO DO WHAT IT WANTS BECAUSE THE MONEY IS JUST NOT THERE. IT MAY BE DIFFERENT IF WE COULD JUST HAVE TWO POLICE OFFICERS AND NOT HAVE A UNION THAT DICTATES WHAT WE HAVE TO PAY THEM. IF THE MONEY IS NOT THERE, WE HAVE TO MAKE CUTS. THE POOL IS NOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR POLICE OFFICERS. GLENDA STATED THAT NO ONE SAID WE ARE ELIMINATING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THEIR BUDGET IS 67.5 % OF THE REAL ESTATE TAXES WE TAKE IN.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THAT BUDGET WAS WHAT THE COUNCIL WAS GIVEN AND THAT LAST YEAR THE GAS, OIL AND MINERAL RIGHTS WERE SOLD AND THEY PUT \$220,000.00 INTO THE GENERAL FUND TO FUND SOME OF THE POLICE BUDGET. GLENDA STATED THAT EVERY TIME THE BOROUGH RUNS LOW ON MONEY SOMETHING GETS SOLD. YOU CANNOT CONTINUE TO SELL ASSETS TO RAISE GENERAL FUNDS YOU HAVE TO RAISE TAXES. GLENDA STATED THAT LAST YEAR THE GENERAL FUND HAD \$750,365.00 AND THAT INCLUDED THE \$220,000.00, THE GENERAL FUND PAID OUT \$750,768.00 IT WAS SHORT. GLENDA STATED THAT IN THE YEARS 2020, 2021, AND 2022 MONEY WAS TAKEN FROM THE TRASH FUND OVER \$30,000.00 EACH YEAR AND PUT INTO THE GENERAL FUND. THE BOROUGH HAS BEEN ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL. YOU CANNOT CO-MINGLE FUNDS.

JUNE WOODARD STATED THEY ARE HAVING A WORKSHOP MEETING BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE AUTHORITY PERTAINING TO STARTING AN OPERATING AUTHORITY.

A QUESTION WAS ASKED BY A COMMUNITY MEMBER IF WE HAVE ACT 13 MONEY. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED YES AND SOME OF IT IS BEING USED FOR SLIP LINING.

A QUESTION WAS ASKED BY A COMMUNITY MEMBER HOW MUCH MONEY HAVE WE SAVED SINCE WE NO LONGER ARE USING A TAX COLLECTOR AND GOING THROUGH THE COUNTY. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED \$10,000.00.

GLENDA BURTON-MARZO STATED THAT SHE HAS CALLED ATTORNEY HEBE AND HAS NOT HEARD BACK FROM HIM, BUT HE HAS PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ATTORNEY LANTZ.

ACCEPTING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 MEETINGS: GLENDA MARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY TIM WHITNEY, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

ACCEPT TREASURERS REPORT: GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED NO REPORT HAS BEEN GIVEN, BUT CHECKS WERE MADE OUT TO BE SIGNED, SHE STATED MANDY ASKED ALL WEEK FOR A REPORT BUT ONE WAS NOT GIVEN. WENDY GRAHAM TABLED.

DONNA BLEND ASKED IF THAT MEANT THT BILLS WERE NOT GOING TO GET PAID. WENDY GRAHAM STATED WE HAD A SPECIAL MEETING TO PAY RE-OCCURRING BILLS AND INSURANCE SO THOSE WILL BE PAID.

JUNE WOODARD AND GLENDA MARZO-BURON ASKED IF THE COUNCIL COULD PLEASE VOTE ON GETTING A CHECK OUT FOR \$500.00 FOR THE FILING FEE FOR THE AQUIFERS. (CHANGING TWO WELLS INTO ONE TO SAVE THE BOROUGH MONEY ON TESTING) AND FOR THE FIRST GENESEE VALLEY PAYMENT REQUISITION #1 (SLIP LING) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,294.80.

A MOTION FOR THE FINING FEE OF \$500.00 FOR THE AQUIFERS WAS MADE BY MATT SHERMAN, SECONDED BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON. ROLL CALL VOTE: TIM WHITNEY – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES, ALL IN-FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION FOR THE FIRST GENESEE VALLEY PAYMENT REQUISITION #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,295.80 WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, SECONDED BY TIM WHITNEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: MATT SHERMAN – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES, ALL IN-FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

LARSON DESIGN GROUP LEVEE GRAVEL BAR REMOVAL: MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON GETTING THE PERMITS.

#### MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

RECREATION COMMITTEE: MATT SHERMAN REPORTED THAT AS OF MONDAY TIM STIFF WILL BE DOING THE TESTING ON THE POOL LINES, WE WILL BE WAITING THE RESULTS, AND THAT THE \$3200.00 HAS BEEN PAID FOR THAT TESTING.

ZONING REPORT: GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED WHILE SHE WAS WORKING IN THE OFFICE, SHE WAS APPROACHED BY MR. LEARN CONCERNING PROPERTIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH THAT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AND THAT HE HAS A LIST OF THEM. MARK RESUE STATED HE WOULD GLADLY TAKE MR. LEARN'S LIST.

**STREETS / DIKES COMMITTEE REPORT:** MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT MOWING IS UNDERWAY WITHIN THE BOROUGH. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THAT THE MOWING OF THE DIKES IS UNDER CONTRACT BUT THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY LOOK AT HAVING THE DIKES MOWED ONLY ONCE INSTEAD OF TWICE.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** WENDY GRAHAM STATED THAT MANDY NO LONGER WANTS TO BE THE OPEN RECORDS OFFICER, MARK RESUE HAS OFFERED TO TAKE THAT POSITION OVER. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO ADD OPEN RECORDS OFFICER TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO REPLACE MANDY WITH MARK RESUE AS OPEN RECORDS OFFICER, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**WATER / SEWER / SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE REPORT:** MARK GOODRICH STATED THE BOROUGH IS BACK ON TRACK WITH WATER SHUT OFFS ACCORDING TO THE BOROUGH ORDINANCES. HE ALSO STATED THAT WE NEED A MEETING WITH WESTLAKE PERTAINING TO SOME TESTING THEY HAVE DONE AND WATER THAT WAS USED AND NOT METERED. THIS TESTING HAS OCCURRED FOR THE LAST 17 YEARS AND THE WATER HAS NOT BEEN METERED. THE WATER DID NOT GO BACK INTO OUR SEWER FOR TREATMENT. JUNE WOODARD STATED THAT WE SHOULD BE MEETING WITH BUSINESSES EVERY YEAR, FIVE YEARS MINIMUM TO REEVALUATE WATER USAGE. ANN CROWLEY STATED THAT EVERY YEAR THE BOROUGH IS REQUIRED TO FILL OUT A 110 REPORT WHICH IS THE AMOUNT OF UNMETERED WATER THE BOROUGH USES. THE DEP LOOKS AT THIS. ANN CROWLEY RECOMMENDS THE BOROUGH INVESTS IN METERS SO THAT WATER CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR, IF WATER IS UNACCOUNTED FOR THE DEP LOOKS AT IT AS A LOSS, AND THE DEP WANTS TO KNOW WHERE EVERY DROP OF WATER GOES. THE MORE WE CAN KEEP TRACK OF THE BETTER IT IS FOR THE BOROUGH. JUNE WOODARD STATED THAT MANDY AND MIKE ARNOLD WORKED VERY HARD ON FIGURING OUT WHERE AND HOW MUCH UNMETERED WATER WENT AND CAME FROM.

JUNE WOODARD STATED THERE ARE UPCOMING TRAININGS FOR THE LEAD AND COPPER INSPECTIONS, FREE TRAINING. THE DEP HAS SENT THE BOROUGH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO GRANTS FOR THE LEAN COPPER LINES, JUNE WOODARD HAS REACHED OUT TO THE DEP FOR MORE INFORMATION. JUNE WOODARD STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO LOOK INTO HAVING AN AUTHORITY FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY SO THAT THE WATER AND SEWER CAN BE FOCUSED ON AND BROUGHT TO THE COMMUNITIES' ATTENTION.

**RECREATION AUTHORITY REPORT:** WENDY GRAHAM STATED THAT THERE WILL BE AN EVENT HELD AT THE ELKLAND MOOSE THIS SATURDAY TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE POOL, THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD FROM 1 P M TO 5 P M.

FINANCE / EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THAT TERRI CARD TOLD HER THAT LIQUID FUELS MONEY CAN BE USED FOR CINDERS, FUEL, TRUCK REPAIRS ETC., IF THE BOROUGH TRUCKS ARE BEING USED FOR THE STREETS ONLY. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON SPOKE CONCERNING FINANCES, A SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD CONCERNING TRANSFERRING \$60,000.00 FROM CAPITAL RESERVES INTO THE GENERAL FUND, THAT DID NOT HAPPEN AS WE RECEIVED A REAL ESTATE CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,000.00 THE VERY NEXT DAY. GLENDA STATED SHE IS AN APPOINTED COUNCILWOMAN AND HAS SPENT HOURS AND HOURS TRYING TO HELP THE BOROUGH CLEAN UP THE RECORDS AND BOOKS FROM THE PRIOR SECRETARY / TREASURER, MANDY WAS LEFT WITH PILES AND PILES OF PAPERWORK. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THE COUNCIL WAS TOLD NOT TO GO INTO THE OFFICE EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS BEEN HELPING. WENDY STATED EMPLOYEES HAS BEEN COMPLAINING THAT THEY COULD NOT DO THEIR JOB. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON ASKED MANDY IF SHE COMPLAINED. MANDY STATED THAT SHE DID NOT PERSONALLY COMPLAIN THAT TERRI MAY HAVE, SHE HAS MENTIONED SHE CANNOT WORK IN THIS ENVIRONMENT. WENDY STATED SHE DID NOT SAY NOT TO GO INTO THE OFFICE, SHE WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP.

GLENDA STATED THAT AFTER WORKING WITH MANDY FOR TWO DAYS WE FOUND OUT THAT HALF OF THE ONLINE PAYMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE FOR WATER / SEWER/ TRASH BILLS WERE BEING DEPOSITED INTO THE WATER FUND ACCOUNT AND THE OTHER HALF INTO THE LOCKBOX ACCOUNT. WE NOW HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT ACCOUNTS HAVE DEPOSITS AND WHERE THE FUNDS ACTUALLY NEED TO GO, FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY. ALSO TRYING TO WORK WITH INVOICE CLOUD TO MAKE THINGS EASIER.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THE PRIOR INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HAS \$295,187.76 IN IT WITH AN INTEREST RATE OF 4.75%. SHE STATED WE THOUGHT IT WAS FOR THE BOROUGH ONLY BUT FOUND OUT IT IS NOT. THE SEWER OWNS .4855% AND THE WATER OWNS .24% AND THE GENERAL OWNS .2745%. THE ACCOUNT WAS RENAMED "ELKLAND BOROUGH", IN ORDER TO KEEP THE INTEREST RATE OF 4.75% IT HAS TO STAY UNDER THAT NAME. IF IT IS SEPARATED TO WATER, SEWER, GENERAL WE WILL GET THE GOING INTEREST RATE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MATT SHERMAN TO KEEP THE INVESTMENT ACCOUNT AS IT CURRENTLY IS, SECONDED BY MARK GOODRICH, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS TWO RECOMMENDATIONS: ONE WAS THE DIKE MOWING, WHICH MARK GOODRICH IS CHECKING INTO, THE SECOND RECOMMENDATION IS TO ONLY GO WITH ONE YEARLY TRASH CLEAN-UP, THAT WOULD SAVE THE BOROUGH ABOUT \$7500.00 A YEAR.

GLENDAMARZO-BURTON STATED THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL COMEBACK IN JUNE AND LOOK AT THE BOROUGH FINANCIALS AGAIN AND THE EXPENSES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN JULY IF NEEDED.

MATT SHERMAN MOTIONED TO ADD TO THE AGENDA PROPERTY THE BOROUGH OWNS, GLENDAMARZO-BURTON SECONDED ADDING IT TO THE AGENDA. ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MATT SHERMAN STATED HE HAD AN IDEA, FROM HIS UNDERSTANDING THE MORE LAND THE BOROUGH HAS THE BETTER INTEREST RATE WE CAN RECEIVE. MATT SHERMAN ASKED IF THE COUNCIL SHOULD REVISIT THE PROPOSAL OF MARTY BALADA WITH THE SALE OF LAND, BECAUSE THE BOROUGH NEEDS MONEY. GLENDAMARZO-BURTON STATED WE WOULD NEED THREE BIDS.

GLENDAMARZO-BURTON STATED SHE HAD A ZOOM MEETING WITH THE DCED AND THEY ARE WILLING TO DO FREE PEER TRAINING FOR MANDY AND TERRI. THE TRAINING WOULD BE ABOUT THREE HOURS LONG AND IS DESIGNED TO MAKE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MORE EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND USING RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE. THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD BE NEEDED WOULD BE A LETTER OF INTENT FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

GLENDAMARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION FOR A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE DCED FOR PEER TRAINING FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MARK GOODRICH SECONDED, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** TERRI HAS ASKED FOR A MOTION TO BE MADE BY THE COUNCIL SO SHE CAN CONTACT THE STATE COMPTROLLER TO HAVE A FORENSIC AUDIT DONE, AND IF THERE WERE A COST IT WOULD COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL. MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT WE DO A YEARLY AUDIT, BUT THAT IS ONLY BASED ON THE INFORMATION WE PROVIDE. A FORENSIC AUDIT IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. GLENDAMARZO-BURTON STATED THAT IN OUR AUDIT FROM 2022 IT STATED WE HAVE NO INTERNAL CONTROLS IN THE BOROUGH. GLENDAMARZO-BURTON STATED SHE HAS A LOT OF RED FLAGS.

PAULA KOHUT ASKED ABOUT THE PHONE NUMBER JILL GAVE EVERYONE IN THE BOROUGH. MANDY STATED THAT THAT NUMBER WAS JILLS PERSONAL CELL PHONE AND THAT ACCOUNTS WERE SET UP USING JILLS CELL PHONE NUMBER FOR A SECONDARY AUTHORIZATION TO GET INTO ACCOUNTS, WE HAVE HAD TO CHANGE ALL OF THAT. MANDY STATED THAT SHE MAY NOT HAVE A PLACE TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING BUT SHE FEELS AS THOUGH HER VIE NEEDS TO BE HEARD. MANDY STATED SHE HAS HAD EVERYTHING DUMPED ON HER. THERE ARE SO MANY BEHIND THE SCENES THINGS THAT PEOPLE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. MANDY SUGGESTED A BOROUGH MANAGER. SHE ALSO STATED SHE USES THE PSAB FOR BOROUGH INFORMATION. GLENDAMARZO-BURTON STATED THAT THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE SOMEONE WHO HAS FINANCIAL BACKGROUND.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MATT SHERMAN TO ALLOW TERRI TO FIND OUT THE COST OF A FORENSIC AUDIT THROUGH THE COMPTROLLER, SECONDED BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THAT TERRI WOULD LIKE A MOTION BY THE COUNCIL TO BE MADE THAT SHE CAN PAY RE-OCCURRING BILLS WITHOUT HAVING TO BRING THEM TO THE COUNCIL. A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, SECONDED BY MARK GOODRICH, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MARK GOODRICH STATED THERE ARE NO CURRENT UPDATE ON THE GROWING GREENER GRANT.

MADY WILL BE LOOKING FOR MORE OPTIONS FOR PHONE SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OFFICE AND POLICE STATION.

DAN FROM THE ROD AND GAME CLUB STATED THAT THE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO RENEW THEIR LEASE WITH THE BOROUGH, HOWEVER DURING THEIR LEASE SOME OF LAND HAS BEEN SOLD THAT WENT WITH THE LEASE, THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE NOTHING ELSE GETS SOLD OR CHANGED DURING THE LEASE PERIOD. THEY WOULD LIKE TO RE-NEGOTIATE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH AND GET EVERYTHING IN WRITING. MARK GOODRICH STATED THOSE THINGS THAT HAPPENED, HAPPENED UNTIL THE OLD COUNCIL. MARK ALSO ASKED FOR THE ROD AND GUN CLUB'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LEASE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

JUNE WOODARD ASKED IF THE AUTHORITY NEEDED TO HAVE A MOTION FROM THE COUNCIL TO SET UP A FACEBOOK PAGE. WENDY GRAHAM STATED NO.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD TO THE AGENDA THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO PUT ALL APPROVED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AND THE NEW FACEBOOK PAGE, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

GLENDAMARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO ADD TO THE AGENDA THAT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AND OR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE UNLESS VOTED ON BY THE COUNCIL, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MARK GOOD RICH MADE A MOTION THAT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM THE BOROUGH WEBSITE OR THE NEW FACEBOOK PAGE UNLESS VOTED ON BY THE COUNCIL, SECONDED BY TIM WHITNEY, ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MARK GOODRICH MADE A MOTION TO WINTERIZE THE NYPUM BUILDING SINCE IT WAS TURNED BACK OVER TO THE BOROUGH SO THAT THERE ARE NO ISSUES, AND THAT THE BOROUGH MAKES SURE THE MOWING GETS DONE UNTIL THE COUNCIL FIGURES OUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE BUILDING, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

AUSTIN WELCH ASKED WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THE NYPUM LEASE? WENDY GRAHAM STATED THAT BILL HALL WAS AT THE LAST MEETING AND SAID THE PROGRAM WAS DONE AND THEY HANDED IN THE KEYS TO THE BOROUGH AND THAT EVERYONE ON THE NYPUM OARD QUIT. BILL HALL STATED THAT THEY QUIT BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T ET A LEASE FROM THE BOROUGH. MATT SHERMAN STATED THAT THE COUNCIL WAS GOING TO ADD THINGS TO THE LEASE THEN THEY WERE TOLD THE PROGRAM DISBANDED.

JEREMY FREEMAN STATED THAT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL NEEDS GOOD LEADERSHIP TO KEEP THINGS GOING FORWARD, IT WAS SHOWN TONIGHT THEY CANNOT PAY THE BILLS, THE BUDGET IS NOT IN BALANCE, SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD.

TIM WHITNEY ASKED WHAT HIS SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO DO. JEREMY FREEMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL FIND A GOOD LEADER. IT WAS STATED THAT THE COUNCIL IS TRYING. JEREMY FREEMAN STATED THAT IT IS BEING SHOWN THAT THE COUNCIL CANNOT WORK TOGETHER. AUSTIN WELCH STATED THAT EVERYONE IS SAYING THE SAME THINGS THAT THE LEADERSHIP IS MESSED UP. JEREMY FREEMAN STATED IT IS JUST LIKE THE COMMENT WITH THE DEP, WE CANNOT STICK OUR HEADS IN THE SAND, WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD, AND COOPERATE WITH THEM. AUSTIN STATED THIS IS NOT A NEW COUNCIL, A FEW HAVE CHANGED, WENDY HAS BEEN HERE NINE YEARS AND MARK HAS BEEN HERE FOURTEEN YEARS. TIM WHITNEY ASKED HOW WHY NO ONE ELSE IN THE ROOM RAN FOR COUNCIL. AUSTIN WELCH STATED HE RECOMMENDS PUTTING MATT SHERMAN UP FOR PRESIDENT, TIM WHITNEY STATED THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, TIM ASKED AGAIN WHAT DO YOU WANT THE COUNCIL TO DO. AUSTIN WELCH STATED PUT IN NEW LEADERSHIP. TIM STATED THAT

NEXT TIME SOMEONE ELSE RUN FOR COUNCIL. AUSTIN WELCH STATED THAT YOU AS COUNCIL VOTED ON PRESIDENT AND IT CAN BE CHANGED AT ANY TIME. WENDY STATED SHE IS THE PRESIDENT AND SHE DESERVES TO BE ON A COMMITTEE, AUSTIN WELCH STATED YES YOU DO BUT NOT WHEN IT IS TIME TO FIRE SOMEONE.

WENDY STATED SHE CAN REARRANGE COMMITTEES AT ANY TIME. AUSTIN WELCH STATED THAT THIS IS THE PROBLEM. AUSTIN STATED WENDY HAS DONE A GOOD JOB WITH THE POOL, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE LEADERSHIP IS NOT WHAT IT SHOULD BE. WENDY GRAHAM APOLOGIZED ABOUT PUTTING THE HAMMER DOWN ENDING THE MEETING BUT SHE KNEW ANOTHER MEETING WAS GOING TO BE STARTING. AUSTIN WELCH STATED WENDY HAVE GAVELED HIM FOUR TIMES, WENDY APOLOGIZED. WENDY GRAHAM STATED WE NEED TO STAY FOCUSED. WENDY GRAHAM ALSO STATED SHE WAS ELECTED AND THE AUTHORITY WAS APPOINTED, SHE STATED SHE IS NOT DEGRADING ANYONE WHO IS APPOINTED BUT SAYING THAT THE PEOPLE SPOKE AT THE VOTING BOOTHS. WENDY GRAHAM STATED PEOPLE WERE WORKING BEHIND HER BACK AND SHE STOOD UP FOR HERSELF. WENDY GRAHAM ALSO STATED THAT SHE HAS LIVED IN THIS BOROUGH HER ENTIRE LIFE AND CARES ABOUT THIS BOROUGH, AUSTIN WELCH AGREED. WENDY GRAHAM STATED THAT GLENDA MARZO-BURTON CALLED THE SOLICITOR WITHOUT HER KNOWING. WENDY GRAHAM STATED THAT AS THE PRESIDENT SHE SHOULD BE INVOLVED.

WENDY GRAHAM CALLED A POINT OF ORDER DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT THERE WAS NOT A MOTION FROM THE COUNCIL TONIGHT TO CHANGE LEADERSHIP, AND IF THERE HAD BEEN IT WOULD HAVE FAILED. AUSTIN WELCH STATED THAT THAT DOES NOT FIX THE PROBLEM.

MATT SHERMAN STATED THAT AS SOMEONE WHO SITS ON THE AUTHORITY AND THE COUNCIL AND THAT HIS NAME WAS BROUGHT UP, HE WORKS 40 HOURS A WEEK OUTSIDE OF THE BOROUGH, HE STATED HE DOES NOT WANT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AND DOES NOT HAVE THE TIME THE POSITION NEEDS. MATT AGREED WITH JEREMY FREEMAN THAT THIS COUNCIL IS AS MAD AS THE LAST AND THAT WE NEED TO GET OUR HEADS OUT OF THE SAND AND BEGIN WORKING TOGETHER.

MATT SHERMAN ASKED THAT THE COUNCIL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK AND GET THINGS OUT SO THAT WHEN THIS COUNCIL LEAVES, THEY CAN BE THE ONES THAT ELKLAND DESERVES. MATT SHERMAN STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW EVERYTHING GOING ON BUT THAT FOR SOME REASON THE COUNCIL CANNOT WORK TOGETHER.

WENDY GRAHAM STATED SHE CAN WORK FINE WITH EVERYONE BUT IS NOT INCLUDED, AND IF PEOPLE DO NOT WANT HER AS PRESIDENT THAT IS FINE. BUT AS PRESIDENT SHE NEEDS TO KNOW THINGS. WENDY WANTS ORGANIZATION NOT TO BE BOSSY.

IT WAS SUGGESTED BY THE PUBLIC THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCUSED WHILE THE COUNCIL TALKED. MATT SHERMAN STATED IF THE PUBLIC IS EXCUSED THERE WOULD BE LEGAL ISSUES WITH A QUORUM.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED IS SEEMED FUNNY THAT AT THE TIME WENDY GRAHAM CHANGED THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE WAS WHEN A SPECIAL MEETING WAS GOING TO BE HELD PERTAINING TO TARA, THE SPECIAL MEETING WAS CANCELLED BY WENDY GRAHAM. WENDY GRAHAM STATED SHE CANCELED THE MEETING BECAUSE THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CALLED A MEETING WITHOUT CALLING THE PRESIDENT. GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THH AFTER THE MEETING WAS CANCELLED THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE CHANGED. GLENDA STATED THAT THE MEETING THAT SHOULD OF HAPPENED NEVER HAPPENED, WENDY STATED THAT THE PERSONNEL SHOULD GO TO THE COUNCIL.

GLENDA STATED THAT WENDY IS TAKING THINGS OFF THE AGENDA THAT OTHER PEOPLE ASK TO BE PUT ON, WENDY STATED SHE JUST WANTS TO KNOW WHAT IS ON THE AGENDA AND BE READY. WENDY STATED THAT THE FRIDAY BEFORE A COUNCIL MEETING SHE IS MEETING WITH MANDY TO GO OVER THE AGENDA.

MATT SHERMAN ASKED IF THERE IS A CUT OFF TO PUTTING THINGS ON AND TAKING THINGS OFF THE AGENDA. THERE IS A 24 HOUR CUT OFF PERIOD. GLENDA STATED ANYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ADD TO THE AGENDA. DONNA BLEND ALSO STATED ANYONE CAN BE PUT ON THE AGENDA.

MATT SHERMAN STATED LET'S WORK FOR THE BOROUGH.

ADJOURNMENT:

MATT SHERMAN MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY GLENDA, ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.  
WENDY GRAHAM ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:41 P M

ELKLAND BOROUGH

APRIL 19, 2024

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WENDY GRAHAM CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:30 PM.

PRESENT: GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, TIM WHITNEY, MARK GOODRICH, MATT SHERMAN, WENDY GRAHAM

OTHERS: DONNA BLEND, HOLLY SCHOONOVER, JUNE WOODARD, TERRY WELLS

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

GRANT RESOLUTION – PBDA GRANT FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, OR IMPROVE FACILITIES THAT ARE, OR WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL DIRECTLY ENABLE WORK, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH MONITORING AT THE RESPECTIVE FACILITY

WENDY GRAHAM RAD THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION, THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TIM WHITNEY, ROLL CALL VOTE: MATT SHERMAN, YES, MARK GOODRICH, YES, TIM WHITNEY, YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, YES, WENDY GRAHAM, YES. MOTION CARRIED

HOLLY SCHOONOVER ASKED THE TIME FRAME TO KNOW IF WE WERE GRANTED THE GRANT, JUNE STATED WE NEVER KNOW.

DONNA BLEND ASKED WHAT THE BOROUGH WOULD PLAN TO USE THE GRANT FOR IF AWARDED? JUNE WOODARD STATED PARKS, LIBRARY, POOL, PUBLIC AMENITIES. DONNA BLEND ASKED IF THE PLAN FOR THE GRANT WOULD GO THROUGH LA BELLA'S, JUNE WOODARD STATED YES.

TERRY WELLS LIKES THE IDEA OF THE GRANT AND STATED THAT SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP IF NEEDED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:35 PM

RESOLUTION OF THE ELKLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COMMITTING TO SUBMIT A CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND GRANT  
RESOLUTION #2024-01

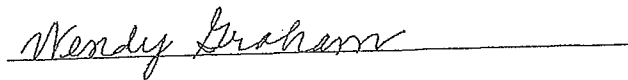
WHEREAS, the PBDA has grant funds available to assist with community projects to construct, acquire, or improve facilities that are, or will be open to the public and will directly enable work, education, and health monitoring at the respective facility; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elkland desires to apply for the \$2 million in competitive grants;  
now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Elkland of Tioga County hereby commits to use all grant funds if awarded to benefit the community as a whole.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Council of the Borough of Elkland has adopted this Resolution in lawful session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

Attest:



Wendy Graham, Council President



Amanda Mahnke, Secretary

What: PBDA  
2024  
Should not  
be like  
this.

ELKLAND BOROUGH

MAY 9, 2024

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WENDY GRAHAM CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, MATT SHERMAN, TIM WHITNEY, TROY BURROUS, MARK GOODRICH, PETE VANGORDEN, WENDY GRAHAM.

OTHERS: DAN CLARK, DONNA BLEND, HOLLY SCHOONONER, MIKE ARNOLD, JUNE WOODARD, AUSTIN WELCH

NOT PRESENT: MAYOR BILL SHERMAN

HOLLY SCHOONOVER ASKED IF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 4 WERE APPROVED AND NOT SPECIFIED? MANDY WAS NOT AWARE THAT DATES NEEDED TO BE PUT IN, BUT ALL MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES: GLENDA MARZO-BURTON MADE MANDY AWARE OF A TYPO. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 11, 2024, WAS MADE BY MATT SHERMAN, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE GIVEN A COPY OF POSSIBLE GRANT FUNDING TO LOOK INTO. GLENDA MADE A MOTION TO HAVE A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS IF THERE IS NO MATCHING FUNDS NEEDED WITHOUT COMING TO THE COUNCIL PRIOR, AS DEADLINES DO NOT ALWAYS ALLOW FOR TIME TO WAIT FOR A MEETING. HOWEVER, IF MATCHING FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IT WOULD HAVE TO FIRST BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. MOTION SECONDED BY TROY BURROUS, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE SECOND PAYMENT TO GENESSE VALLEY FOR THE SLIP LINING PROJECTION, SECONDED BY MARK GOODRICH. ROLL CALL VOTE: MATT SHERMAN – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES. DONNA BLEND ASKED THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENT, MARK GOODRICH STATED \$267,468.70.

MATT SHERMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE QUARTERLY GREEN LIGHT GO TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

GREEN LIGHT GO PROJECT STATUS UPDATE: WENDY AND MANDY LOOKED INTO WHAT IT ENTAILED AND STATED THAT THE BOROUGH DOES WANT TO CONTINUE DOING THE PROJECT. WENDY HAS A CALL INTO LARSON DESIGN AND AN EMAIL WAS SENT SENDING THE STATUS REPORT BACK TO THE GREEN LIGHT GO PROJECT. THE BOROUGH HAS TO PURCHASE 20% OF THE MATERIALS – WE ARE WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM LARSON DESIGN FOR AN UPDATE ON SUPPLIES.

WENDY GRAHAM READ 7 PROCLAMATIONS FOR THE COATES HERITAGE HOUSE CITIZEN RECOGNITIONS.

DAVID BURKET OFFERED THE BOROUGH COUNCIL “GETTING OUT OF DEBIT” RESOURCES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PETE VANGORDEN TO PURCHASE THE NEW LAWN MOWER FOR THE BOROUGH AT THE PRICE OF \$15979.00, FROM WELLSBORO EQUIPMENT, SECONDED BY TIM WHITNEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: MATT SHERMAN – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES.

WENDY STATED THAT COMMISSIONER MARK RICE WAS GOING TO ATTEND THE COUNCIL MEETING BUT HE HAD A PRIOR COMMITMENT. MARK RICE SENT AN EMAIL ASKING FOR THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TIOGA COUNTY FOR THE USE OF THE ELKLAND NYSPUM BUILDING, WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE YOUTH SERVICES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. JUNE WOODARD STATED THE COMMISSIONER’S STATED IT IS HELD UP RIGHT NOW WITH THEIR SOLICITOR, AND WHEN FINISHED THEY WILL SEND THE LEASE TO CHRIS LANTZ’S OFFICE FOR APPROVAL BEFORE BEING SIGNED.

MATT SHERMAN STATED THAT THE PRESSURE TEST WAS DONE AT THE POOL AND THE BOROUGH COUNCIL IS WAITING ON THE RESULTS. MATT STATED WHEN HE SPOKE TO TIM SHIFF, THEY FOUND THE DRAIN WAS DONE IN AN ODD MANNER.

MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT LARSON DESIGN REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN GET THE PERMITS FOR THE LEVEE AND GRAVEL BAR, HE ALSO STATED WE ARE GETTING CLOSER PROBABLY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH EMPLOYEE FILES TO MAKE SURE THINGS ARE UPDATED AND REVIEWED.

WENDY GRAHAM ADDED TO THE AGENDA THE CHAPTER 94 REPORT FOR INFORMATION. JUNE WOODARD STATED THAT THE DEP RECEIVED THE CHAPTER 94 REPORT ON TIME THIS YEAR, THE BOROUGH'S INFLUENT NUMBERS HAVE COME DOWN SINCE THE SLIP LINING PROJECT, THE BOROUGH IS NOW UNDER 400,000 GALLONS, WHICH WE HAVEN'T BEEN IN A LONG TIME. THE BOROUGH'S GOAL IS TO BE AT 150,000 GALLONS.

MATT SHERMAN ASKED IF THE TRASH ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. MARK GOODRICH STATED IT SEEMS THAT IT HAS. WENDY GRAHAM STATED SHE SPOKE TO MR. MYERS AND HE STATED HE SPOKE TO THE DRIVER AND HE IS NOW DOING THE ROUTE DIFFERENTLY SO THEY ARE HOPING THAT WILL HELP. WENDY WANTS TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT TRASH NEEDS TO BE PUT OUT ON SUNDAY NIGHTS.

THE RECREATION AUTHORITY MEETING IS NEXT WEEK, WENDY SAID THEY SHOULD HAVE A REPORT FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. WENDY GRAHAM STATED THAT THEY MADE ALMOST \$3000.00 AT THE MOOSE EVENT FOR THE POOL.

JUNE WOODARD STATED THEY APPOINTED MANDY AS THE AUTHORITY TREASURER, AND THAT THE AUTHORITY RECOMMENDS TO THE COUNCIL THAT SHE MAKES \$21.00 AN HOUR AS THE LAST TREASURER DID.

JUNE WOODARD STATED THAT MIKE ARNOLD WILL BE USING A NEW TRIAL OF CHEMICALS AT THE SEWER PLANT BUT WHEN THERE ARE ANY CHEMICAL CHANGES, WE HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE PERMIT OFFICER WITH THE DEP. THAT PROCESS IS HAPPENING NOW.

JUNE WOODARD REACHED OUT TO DEP ABOUT THE SEISMIC TESTING WITH DAWSON. THE BOROUGH WAS GIVEN MAPS BY DAWSON, THE SEISMIC TESTING WILL HAVE NO NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE WATER / SEWER SYSTEM. DAWSON IS GOING TO GIVE THE BOROUGH THEIR GIS FILES SO WE KNOW EXACTLY WHERE OUR WATER AND SEWER LINES ARE LOCATED.

HOLLY SCHOONOVER ASKED WHEN WILL DAWSON BEGIN? JUNE WOODARD STATED AROUND MAY 15 AND GO THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2024. IT ONLY GOES FROM COATES STREET UP THROUGH THE VALLEY. THE PROCESS WILL NOT HARM ANYONE'S PROPERTY.

A MOTION BY PETE VANGORDEN WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE SEISMIC TESTING, SECONDED BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

JUNE WOODARD STATED THAT THE AUTHORITY AND THE COUNCIL MET IN A WORKSHOP, EVERYTHING IS MOVING FORWARD AND THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION COMING.

GLENDAMARZO-BURTON STATED SHE HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH THE BANK STATEMENT ACCOUNTS. SHE FOUND THAT IN DECEMBER OF 2023, ENTRIES WERE DONE TWICE FOR THE SEWER AND TRASH ACCOUNTS SO THOSE HAVE TO BE REVERSED. GLENDA ALSO STATED THAT IN JANUARY OF 2023, FUNDS WERE LOW IN THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT AND ALSO 50,000.00 WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE RESERVE ACCOUNT AND PUT INTO THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT. IN MARCH OF 2023 25,000.00 WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE RESERVE ACCOUNT AND PUT INTO THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT. GLENDA STATED THERE WAS NO COUNCIL APPROVAL TO DO THIS ON ANY OF THESE TRANSACTIONS. SHE STATED WE ARE RUNNING INTO ISSUES WITH FUNDING BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH REVENUE FROM THE REAL ESTATE TAXES TO PAY FOR EVERYTHING THE BOROUGH HAS TO PAY. GLENDA STATED SOME WHERE ALONG THE LINE WE HAVE TO MAKE CUTS.

THE COUNCIL WEN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL AND PERSONNEL AT 6:42 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 7:48 PM.

MATT SHERMAN MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JEREMY FREEMAN FOR THE WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAY LABORER AT THE SEWER PLANT AT A RATE OF \$18.00 AN HOUR, SECONDED BY TROY BURROUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: PETE VANGORDEN – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES. ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MATT SHERMAN MADE A MOTION TO GIVE MANDY 1 WEEK VACATION (40 HOURS), 40 SICK TIME HOURS AND TO GET PAID FOR ALL UNION PAID HOLIDAYS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, SECONDED BY TROY BURROUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: TIM WHITNEY – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, PETE VANGORGEN – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MATT SHERMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TERRI CARD AS ELKLAND BOROUGH TREASURER, SECONDED BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MATT SHERMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE IN THE WILLIAMSPORT GAZETTE AND IN THE FREE PRESS COURIER FOR A PART TIME BOROUGH TREASURER, MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH QUICK BOOKS. THE WAGE GIVEN WOULD DEPEND ON EXPERIENCE. MOTION SECONDED BY TROY BURROUS, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

DONNA BLEND ASKED WHEN TERRI CARD'S RESIGNATION IS EFFECTIVE, THE COUNCIL STATED TODAY.

HOLLY SCHOONOVER ASKED FOR TERRI CARD'S RESIGNATION LETTER TO BE READ. MATT SHERMAN, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, AND MARK GOODRICH ALL STATED IT WILL NOT BE READ AS IT IS PERSONAL. HOLLY SCHOONOVER STATED OTHER RESIGNATION LETTERS HAVE BEEN READ IN THE PAST.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO HAVE MANDY ACT AS INTERIM BOROUGH TREASURER UNTIL A NEW TREASURER IS APPOINTED, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN. ROLL CALL VOTE: MARK GOODRICH – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES. ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO ADD MANDY TO THE BOROUGH BANK ACCOUNTS AND TO HAVE MANDY HAVE THE ABILITY TO SIGN CHECKS, SECONDED BY MARK GOODRICH. ROLL CALL VOTE: PETE VANGORDEN – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MARK GOODRICH MADE A MOTION THAT THE HOURS WORKED BY TERRI CARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$729.75 BE PAID TO HER, SECONDED BY TIM WHITNEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, MATT SHERMAN – NO, BECAUSE SHE WAS HIRED TO BE PAID SALARY NOT HOURLY, WENDY GRAHAM – YES, MOTION CARRIED.

JUNE WOODARD ASKED ABOUT THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL MADE BY THE AUTHORITY CONCERNING MANDY'S PAY. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THAT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION BUT HAVE DECIDED NOT TO VOTE ON THAT UNTIL SHE COMPLETES CLASSES. MATT SHERMAN ASKED ABOUT MANDY'S CLASSES, JUNE WOODARD STATED WE ASKED FOR A NEW RATE OF PAY FOR MANDY BECAUSE SHE HAS ALREADY BEEN DOING THE WORK OF TREASURER AND IS NO LONGER ONLY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY. WENDY GRAHAM ASKED IF THAT IS TOO MANY JOBS FOR ONE PERSON. JUNE WOODARD STATED IT WOULDN'T HURT TO HIRE SOMEONE TO ANSWER PHONES AND DO BASIC FILING ETC. MARK GOODRICH STATED THE COUNCIL WILL REVISIT THIS DISCUSSION IN A MONTH TO SEE WHERE THINGS ARE. MARK GOODRICH STATED MANDY IS GOING TO HAVE ADDED WORK BEING THE INTERIM TREASURER, BUT BILLS HAVE TO BE PAID AND EVERYONE DESERVES THEIR FAIR WAGE FOR ALL THE WORK THAT IS BEING DONE.

WENDY GRAHAM STATED WHEN WE ADVERTISE FOR THE BOROUGH TREASURER, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO ANSWER PHONES AND DO OTHER THINGS NEEDED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OFFICE.

OLD BUSINESS:

GLENDAMARZO-BURTON STATED THAT NO MONEY WAS MOVED INTO THE GENERAL ACCOUNT FROM THE RESERVE ACCOUNT BECAUSE WE GOT A TAX REVENUE CHECK, THIS WAS DISCUSSED IN PRIOR MEETING.

SERVICE LINE APPOINTMENTS ARE STILL BEING DONE, WE ARE ABOUT A THIRD OF THE WAY THROUGH THE BOROUGH, AND OUR ONLINE DATABASE FOR REPORTING HAS BEEN SET UP.

THE DROP BOX FOR THE FRONT OF THE BOROUGH OFFICE WAS FOUND BY MARK GOODRICH. GLENDAMARZO-BURTON ASKED WHY THE BOX WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE DOOR TO BEGIN WITH, NO ONE KNOWS BECAUSE THAT WAS DONE BY THE PRIOR COUNCIL.

NEW BUSINESS:

THE LIFT TRUCK FOR THE HOMETOWN HEROES' BANNERS HAS BEEN FOUND FOR USE. A TRUCK WAS DONATED TO BILLINGS PARK, WENDY GRAHAM CONTACTED BILLINGS PARK AND THEY ARE GOING TO LET US USE THE TRUCK TO PUT UP NEW BANNERS AND REPAIR ONES THAT ARE ALREADY HUNG. IT WILL NOT COST THE BOROUGH ANYTHING TO USE THE TRUCK, BUT THEY DO TAKE DONATIONS.

GLENDAMARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO MAKE A \$600.00 DONATION TO BILLINGS PARK TO USE THE LIFT TRUCK, SECONDED BY PETE VANGORDEN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

DAN CLARK STATED THAT THE BOROUGH NEEDS SOME NEW FLAGS TO HANG AND HE WILL GET SOME NEW ONES.

GLENDAMARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION THAT ALL BOROUGH EMAILS ARE ACCESSIBLE BY BOTH THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND THAT ALL PASSWORDS ARE NOT TO BE PASSWORD PROTECTED FROM OTHERS GAINING ACCESS TO THEM, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING WORKED ON AT THIS TIME.

GLENDAMARZO-BURTON MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW MANDY TO TAKE ONLINE LEARNING COURSE TITLED "YOUR ROLE AS A MUNICIPAL SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR," AND FOR THE BOROUGH TO PAY THE COST OF \$150.00, MARK GOODRICH MADE AN ADDITION THE MOTION THAT GLENDAMARZO-BURTON MADE, TO HAVE THE BOROUGH OFFICE CLOSED DURING MANDY'S TRAINING SESSIONS BECAUSE SHE CANNOT DO TRAINING AND RUN THE OPEN OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME. SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

DONNA BLEND ASKED HOW LONG TRAINING HOURS WILL BE, MATT SHERMAN STATED APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 HOURS FOR 5 DAYS, EVERY TUESDAY BEGINNING JUNE 11 UNTIL JULY 9, 2024. MATT SHERMAN ALSO STATED A SIGN WILL BE HUNG ON THE OFFICE DOOR.

AUSTIN WELCH MADE A COMMENT THAT A LOT OF MONEY IS BEING SPENT ON TRAININGS BUT NO "CONTRACTS" HAVE BEEN WRITTEN AND SIGNED BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND EMPLOYEES.

DONNA BLEND STATED THAT IN FEBRUARY THE COUNCIL AGREED TO HIRE TWO TEMP. PART TIME DPW WORKERS AND ONLY ONE WAS HIRED. SHE ASKED IF ANYONE HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED OR AN ADVERTISEMENT BEEN RUN FOR THE OTHER POSITION? DONNA ASKED IF THAT POSITION IS STILL NEEDED? WENDY GRAHAM STATED THE BOROUGH HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY APPLICATIONS. WENDY ALSO STATED THAT THE BOROUGH WILL AGAIN ADVERTISE FOR THE OPEN POSITION AND TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE THAT WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A LABORER.

MANDY STATED AND ASKED DAN CLARK FOR HIM TO CORRECT HER IF SHE IS WRONG, BUT THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT OF THE COUNCIL WAS TO HIRE SOMEONE TO HELP WITH SERVICE LINE APPOINTMENTS AND TO HELP THE DPW WHILE DAN IS OFF WORK. JEFF JEFFERS IS IN THE MIDDLE OF BEING TRAINED SO WHEN DAN GOES OFF JEFF CAN STEP IN.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON TO ADJOURN THE COUNCIL MEETING, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNED: 8:21 PM