

ELKLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY JUNE 13, 2024

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

NOT PRESENT: MAYOR BILL SHERMAN

OTHERS: DONNA BLEND, JUNE WOODARD, MARCUS WOODARD, TRINA MARZO, MIKE ARNOLD, ANTHONY MARZO, HOLLY SCHOONOVER, DUSTY AND PAT DERR, AUSTIN WELCH, JEREMY FREEMAN

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

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS:

HOLLY SCHOONOVER STATED SHE ASKED MULTIPLE TIMES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 4TH, 2024, SHE CAME INTO SEE THE OPEN RECORDS OFFICER AND THERE WERE NO MINUTES. SHE WANTS TO KNOW WHY. MANDY STATED THAT HER AND WENDY ARE WORKING ON THE MINUTE BOOKS AS SHE WAS NOT TRAINED HOW TO PUT THEM IN THE BOOK. MANDY STATED ALL MEETING MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED. HOLLY STATED MINUTES NEED TO BE SIGNED BY WHO PREPARED THEM. HOLLY ALSO STATED THAT FOR THE APRIL 11TH, 2024 MEETING MINUTES THERE WAS A RESOLUTION PASSED BUT IT WASN'T STATED WHAT THE RESOLUTION WAS FOR.

WENDY GRAHAM STATED SHE IS GOING TO STEP IN TO HELP MANDY AND THAT SHE JUST FOUND OUT WE HAVE TO HAVE OUR RESOLUTIONS IN THE "LAW LIBRARY," WHICH SHE ASSUMES IS AT THE COURT HOUSE.

JUNE WOODARD ASKED HOW FAR MANDY IS INTO HER TRAINING. SHE STATED THAT IN MANDY'S DEFENSE SHE HAS JUST STARTED TRAINING THROUGH THE PSAB AND SHE WAS THROWN INTO THE JOB WITHOUT THE PROPER TRAINING PRIOR TO.

DONNA BLEND ASKED WHY JILL HALL'S NAME IS STILL ON THE INTERNET AS BEING THE ELKLAND BOROUGH "RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER." NO ONE KNEW IT WAS ON THE INTERNET THAT WAY.

DONNA BLEND ASKED ABOUT THE RED LIGHT GRANT.

WENDY STATED THERE WERE ISSUES WITH THE ENGINEER FOR THE RED LIGHT. SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN SHORT. WENDY STATED SHE SPOKE TO PENN DOT AND IT WAS ON LAST MONTHS AGENDA. SHE ALSO STATED THAT THE BOROUGH HAS LET PENN DOT KNOW WE STILL WANT THE GRANT. SHE STATED BY THE END OF JUNE WE SHOULD KNOW MORE AND WE ARE WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM LARSON DESIGN.

DONNA BLEND STATED SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE BATTERIES FOR THE AED IN THE BOROUGH POLICE VEHICLE. SHE STATED ON MAY 2ND IT NEEDED A NEW BATTERY – SHE'S HOPEFUL A MOTION CAN BE MADE TO MAKE SURE THE BATTERY GETS CHANGED. MANDY STATED THAT THINGS CANNOT BE PURCHASED FOR THE POLICE OR ANY DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE BOROUGH IF PEOPLE ARE NOT TOLD THEY NEED SOMETHING.

MARK GOODRICH STATED THE BATTERY COST \$394.00, AND TO REPLACE THE AED IT WOULD COST \$3000.00. MARK DISCUSSED HOW THE AED WORKS. MATT SHERMAN ASKED IF ANYONE IS CHECKING THE AED EVERY MONTH AND IF NOT, SHOULD IT BE CHECKED MONTHLY IN THE FUTURE.

WENDY GRAHAM ASKED HOW DONNA BLEND KNEW THE BATTERY NEEDED TO BE CHANGED IN THE AED. DONNA STATED SHE WAS AT A SCENE; THEY WERE TRYING TO USE THE AED AND IT KEPT SAYING CHANGE THE BATTERY. MANDY ASKED WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT TO CHECK THE AED? DONNA STATED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE NOT AT THIS MEETING TO ADDRESS THE AED AND SHE HAS A CONCERN ABOUT IT SO SHE BROUGHT IT UP.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MATT SHERMAN TO CHECK WITH THE ELKLAND BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF THE AED BATTERY HAS BEEN REPLACED OR NOT, AND IF NOT TO HAVE THE BOROUGH PURCHASE A NEW BATTERY, SECONDED BY TROY BURROUS, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MARK GOODRICH STATED HE HAS A BATTERY IN STOCK FOR THE AED.

JUNE WOODARD STATED SHE HAS A GROUP OF BOROUGH RESIDENTS THAT ARE WILLING TO MEET AND HELP TO LOOK FOR GRANTS. THEY ARE MEETING AT 6:30 PM MONDAY IF ANYONE WANTS TO JOIN THEM AT THE LIBRARY. SHE STATED GLENDA MARZO-BURTON AND HERSELF MET WITH SENATOR YAWS OFFICE AND THEY GAVE US LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR GRANTS. SHE ALSO STATED THAT CLINT OWLETS' OFFICE IS ALSO PREPARING LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE BOROUGH.

JUNE WOODARD ASKED THE COUNCIL TO MAKE A MOTION TO ALLOW HER AND OTHER WILLING RESIDENTS TO FIND GRANTS AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE BOROUGH AS A WHOLE, AND TO CONTINUE TO SPEAK TO OFFICIALS ON BEHALF

OF THE BOROUGH AND TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS TO GAIN FUNDS FOR PARKS, WATER, SEWER AND OTHER NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. JUNE STATED THAT SHE IS OFTEN ASKED IF SHE HAS THE BACKING OF THE COUNCIL AND THAT IS WHY SHE IS ASKING FOR THIS MOTION.

MATT SHERMAN ASKED JUNE FOR CLARITY AND IF A SIGNED LETTER FROM COUNCIL WOULD HELP.

JUNE WOODARD STATED GRANTS WITH MATCHING FUNDS WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE COUNCIL. SHE STATED THAT DONATIONS GIVEN BY ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE USED AS MATCHING FUNDS. JUNE STATED A SIGNED LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL BACKING HER WOULD BE FINE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON TO ALLOW JUNE WOODARD TO MEET WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH TO LOOK FOR FUNDING, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

A LETTER FOR JUNE WILL BE WRITTEN FOR JUNE ON A BOROUGH LETTERHEAD FROM THE COUNCIL. MATT SHERMAN SUGGESTED A LETTER FROM THE AUTHORITY AS WELL.

DONNA BLEND ASKED IF THE RED LIGHT IS NOT GOING TO BE DONE UNTIL 2025 IS THE MONEY SECURE SOMEWHERE? GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THERE IS MONEY IN THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. DONNA ASKED IF IT SHOULD BE SECURE IN A DIFFERENT SPOT SO THAT IT IS ONLY USED FOR THE RED LIGHT. GLENDA STATED WE CAN IF THE COUNCIL WANTS IT DONE THAT WAY.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON ASKED WHERE DONNA BLEND FOUND JILL HALL'S NAME AS THE "RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER" FOR THE BOROUGH. DONNA STATED SHE GOOGLED IT AND JILL'S NAME POPPED UP. DONNA STATED SHE IS WILLING TO LOOK MORE INTO THIS.

DUSTY DERR STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS OUTSTANDING WATER BILL. HE ASKED ABOUT THE WATER BILL AND WHY IT IS SO HIGH. WENDY GRAHAM ASKED IF THIS IS A PROPERTY WHERE HE HAS A TENANT AND THEY DID NOT PAY THE BILL, DUSTY STATED IT IS.

MANDY STATED THAT DUSTY CALLED HER STATING HIS NAME AND THAT HE GOES TO FLORIDA AND WANTED HIS BILL FORWARDED TO HIS FLORIDA ADDRESS. MANDY ALSO STATED THAT HE DID NOT INCLUDE THIS PARTICULAR PROPERTY TO HAVE THE BILL SENT TO FLORIDA. MANDY STATED UNLESS SHE IS ASKED TO FORWARD A CERTAIN PROPERTY BILL TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS, SHE IS NOT AWARE TO DO SO.

MARK GOODRICH STATED HE UNDERSTANDS DUSTY IS UPSET AND HE HAS A RIGHT TO BE. ARK ALSO STATED THE TENANT THEY HAD LIVING AT THE PROPERTY WAS THERE SINCE 2023 AND THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON WITH THE COUNCIL AT THE TIME. DUSTY STATED HE WAS NOT THERE TO PUT THE BLAME ON THE SECRETARY HE JUST WANTS TO GET THE BILL CORRECTED. MANDY STATED SHE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO TAKE THE PENALTIES OFF THE BILL WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL. MARK GOODRICH STATED THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS AND THEY WILL NOT HAVE AN ANSWER FOR DUSTY TONIGHT.

JUNE WOODARD STATED IN THE FUTURE THESE ISSUES NEED TO GO TO MARK GOODRICH BECAUSE HE IS ON THE WATER / SEWER AUTHORITY, IT IS NOT UP TO MANDY. SHE STATED MANDY HAS BEEN TAKING THE HEAT AND SHE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO. JUNE ALSO STATED MARK SHOULD BE THE ONE TALKING TO COUNCIL ABOUT THE ISSUE AND TAKING IT OFF MANDY, BECAUSE SHUTTING WATER OFF IS UP TO THE COUNCIL NOT MANDY.

AUSTIN WELCH STATED THERE WAS A TIME WHEN SHUT OFFS WERE NOT BEING DONE BECAUSE THE COUNCIL DECIDED NOT TO FOR DIFFERENT REASONS.

WENDY GRAHAM ASKED MARK GOODRICH IF HE WANTED TO MEET WITH THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THIS ISSUE. MARK STATED YES DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

JEREMY FREEMAN ASKED IF THE BOROUGH HAS STANDARDS WHEN IT COMES TO SHUT OFF NOTICES WITHIN THE BOROUGH. MANDY STATED 30 DAYS, HOWEVER IF WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO SHUT THE WATER OFF WE CANNOT.

FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS MADE CONCERNING SHUT OFFS WITHIN THE BOROUGH, HOW IT WORKS AND WHAT HAS TO BE DONE.

ACCEPTING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MAY 9, 2024, REGULAR MEETING:

MARK GOODRICH STATED THERE WERE SOME TYPO CORRECTIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE FROM THE MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 9, 2024.

MARK GOODRICH STATED WITH THE CORRECTIONS HE MAKES A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 9, 2024, SECONDED GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

THERE WAS AN EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD FOR PERSONNEL AND LEGAL ISSUES. MARK GOODRICH AND GLENDA MARZO-BURTON BOTH STATED THAT WAS JUST

TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE COUNCIL HELD AND EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY ON MAY 30, 2024.

POOL PRESSURE TEST RESULTS:

MATT SHERMAN STATED A PRESSURE TEST OF THE POOL LINES WAS CONDUCTED ON APRIL 15, 2024. THE TEST WAS UNABLE TO BE CONDUCTED DUE TO CROSSOVER LINES FROM THE POOL TO THE POOL HOUSE, THIS WAS FOUND USING A LOCATOR AND A SCOPE. THE CROSSING OF THE LINES CAUSES THE MAIN DRAIN OF THE POOL NOT TO BE ABLE TO BE FUNCTIONAL AND TO DRAIN PROPERLY. THE PLUMBING DOES NOT MATCH THE BLUEPRINT RECORDS ON HAND.

WENDY GRAHAM STATED WHEN SHE WAS WORKING WITH MR. MILLARD ON POOL GRANTS, HE SUGGESTED THAT TESTING BE DONE FIRST SO A FLIP CHART COULD BE CREATED TO SHOW WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY DONE.

JUNE WOODARD STATED IF SHE COULD HAVE A COPY OF THE PRESSURE TEST RESULTS TO PUT WITH FUNDING APPLICATIONS IT WOULD HELP TO SHOW NOT ONLY WHAT WE HAVE DONE BUT ALSO THAT IT WOULD BE MORE FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE TO PUT THE POOL IN A NEW LOCATION.

MARK GOODRICH ASKED IF THERE IS A RECOMMENDATION NOT TO OPEN THE POOL THIS YEAR.

MATT SHERMAN MADE A MOTION NOT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CURRENT POOL BASED ON THE PRESSURE TEST RESULTS, SECONDED BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MANDY ASKED HOW TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE POOL. MATT SHERMAN STATED TO LET THEM KNOW IT WOULD BE A COMPLETE EXCAVATION OF THE POOL SO WE CANNOT OPEN IT.

WENDY GRAHAM ANNOUNCED THE BOROUGH WIDE YARD SALES ARE GOING TO BE JUNE 22, 2024.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON THANKED MANDY FOR WORKING DILIGENTLY ON THE BOROUGH PHONES, TO GET A DIFFERENT GREETING WHEN PEOPLE CALLED. SHE STATED IT DID TAKE A LONG TIME BUT THE CURRENT COMPANY OUR PHONE LINES ARE THROUGH WILL NOT ALLOW US TO CHANGE ANYTHING OURSELVES AND THEY TOOK A LONG TIME GETTING BACK TO MANDY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MATT SHERMAN TO SWITCH THE BOROUGH OFFICE AND POLICE OFFICE PHONE LINES TO VONAGE, SECONDED BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON. ROLL CALL VOTE: TROY BURROUS – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, PETE

VANGORDEN – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES. MOTION CARRIED.

DUSTY DERR ASKED IF SOMEONE WAS GOING TO BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM CONCERNING THE DECISION OF HIS WATER BILL AS HE WANTED TO LEAVE THE MEETING. MARK GOODRICH STATED HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM WITHIN A WEEK OR SO.

A QUESTION WAS ASKED CONCERNING A TRAILER A BENDER LANE WHOSE WATER BILL IS ALSO HIGH. A DISCUSSION WAS MADE CONCERNING WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ISSUE AT HAND AND WHAT EXACTLY THE ISSUE WAS. MANDY STATED THERE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING LEAK DIRECTLY UNDER THE TRAILER AND THE WATER HAS BEEN SHUT OFF.

PETE VANGORDEN STATED THE MOWING WITH THE DPW WORKERS HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF AT THIS TIME.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

DPW REPORT: MARK GOODRICH MADE A MOTION TO PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR CLOSED BIDS FOR THE BOROUGH SALT SPREADER AND THE ZERO TURN LAWNMOWER, SECONDED BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

SEWER REPORT:

MIKE ARNOLD SPOKE ABOUT SLUDGE REMOVAL AT THE SEWER PLANT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK GOODRICH TO HAVE 25 LOADS OF SLUDGE REMOVED BY KELLY TOWNSHIP AT THE RATE OF 19 ½ CENTS PER GALLON AND TO REVISIT THE LOADS AFTER THESE FIRST 25 ARE DONE, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN. ROLL CALL VOTE: TROY BURROUS – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES, ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT MIKE ARNOLD HAS QUOTES FOR THE SAND FILTERS, COMPRESSOR AND AIR COOLER FOR THE SEWER PLANT. THE CURRENT COMPRESSOR IS NOT WORKING PROPERLY.

JUNE WOODARD STATED THE AUTHORITY IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOROUGH PURCHASE A NEW COMPRESSOR, PUMP AND COIL, THE TOTAL WOULD BE \$5321.00 FOR A BRAND NEW ONE, FROM THE TOTAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY. SHE STATED THIS IS THE CHEAPEST THAT HAS BEEN FOUND.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MATT SHERMAN TO ORDER A NEW COMPRESSOR FOR THE SEWER PLANT, SECONDED BY PETE VANGORDEN. ROLL CALL VOTE: TIM

WHITNEY – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

JUNE WOODARD STATED THAT THE GENERATOR AT THE SEWER PLANT ALSO NEEDS REPAIRED. MIKE ARNOLD STATED THAT JEFF QUICK WILL BE TAKING A LOOK AT IT.

ZONING REPORT:

MARK GOODRICH SPOKE ABOUT ZONING TICKETS AND LEINS WITH PROPERTIES THAT HAVE PAST WATER BILLS. MATT SHERMAN STATED HE DOES NOT WANT US TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR IF WE DO NOT HAVE TO. MANDY STATED THAT SHE CONTACTED THE PSAB AND THEY STATED YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH YOUR SOLICITOR TO PUT A LEIN ON A PROPERTY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON TO HAVE MARK RESUE FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COURT JUSTICE CONCERNING THE PROPERTY ON SECOND STREET THAT IS FALLING DOWN, FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THAT ERB INSPECTIONS STATED THEY CAN HELP WITH SOME OF THE VIOLATIONS.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

WENDY GRAHAM STATED THAT THE RECREATION AUTHORITY HAD THEIR MEETING LAST MONTH AND SHE BROUGHT IN COPIES OF THEIR MEETING MINUTES FOR ALL OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, SHE ALSO STATED THEY ARE MEETING AGAIN NEXT THURSDAY.

STREETS / DIKES COMMITTEE REPORT:

MARK GOODRICH STATED THAT THE DIKES HAVE BEEN MOWED, AND THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON GETTING OUR PERMITS FOR THE GRAVEL LEVEE. MARK EXPLAINED ABOUT THE GRAVEL LEVEE.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

TIM WHITNEY STATED THEY ARE STILL WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM CHRIS LANTZ.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

WENDY GRAHAM STATED THEY INTERVIEWED A GENTLEMAN FOR THE DPW POSITION, BUT HE DECIDED NOT TO TAKE THE POSITION. MATT SHERMAN STATED THEY HAVE ANOTHER APPLICANT TO REACH OUT TO BUT HE HAD SOME FAMILY THINGS GOING ON SO MATT STATED HE WILL REACH OUT TO HIM AGAIN WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.

WENDY GRAHAM ASKED IF WE STILL HAVE THE ADVERTISEMENT GOING FOR THE DPW AND TREASURER POSITIONS. MANDY STATED YES, IT IS AN ONGOING AD FOR A MONTH FOR BOTH OPEN POSITIONS.

WATER / SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT:

JUNE WOODARD STATED THAT THEY HAVE APPROVED THE AUTHORITY SECRETARY AND TREASURER, MANDY TO BE PAID AT \$21.00 AN HOUR.

FINANCE / EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

LEASES: GLENDA MARZO-BURTON STATED THAT THERE A FEW PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE BOROUGH THAT PEOPLE ARE USING.

CHARLIE PAINTER IS HAYING BOROUGH LAND, WHERE THE NYPUM BUILDING IS.

THE BOROUGH MAY WANT TO CHECK INTO GETTING SOMETHING FROM HIM RELEASING THE BOROUGH IF ONE OF THEM GETS HURT, ETC.

GLENDA STATED THE OTHER PROPERTY IS WHERE MARTY BALADA IS TAPPING THE TREES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON TO CONTACT THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING RELEASING THE BOROUGH FROM INCIDENTS WHILE THEY ARE ON BOROUGH PROPERTY, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

GLENDA MARZO – BURTON STATED THAT SHE HAS GONE THROUGH ALL OF THE BOROUGH INVOICES AND ACCOUNTS FROM NOVEMBER 2023 UNTIL MAY 2024 AND ALL THE MONEY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED INTO THE CORRECT ACCOUNTS NOW. SHE STATED THAT MANDY AND SHE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TRYING TO GET THE BOROUGH ACCOUNTS IN ORDER.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON TO PAY THE BOROUGH BILLS ACCORDING TO THE INTERIM TREASURER'S EXPENSE REPORT, SECONDED BY TIM WHITNEY, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL AND PERSONNEL: BEGAN 7:22 PM ENDED 8:16 PM

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON TO GO THROUGH INDEED, THE UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS TO LOOK FOR A TREASURER, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MATT SHERMAN TO MOVE MANDY'S PAY TO \$21.00 AN HOUR AS OTHER TREASURERS HAVE MADE, WHILE SHE IS INTERIM TREASURER, AND TO BE PAID RETRO PAY FROM MAY 10 WHEN SHE TOOK OVER, WHEN WE HIRE A TREASURER MANDY WILL GO BACK TO HER NORMAL PAY, SECONDED BY TROY BURROUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: MARK GOODRICH – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PETE VANGORDEN TO GIVE BRIAN DAVENPORT THE SAME HOURLY WAGES DAN CLARK WAS MAKING WHILE DAN IS OFF, SECONDED BY TIM WHITNEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: MARK GOODRICH – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PETE VANGORDEN TO HAVE BRIAN DAVENPORT GET QUOTES USING COSTARS FOR NEW DPW TRUCK, A 450 AND A 550, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN. ROLL CALL VOTE: MARK GOODRICH – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON TO RAISE MARK RESUE'S WAGES FROM \$125.00 A WEEK TO \$150.00 PER WEEK PLUS MILAGE, SECONDED BY TIM WHITNEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: TIM WHITNEY – YES, MARK GOODRICH – YES, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLENDA MARZO-BURTON TO HIRE A PART TIME DPW / SEWER LABORER, SECONDED BY MATT SHERMAN, ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

AUSTIN WELCH ASKED ABOUT THE RECREATION COMMITTEE AND THE AUTHORITY. MATT SHERMAN STATED HE SPEAKS CONCERNING THE RECREATION COMMITTEE AND WENDY SPEAKS CONCERNING THE RECREATION AUTHORITY.

AUSTIN WELCH ASKED ABOUT THE RECREATION AUTHORITY'S EIN NUMBER AT THE BANK AND WHO IT IS UNDER. WENDY GRAHAM STATED SHE DOES NOT

KNOW IF THEY HAVE ONE. WENDY STATED THE RECREATION AUTHORITY DOES NOT HAVE A 501-C SO THEY MUST HAVE AN EIN NUMBER. (A TAX-EXEMPT NUMBER) MANDY STATED THAT THE RECREATION AUTHORITY HAS AN EIN NUMBER THROUGH THE BANK AND IT IS THE SAME AS THE BOROUGH'S EIN NUMBER.

AUSTIN WELCH STATED THERE IS A BANK ACCOUNT FOR A "COMMITTEE" THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN CREATED. WENDY GRAHAM STATED THE RECREATION AUTHORITY HAS REGULAR MEETINGS AND HAVE EXISTED FOR 50 + YEARS.

AUSTIN WELCH STATED THERE IS NOT A THIRD ENTITY IN THE BOROUGH THERE IS ONLY TWO, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND THE WATER / SEWER AUTHORITY.

WENDY GRAHAM STATED SHE IS NEW TO THE RECREATION AUTHORITY BUT THERE IS A DEDICATED STONE IN THE PARK TO THE RECREATION AUTHORITY.

AUSTIN ASKED IF ONE COUNCIL MEMBER COULD PLEASE GIVE HIM ANYTHING ON THE EXISTENCE OF THE RECREATION AUTHORITY. MATT SHERMAN STATED THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CALLED THE AUTHORITY AND THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE ON THE STONE IN THE PARK WHO STARTED IT. MATT STATED THE ONLY THING HE KNOWS THAT WAS DONE FINANCIALLY BY THE RECREATION AUTHORITY WAS TO BUY AND SELL THE SNACKS AT THE POOL.

MORE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE HISTORY OF THE RECREATION AUTHORITY.

DONNA BLEND STATED SHE HAS A CONCERN FOR JEFF QUICK DOING THINGS AT THE SEWER PLANT FOR MIKE ARNOLD IF HIS COST IS OVER \$500.00 IS IT RESTRICTED AS TO WHAT JEFF QUICK CAN DO? IT WAS STATED THAT JEFF GIVES QUOTES BEFORE WORK IS DONE.

MATT SHERMAN MADE A MOTION THAT MIKE ARNOLD GETS THE SEWER PLANT GENERATOR FIXED UP TO TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, IF THE COST IS MORE THE COUNCIL WILL NEED TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING, SECONDED BY TROY BURROUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: MARK GOODRICH – NO FOR NOW, GLENDA MARZO-BURTON – YES, TIM WHITNEY – YES, MATT SHERMAN – YES, PETE VANGORDEN – YES, TROY BURROUS – YES, WENDY GRAHAM – YES.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

8:40 PM

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

MANDY MAHNKE

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THURSDAY JULY 11, 2024

Council Members Present: Mark Goodrich, Glenda Marzo-Burton, Pete VanGorden, Tim Whitney, Matt Sherman, Wendy Graham

Not Present: Mayor Bill Sherman, Council Member Troy Burrous, Borough Secretary Mandy Mahnke

Others: Donna Blend, Holly Schoonover, Jeff Jeffers, Trina Marzo, Anthony Marzo, Kera Hackett, Austin Welch, Terri Card, Raymi Higgins, Paula Kohut, Terry Wells

Call To Order: Wendy Graham called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

An immediate call to Executive Session was called by the Council President Wendy Graham, for legal and personnel matters. The Executive Session ended at 7:25 pm.

Mark Goodrich made a motion for the Borough to hire a private investigator, after seeking the cost, seconded by Matt Sherman. Roll call vote: Glenda Marzo-Burton – Yes, Pete VanGorden – Yes, Mark Goodrich – Yes, Tim Whitney – Yes, Matt Sherman – Yes, Wendy Graham – Yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Maria Phelps asked about the “Green Light Go” project. Wendy Graham stated the Elkland Borough is next in line, the money is secure, but there is no projected date for the project.
- Terry Wells asked about the property on Second Street and what is going to be done with that. Mark Resue stated that he would like to have the council’s permission to speak with the Zoning attorney (Loomis). Mark Goodrich stated that if the property is condemned it is very costly for the demolition, and that the Borough would be responsible for that cost.

- Maria Phelps stated that she knows of someone that could possibly do the demolition for less than \$20,000.00
- A resident asked if water meters could be read one month and estimated another, maybe that would help save the Borough money.
- Maria Phelps asked about the “roadway” behind her Pizza shop, the dentist office and Rainbow Rose. She stated last she knew the public could access it, but it has been blocked since blacktopped. The Tioga County GIS maps show that “roadway” belongs to no one. She has asked Mark Resue to investigate this matter.
- A resident asked if the “Elkland Information” Facebook page belonged to the Borough. It was brought to the attention of this resident that there was an issue with her “bill” being posted online, and her water bill in general. She asked for a history of her bill to be printed out for her.
- Paula Kohut asked about the resignation letter of Terri Card. She asked if any resolutions to the “problems” in that letter are going to be taken care of to include the past employee, since this letter was made public.
- A resident stated that they have seen the Elkland Borough vehicle at the sewer plant, yet the operator is driving his own personal vehicle to his schooling. Matt Sherman stated that he wondered the same thing. Mark Goodrich and Jeremy Freeman both stated that neither one of them would dare to drive that vehicle out of the Borough, it needs a lot of work.
- A resident stated that a paid Borough manager was overseeing the Borough employees at one time, she asked if this was something we should do again. Matt Sherman stated that would be great if the Borough had the money. He also stated that is something they are looking into.
- Terry Wells stated she would like to see the zoning officer get a raise.

Mark Goodrich made a motion to allow Mark Resue to contact the Borough’s Zoning Solicitor concerning the Second Street property; Matt Sherman seconded the motion, all present were in favor, motion carried.

- A resident questioned why the Borough office has a book covering the camera when the Borough “pays” for the security cameras. Austin Welch stated, “does someone want to speak up and say why the office camera is covered?” Austin asked, “why are we hiding it, just tell them.” Wendy Graham stated, “we are not impeding an investigation.” Austin Welch asked if statements have been gotten. Terry Wells stated that “it is not the Borough’s place to take statements.” Austin stated, “if you knew what was going on it is their place, it has been going on since December, right Wendy?” Wendy stated, “there is nothing in writing.” Austin stated, “it doesn’t have to be in writing.” Mark Goodrich stated, “the Borough attorney said everything has to be in writing.” Austin stated, “has anyone called the state police, has anyone turned it over, has anything been done at all to address the situation?” Mark Goodrich stated, “that can’t be answered at this time.” Austin stated, “this is what is going on, Chris Brackman has been accused of sexual harassment against multiple women in this town, there is a PA State police investigation going on that was going to be handled by the state police in Mansfield.” Wendy Graham gavelled Austin Welch at this point in the meeting. Austin stated, “this is public comments.” Wendy stated, “we are not discussing this is public.” Austin stated, “this is

public comments; it is my turn." Wendy stated, "nope, no it isn't." Austin stated, "I am a witness to it, Dan and Mike Arnold are witnesses." Wendy stated, "did you sign anything." Austin stated, "we are waiting to be interviewed, we have all requested to be." Terry Wells stated, "I don't know if that is their job." Austin stated, "yes, it is their job, they haven't taken a single statement." Mark Resue stated, "when it comes to a police investigation, the state police are not involved." Austin stated, "the reason the book is over the camera is because Ray paid a separate company to come in and get on the Borough's video cameras with no ones permission and he got the video of what happened and he gave it to Chris Brackman, and Chris Brackman took it to his damn unio rep, that's why the book is over it, this is the crap that's not being talked about that everyone should know about. Jeremy's wife had to say something to him, its multiple women and he has a history." A resident stated maybe the camera should be uncovered so that things can be recorded. Austin stated, "maybe if the Borough Council had access to the cameras and not the people who have been accused of the crime that was on the video - that's tampering with evidence. The investigation has been transferred from PA State Trooper Shedden in Mansfield to the investigator's unit in Montoursville." Mark Goodrich stated to Austin, "you think you know so much but you don't." Austin stated, "I do know so much, you Mark transferred it over to an investigator at the Attorney General's office who isn't going to do anything." Mark Goodrich stated, "it is under investigation, I'm not going to get into it." Austin stated, "who is investigating it." Mark Goodrich stated, "there are state police officials that are part of it, and other people involved that have been asked numerous times to give written statements from the accused and everyone else." Austin stated, "you have gotten them, one from Dan, Mike and a 17-page statement from Mandy, you're not going to lie Mark. The problem is leadership, there is zero leadership, none. I am asking again, please, please for the love of God put an end to this madness and put someone in that seat that will do the job, please." Tim Whitney told Austin to sit down. Austin stated, "this is my time." Tim Whitney stated, "I'm tired of the same thing." Austin stated, "you're covering up sexual harassment with these citizens." Tim Whitney stated, "he hasn't seen the statements." Austin stated he knows Tim hasn't seen them because it's not been given out, there's a reason it's not being given out, because when it was found out by Wendy in December, she tried covering it up and didn't do anything." Tim stated, "Wendy wasn't in charge in December." Austin stated, "she was here, and she was made aware, and it doesn't matter because she was the board president at the time. Nothing is happening this is ridiculous the board can't even communicate with the public, nothing comes out, rumors are flying everywhere, there is no leadership, you must act, or this is going to get worse, we are going to lose all our employees, and the citizens are all going to think you're a bunch of shams, it's over." Glenda Marzo-Buron stated, "the state will come in and run this town, because it is already being discussed and this board will disappear." Austin stated, "State Trooper Shedden was coming to get the recording off the camera until Ray took it off, that's the problem." A resident asked where Austin is getting his information from. Austin stated, "From Tropper Shedden, I'm a witness, I have spoken to him, I'm part of this." Mark Goodrich stated, "Eastern Security came and got the videos we made a lease with them, they came in and released the cameras, they are only held for 45 days then they record over themselves, stuff was taken off the cameras taken to Security and turned over to the proper authorities and it's gone." Austin stated, "if you had the video, someone would be

here arresting him.” Glenda Marzo-Burton stated, “I think what he’s frustrated about is that you’re still paying him for doing the behavior he did.” Austin stated, “how about sending him on leave until the investigation is done.” Mark Goodrich stated, “we cannot do anything unless the complainant files a complaint.” Mark Resue stated, “he is covered under Act 111, which is if you’re sending a peace officer out on leave without proper allegations you have to pay him on administrative leave until allegations are brought forward.” Austin stated, “paying him at home is better than having both working in the same office, this is unacceptable, all of it, this is just the tip of the iceberg.” Terri Card stated, “have you ever worked in that front office, because I did for three months and I can tell you how Mandy acts when men are in there when Mike her boyfriend is not around, the water operator.” Austin stated, “I don’t know what this has to do with anything, it’s not just her making accusations. I still have more if you would like. You all know what I know, I’ve talked to all of you except the one who won’t answer her phone, should I keep going or can we call a vote and restructure the damn board already, ok let’s go... Ordinance 81 that was missing from the book.” Residents were telling Austin he’s done talking. Austin stated, “this is my time I have the floor.”

A motion by Mark Goodrich was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pete VanGorden. Wendy Graham stated the meeting is adjourned until order can be restored.

Adjournment: 7:45 pm

Minutes prepared by: Mandy Mahnke, per an audio recorder that was used during this meeting