

Elkland Borough Authority

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday June 5,2025

Chairman June Woodard: Present	Vice Chairman: Jeremy Freeman-Present
Larry Kroeck: Absent	Willaim Hall: Present
Austin Welch: Present	Mark Goodrich: Present

Meeting was called to the order by Chairman: June Woodard at 6:03 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments / Presentation

Previous Minutes

- A motion was made by June Woodward to accept May 1, 2025 Minutes – Tabled Minutes to redo

Communications

Executive Session -

Old Business

- Austin Welch made a motion to add to the old business a restructuring of officers. Seconded by Jeremy Freeman –
 - Roll Call: Mark Goodrich - No, June Woodard – No, Jeremy Freeman – Yes, William Hall – Yes, Austin Welch – Yes – Motion Carried
 - Jeremy Freeman nominated Austin Welch for Chairman
 - Roll Call: Mark Goodrich – Abstained, June Woodard – No, Jeremy Freeman – Yes, William Hall – Yes, Austin Welch – Yes – Motion Carried
- William Hall nominated Jeremy Freeman for Vice – Chairman – Seconded by Austin Welch
 - Roll Call: Mark Goodrich – Abstained, June Woodard – No, Jeremy Freeman – Yes, William Hall – Yes, Austin Welch – Yes – Motion Carried

- Austin Welch nominated Brianna Simons for Secretary / Treasurer
Seconded by William Hall
 - Roll Call: Mark Goodrich – Abstained, June Woodard – Yes, Jeremy Freeman – Yes, William Hall – Yes, Austin Welch – Yes – Motion Carried
- Austin Welch stated that the agenda and minutes were too vague and he didn't understand why Brad Upson and Ann Crowley were listed under New Business.

New Business

▪ Brad Upson stood up and began stating private laterals and there are federal funds that can be used if there was a public need. Slip lining and further sampling manholes on River Street EXT and North Buffalo EXT can be looked at. The bids consent order extension. Rebid and two bids – Advanced Rehab Tech – For \$74,600 – Other using a different process \$101,810. June made a motion to accept the bid of \$74,600 – Seconded by Jeremy Freeman –

- Roll Call – June Woodard – Yes, William Hall – Yes, Jeremy Freeman – Yes, Mark Goodrich – Abstained, Austin Welch – whispered Yes
- There was a motion made by June Woodard to add to the agenda and seconded by William Hall
 - June Woodard stated that the Vector plan investigated \$1,119 and coincided with what the borough had. Kerra Hackett stated that the borough website lacked any information and why would we want it, and so Austin Welch tabled it for an investigation.
- June Woodard stated that the PSAB recommended the website – Austin Welch recommended an additional meeting next week to discuss the website.
- DEP support – Jeremy Welch, June Woodard and Glenda Marzo – Burton watched a video conference on water stats. Austin Welch stated the less contact we have with DEP is better as he believes they are only for enforcement of laws. Ann Crowley spoke up and said DEP outreach is not enforcement, but they are to help follow the rules. Brad Upson said they also do training. Jeremy Freeman attended with DEP outreach funded Water Audit. June Woodard stated two people would come in and train from the DEP outreach. Motion was made by Jeremy Freeman to continue the outreach program – Seconded by June Woodard
 - Austin Welch – Yes Mark Goodrich - Abstained, Bill Hall – Yes

- June Woodard discussed the Exeter remote meters. The ones to attach the meters we had cost \$175 each – the others range from \$250 - \$350. – Exeter meters are cellphone based and can track water loss quicker.
- Austin Welch asked if the water had been zoned like the sewer – June Woodard replied Yes
- Mark Goodrich said that the water flows circularly from and back at some points in time. Brad Upson said that they would have to evaluate the flows, Austin Welch asked if it could be for a ten year, is there a ten – year plan? June Woodard said it is a trial period.
- Interim Financial at Citizen and Northern Bank (CNN) will be secured by the municipal authority. June Woodard said the Penn Vest Grant of \$1.8 million to satisfy the consent order must be in place. The invoices are to be paid first and tenth submitted for reimbursement from the grant. The interim financing will be used to make the initial payments.
- In connection with the Capital Action Plan Brad Upson stated that the power supply at Barney Hill site needs updated. The upgrade has delayed the bidding process. It is expected that the bids will be in July or August. Arpa Funda could be utilized for the upgrade.
- A motion was made by June Woodard to go to CNN bank for interim financing and bring it back to the table for review by the authority for approval. The motion was Seconded by Jeremy Freeman.
 - Roll Call: Jeremy Freeman: Yes, June Woodard: Yes, Austin Welch: Yes, William Hall: Yes, Mark Goodrich: Abstained. A resolution will be required following the approval.
 - Austin Welch developed a finance committee of William Hall, June Woodard, Jeremy Freeman to handle interim financing.
- Austin Welch stated that he had two items that needed to be addressed. THESE ITEMS NEVER GOT ADDED TO THE AGENDA.
- Austin Welch stated that a lease violation existed, and the council would have to change the permits in 2006 to run the sewer plant. The borough is out of compliance because the permit has not changed.
- William Hall made a motion to establish the authority as the controller of the water and sewer authority, asserting owners, operators, authority and bills and records.
 - Seconded by Jeremy Freeman.
 - Roll Call: Jeremy Freeman – Yes, June Woodard – No, William Hall – Yes, Austin Welch – Yes, and Mark Goodrich – abstained.

- Austin Welch formed a committee to start the transition. Austin is the head of this committee. Jeremy Freeman and William Hall will serve in the text message group that will be open to the public.
- The authority will meet again on Wednesday June 11, 2025.

Public comments on agenda:

- Terry Oberther Wells asked about the authority vacancy. Austin Welch said it must go before the council as they make appointments.

Adjournment

- Motion made by Austin Welch to adjourn meeting at 7:45PM-Seconded by William Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Brianna Simons

Secretary/Treasurer

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