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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Dwight Frizen who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members, Merle Stoltzfus, Jack Stewart, Bob French, Dwight Frizen, Doug Hoskins, Esther Prosser; Bob Broderick, Mayor and Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer, Absent: Carol Ruffner

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Joe Boldaz, MABE Engineer, Rick Shaw, MABE Board Chairman, James Scheffey, Borough Solicitor, Corporal John Sours, PSP, Bob Clements and George Firrantello, Residents

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the July 2017 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Corporal Sours, from Pennsylvania State Police, Embreeville Barracks, reported on the year to date crime in the Borough, and noted that there has been very little activity. Dwight Frizen mentioned he would like to see additional Police presence on Route 23 to control speeding. Mayor Bob Broderick asked Corporal Sours to explain the change in how Troopers are assigned to the area. Corporal Sours briefly explained the change was a reorganization of stations, but there would be no effect on the Borough. Corporal Sours also explained the zone system, and said there will always be one, or sometimes two Troopers assigned to our area for each shift. Doug Hoskins asked what the approximate response time would be for the farthest out point where the assigned Trooper could be coming from, Corporal Sours said in an emergency, he would estimate approximately twelve minutes, but indicated that this would vary depending upon the incident.

Rick Shaw and Joe Boldaz spoke on behalf of the Municipal Authority. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Boldaz gave Council Members an update on some of the challenges with keeping the sewer system running at its best. Mr. Boldaz provided handouts for Council, which included diagrams for the sanitary sewer infiltration, and a graph of the inflow rate during extreme rainfall events. Mr. Boldaz expressed concerns for inflow that could be coming from sources that should not be flowing into the system. Mr. Boldaz also presented pictures of some areas of concern for excessive inflow. Mr. Boldaz discussed some ideas as to how this excessive inflow could be improved. Mr. Shaw spoke about the efforts MABE has made to improve infiltration concerns, such as repairing manholes, and offering inspections to property owners. Mr. Shaw also mentioned that an Ordinance Update could be helpful. Esther Prosser suggested an article for both the Newsletter and the Borough's Website could be a good source for educating the Community as well.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Doug Hoskins reported on the EMS Budget Meeting. Doug asked for consideration from Council to approve the EMS contribution to be paid with the July bills, as opposed to waiting until the September bills. Council was in agreement that the EMS Contribution could be paid with the July bills.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Doug Hoskins to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

Doug Hoskins reported on the year to date income. Doug also discussed budgeting and the need to continue contributing funds to the Capital Reserve account for future road work and repairs to Borough buildings and property's.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dwight Frizen announced that Carol Ruffner had submitted her letter of resignation as Council Member.

With regrets, Bob French made a motion to accept Carol Ruffner's letter of resignation as Council Member, seconded by Doug Hoskins. Motion carried by all.

Bob French made a motion to appoint George Firrantello as a Council Member, to serve in place of resigned Council member, Carol Ruffner, until January 2018, seconded by Doug Hoskins. Motion carried by all.

Mayor Bob Broderick swore George Firrantello in to office.

George Firrantello made a motion to adopt Floodplain Management Ordinance Number 01-2017, seconded by Jack Stewart. Motion carried by all.

Dwight Frizen asked Jim Scheffey if he could advise on controlling Solicitation in the Borough. Mr. Scheffey explained that basically what you would see is an Ordinance that requires some kind of registration, and a nominal fee as a way for controlling solicitation. Council discussed updating the Ordinance. Lori will provide the old Ordinance to Dwight for review. Council suggested a permit badge could be issued along with a permit, and then be returned upon expiration of the permit.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS

Bob French mentioned that he is working on getting quotes for repairs to the walls at the Borough Building. Bob is also getting a quote for repairs to the sidewalks near Livingood Park, as well as paint work and sidewalks for the train station.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reported that the Gore Con, Inc. has completed the punch list work for the 2017 Street Project. Mark reported the project is now complete. Mark recommended, per SSM Group's letter dated July 27, 2017, that Council approve application for payment No. 2.

Jack Stewart made a motion to approve Pay Application No. 2, per SSM Group's letter dated July 27, 2017, payable to Gore Con, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 as final payment for the 2017 Streets project, seconded by Bob French. Motion carried by all.

Council discussed the quality of the road work that had been completed. George Firrantello asked if quality concerns are typically reported to PennDot. Mark said he would look into this.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Dwight Frizen explained a property owner on Main Street is requesting permission to construct a shed on a lot which does not currently have a principal use. Council agreed by consensus to allow the property owner to construct a shed on the vacant lot. Lori will inform Kraft Codes that they can proceed with processing the permit application.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart reported on the topics from the Municipal Authority Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus explained he is waiting on the sewer module approval for his Subdivision. Merle said that the Municipal Authority needed to change the wording on their letter to DEP, and create a new letter. Merle said he is awaiting the final approval from the new letter, which should be issued within the week. Council agreed to sign the plans, and hold at the Borough office until the DEP approval was received.

Merle Stoltzfus explained, it would not be in the best interest of the Borough Citizens, for the water main construction to be done concurrent with the Main Street Stormwater Project, as it was previously considered. Merle explained the Water Project will start approximately late March of 2018, and the Stormwater work and repaving should be done by approximately late November 2018. Merle also mentioned that PennDot will be replacing the median curb islands located near the respective project limits, and will need to know if Council would like to retain the soil, or replace it with the standard concrete cap. Esther Prosser will speak with the Tree Commission about what they feel would be best.

Dwight Frizen asked Council if they have considered their decision about signing the Gerrymandering Resolution, which was discussed at the July 2017 Meeting. After discussion, Council did not agree to sign in favor of the Gerrymandering Resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Doug Hoskins to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer