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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Merle Stoltzfus who let the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Robert and Rose Stroker, Residents, and Gretchen Streuli, Resident

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Bob French to accept the December 2016 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by Dwight Frizen and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the January 2017 Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS CORRESPONDENCE:

Merle Stoltzfus reviewed the 2017 compensation increase, and changes for Lori Kolb, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

Doug Hoskins made a motion, seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the 2017 compensation increase, and changes as presented for Lori Kolb, Secretary / Treasurer. Motion carried by all.

COMMISSION SELECTIONS:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins, and seconded by Dwight Frizen to re-appoint Teri Tegtmeier to the Tree Commission, Tim Greisser to the Zoning Hearing Board, and to appoint Rose Stroker to the Historical Commission. Motion carried by all.

SELECTION OF OPEN RECORDS OFFICER AND RECYCLING COORDINATOR

Motion was made by Dwight Frizen, and seconded by Bob French to appoint Doug Hoskins as Recycling Coordinator. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins, and seconded by Dwight Frizen to appoint Lori Kolb as the Open Records Officer. Motion carried by all.

COMMITTEE AND PROJECT LIST REVIEW:

Council reviewed the Committee, and Project Lists. There were no recommended changes. All Members will continue with the Committees and Projects as assigned, per the current list.

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS AND LIGHTS

Bob French mentioned the new emergency exit lights have been installed in the Borough Building. Bob explained he is continuing to work with the electrician to find a solution for increasing the brightness in the lighting for the meeting room.

Doug Hoskins reported that PPL has replaced the bulbs in the street lights on South Pine Street.

Lori Kolb will check with PPL to see if they will clean the street lights.

Doug Hoskins reported that Tim McEwen has repaired the brick walkway on Main Street, near Elverson Supply.

Esther Prosser would like to do a Newsletter article about the improvements that have been done in the meeting room.

Council discussed creating a policy for the use of the Meeting Room. Dwight Frizen will work on drafting a policy for the use of the Meeting Room.

Council discussed a wrecked vehicle that is parked at Livingood. Lori Kolb explained the resident did recently pay for a parking permit, however unfortunately the vehicle was involved in an accident the following week. The owner is working with the insurance company and Lori will follow up with the owner to make sure the car is removed as soon as possible.

LOCAL SERVICES

Council reviewed the State Police Report, there were no concerns with the report.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed his report with Council. Mark mentioned that there are some punch list items for Springfield Village, which involve regrading. Since we are in the colder season, the re-grading work may not be completed for a few months. Mark mentioned he will have a complete set of preliminary specs for the 2017 Street Project prepared for approval at the February Council Meeting.

Jack Stewart made a motion to accept the SSM Group's 2017 Rate Schedule for Engineering Services as presented, seconded by Dwight Frizen. Motion carried by all.

Jack Stewart made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-1, for Kraft Code Services updated fee schedule for zoning, permit fees, building permit and inspection fees, plumbing permit fees, electrical permit fees, mechanical permit fees, mandated fees and subdivision and land development submission fees, seconded by Dwight Frizen. Motion carried by all.

Merle Stoltzfus expressed his appreciation for both Kraft Codes Services, and SSM Group for their work in serving both the Borough and the Residents.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart was unable to attend the Municipal Authority meeting. Jack mentioned that although there will be a rate increase for sewer service, he is confident the MABE Board Members are doing everything they can to keep the rates as low as possible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus announced that Carol Ruffner does not plan to run for the two year seat in the 2017 election. Merle recommended holding an informational session for those residents who may be interested in becoming a Council Member.

NEW BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus expressed his appreciation to Council for allowing him to serve as President. Merle announced his resignation as Council President, however Merle said he will remain on Borough Council.

Merle Stoltzfus turned the meeting over to Bob French, Council Vice President. Bob opened nominations for selecting a Council President.

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins to nominate Dwight Frizen as Council President. Merle Stoltzfus made a motion made to close nominations, seconded by Doug Hoskins. Motion to accept the nomination was carried by all.

Bob French turned the meeting over to Council President, Dwight Frizen.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Bob French to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer