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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 and called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President, Shirley Crehan who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Crehan, Merle Stoltzfus, Bob Broderick, Esther Prosser, Jack Stewart, Bob French, Dwight Frizen and Lori Kolb, Secretary/Treasurer. Absent: Doug Hoskins

Also in attendance: Bob Trout, Whitford Corporation

Residents in attendance: Jim and Sue Huxoll, Bruce and Donna Hainley, George and Gail Neimy, Ellis and Gwen Brown.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Dwight Frizen and seconded by Bob French to accept the May 5, 2015 Council Minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Shirley Crehan informed Council that she and Lori have been sorting through old Borough files and will be shredding or disposing of archives and preliminary plans in accordance with PSAB's Municipal Records Manual and in compliance with Resolution No. 2010-2.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Jim Huxoll:

Jim Huxoll requested a correction to the Tri County News article from last month's Council Meeting, to report the type of proposed fuel involved with the Mariner East 2 Sunoco Pipeline Project to be methane, ethane and butane. Mr. Huxoll asked if Council has taken a position on the proposed Sunoco easement expansion and if so, what action, if any, does Council plan to take in support of their position and why. Bob Broderick explained they are working together to review all sides of the proposed project. Shirley Crehan explained the importance of attendance and participation by Borough Representatives and residents at the upcoming open house to be held on June 10th in Honey Brook. Merle Stoltzfus explained he has sought legal representation regarding the registered letter received from Sunoco Logistics. Esther Prosser mentioned that Shirley Crehan wrote an article which will appear in the June Newsletter and that other municipalities are facing similar concerns with this project. Esther suggested that residents may want to research information regarding the proposed Mariner East 2 Project from other areas which are also affected by this project. There was additional discussion between Council and residents regarding the Mariner East 2 Sunoco Project.

Ellis Brown:

Ellis Brown presented Council with a list of concerns that the pipeline configurations will bring for sewer pipes, water pipes, electrical lines, geothermal wells, use of property for storage of displaced soil and parking of construction vehicles, landscape, wells, etc. in the area of the proposed pipeline project, including the effect on the lay of the land. Shirley Crehan asked Mr. Brown to email information regarding his concerns to Lori Kolb, Borough Secretary.

Robert Trout:

Robert Trout from Whitford Corporation presented Council Members with a sample letter to PennDot regarding his concerns for ongoing flooding and overall hazardous road conditions on State Route 401 near Elverson and the Golf Course. The intent of the letter was to request PennDot to add the necessary repairs / reconstruction of State Route 401 to their project list. Mr. Trout also included pictures showing the areas of concern for hazardous road conditions along State Route 401. Mr. Trout requested Council Members consideration to be a signer on the final draft of his letter in support of his concerns. Mr. Trout plans to request the same support from other organizations, businesses and local municipality board members. Jack Stewart recommended that Mr. Trout speak to Senator Rafferty in regard to his concerns as well.

BOROUGH EVENT PLANNING:

Esther Prosser mentioned that the plans for Elverson Day are coming along nicely and gave Council an overview of the events, food and activities that are planned for the day. Esther suggested they would like to have an MC for the day.

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Bob French mentioned that the handicapped ramp, railing repairs and door replacement should begin soon. Bob further mentioned he has an appointment set with an electrician regarding the electrical work needed at the Borough Hall building and Livingood Park. Bob is also researching other repairs needed at Borough Hall. Bob French mentioned he and Doug Hoskins are going to begin the planning process for scheduling needed road work.

Dwight Frizen mentioned that PPL re-installed the light on South Pine Street.

Council discussed the two accidents that involved damage to the flower pots and what could be done to recover the cost of replacing the pots. It was determined if there were an accident report there could be a way to recover costs for the damage through an insurance company. Shirley Crehan mentioned that if given the location of the accidents, Lori could call the State Police to inquire about a report if anyone could provide a date for the accidents.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dwight Frizen mentioned he is going to attend the Government Cyber Security Seminar.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

The Historical Commission will be using one of the large cabinets from the Scout meeting room for storage. Shirley Crehan mentioned there is a need for assistance in moving this cabinet from the meeting room at Borough Hall to the Freight Station.

LOCAL SERVICES:

The State Police Report was distributed to Council and Shirley Crehan mentioned the report did show a slight increase in Police activity for the month of May. Shirley reviewed the Emergency Management Report with Council.

PLANNING:

Shirley Crehan explained that the Zoning and SALDO Plan Committee is making good progress.

SERVICES:

The engineering report was provided to Council. Shirley Crehan explained that Mark Stabolepszy was not in attendance, but was willing to trade his time in place of the June Council Meeting for a Zoning and SALDO meeting at another date. Council briefly discussed the issues with the County Conservation District's mandated storm water regulations and the affect it has on building projects.

Jack Stewart mentioned the Public Safety Training Center has opened a Tactical Village, which has been heavily used and is going over very well for fire prevention training. The County is in the final planning phase for a shooting range.

Jack Stewart reported on the topics of the meeting of the Municipal Authority which included infiltration concerns and closing of the lagoons.

Shirley Crehan explained there was recently a cancellation of a requested permit and asked if Council wanted to consider any changes to charging the application fee. Council was not in favor of adding an application fee at this time.

TREE COMMISSION:

Esther Prosser mentioned the ash trees were treated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bob French mentioned concerns were brought to his attention regarding property maintenance.

Shirley Crehan asked permission from Council to proceed with scheduling shredding services of archive information. Council agreed Shirley should move forward with the company she had chosen for the shredding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council discussed the sinkhole at a property at 55 W. Main Street and what might be the best solution at this time. Council agreed it would be best to fill the hole as a temporary fix and schedule a permanent repair when the pending Main Street storm water pipe work would be done.

Merle Stoltzfus explained forms were completed to get the Route 23 storm sewer project on the County list for projects. Merle mentioned he has been in contact with State Representatives regarding the Boroughs position on the storm water system repairs on Route 23.

Shirley Crehan explained that the roots from a tree in the Parkside Community have caused the sidewalk foundation to rise. Esther Prosser will discuss this concern with the Tree Commission.

Shirley Crehan asked Council's decision to support the letter presented by Bob Trout regarding the concerns for the road conditions on State Route 401. Merle Stoltzfus made a motion that Council sign the final letter, when it is provided by Bob Trout in support of his concerns for the conditions of State Route 401, motion seconded by Bob French. Motion carried by all.

Council discussed the request by Elverson Baseball's organization to donate a shed to the Livingood Park Property. Esther Prosser made a motion to allow Elverson Baseball's organization to donate the shed under the condition that the cost of the required foundation and any other costs relative to the shed and installation be provided by the organization, motion seconded by Jack Stewart. Motion carried by all.

Shirley Crehan checked with Council about purchasing a colored printer for the Borough Office. Council consented to proceed with the purchase.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Dwight Frizen and seconded by Bob French to adjourn. Motion carried by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Kolb
Secretary/Treasurer