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March 7, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Dwight Frizen who led 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, Collin Whitlock, Resident / Boy Scout

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Bob French to accept the February 2017 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the March 2017 Treasurers Report, and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

Dwight Frizen reviewed the 2016 Audit Report from RKL. Dwight announced there were no findings.

PERSON TO BE HEARD:

Collin Whitlock, a resident, and Boy Scout introduced himself to Council Members. Collin mentioned that he was in attendance at the Borough Council Meeting to take notes, as part of the requirement for completing his Citizenship Community Merit Badge.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dwight Frizen mentioned that Shirley Crehan, and Lori Kolb met with Sunoco Representatives on February 27, 2017. Dwight reviewed the information provided by Sunoco, which was included in Council's packets. Lori mentioned Sunoco's work day will start between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM, and could be up to 12 hours long, and at times will be 6 days per week. Lori explained Sunoco will provide updates throughout the Project, and there will always be an agent on site for any questions or concerns.

UPCOMING ELECTION:

Dwight Frizen asked Jack Stewart to explain the election process. Jack reviewed how the process works for both the two, and four year seats.

BOROUGH EVENTS

Esther Prosser announced upcoming Borough events. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 8th at 10:00 AM at Livingood Park, Memorial Day Observance Ceremony will be held at the Cemetery on May 29th at 10:30 AM, the Elverson Yard Sale will be held throughout the town on May 20th beginning at 8:00 AM, and Elverson Day will be June 24th at Livingood Park.

Esther mentioned that Jenny Cameron will be running the Easter Egg Hunt, and she is looking for additional volunteer help for the event.

Esther Prosser expressed her appreciation for the time and efforts of all those who volunteer to coordinate the Borough's Events. Esther said they all do a great job!

Esther Prosser asked if more information could be posted to the electronic sign, to cover more holidays, trash, and event announcements. Lori will post additional announcements as they are requested.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS

Bob French announced the new oil tanks are now connected, and the next step would be to schedule removal of the old tank. Jack Stewart recommended using a company that is certified to remove the old tank, to assure proper procedure is followed.

Bob French mentioned the flag at Park was in disrepair, and needs to be replaced. Bob is working on getting prices for a new flag. Bob would like to purchase a flag made of polyester, as it would be more durable than the nylon material. Dwight Frizen requested that the old flag be disposed of properly. Bob French will handle disposal of the old flag.

Bob French asked Council if they would like him to proceed with having the water valve, and fountain repaired at Livingood Park. Council agreed that Bob should contact the plumber to make the necessary repairs.

Bob French asked if Council would like him to have the gazebo lights replaced at Livingood Park. After discussion, Council determined the lights should not be replaced. Bob Broderick recommended the shrubs could be cut down so that Neighborhood Watch would be able to see the gazebos when they patrol the park area. Merle Stoltzfus suggested Heilner's could be contacted to trim the shrubs. Council agreed, Doug Hoskins and Bob French will meet with Alan Heilner about what needs to be done with the shrubs.

Bob French mentioned there is a section of sidewalk near the Rte. 82 entrance to Livingood Park that needs to be repaired. Bob also suggested a sidewalk be added at the train station. Bob will get quotes for both the sidewalk at the train station, and the repairs for the sidewalk near the park.

Doug Hoskins suggested marking the light poles with numbers, which could be cross referenced with the PPL pole numbers. This would help to make it easier when reporting lights which are in need of maintenance. Doug will look into this with PPL.

LOCAL SERVICES

Dwight Frizen reviewed the State Police Report, which only had 4 calls recorded. None of the calls were of any concern.

Jack Stewart mentioned it is possible the pending State Police Tax Bill could be passed. If passed, Council will determine how the tax will be covered.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy announced the low bid for the 2017 Street Project was \$52,656.25 from GoreCon, Inc. of Doylestown, PA. The other bids ranged from \$54,382.31 to \$74,259.95. Mark recommended Council award the entire 2017 Street Project contract to GoreCon, Inc. in the amount of \$52,656.25. Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus to award the contract for the 2017 Street Project to GoreCon, Inc. in the amount of \$52,656.25, seconded by Doug Hoskins, motion carried by all.

Mark Stabolepszy mentioned there is a pipe on Brick Lane in need of repairs. The pipe, which carries water under the roadway, is starting to erode back to the edge of the road. Mark recommended having the pipe repaired prior to the start of the paving work on Brick Lane. Jack Stewart made a motion to authorize Mark Stabolepszy obtain quotes for the pipe work needed on Brick Lane, and to allow Mark to proceed with having the pipe repairs done, with the condition the quote does not exceed \$9,000, seconded by Doug Hoskins, motion carried by all.

Mark Stabolepszy recommended the Borough request an as-built plan for the Community Evangelical Free Church Stormwater Facilities. It was determined Mark will request the as-built plan.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

There was no February codes activity to report.

SALDO UPDATE:

Dwight Frizen said they have started going through the appendices, applications, and forms. Dwight said they will start working on definitions. Dwight expects a full draft at the March 14th meeting.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart, and Merle Stoltzfus reported on the topics from the Municipal Authority's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jack Stewart mentioned the Scouts are planning to return to meeting room very soon. Jack will meet with the Scoutmaster about their meeting schedule, and any other necessary information regarding the use of the room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Bob French to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer