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March 3, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, March 3, 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, Esther Prosser, Jack Stewart, Bob French, Dwight Frizen, Doug Hoskins and Bob Broderick (Mayor). Lori Kolb, Secretary/Treasurer was absent due to bad weather. Also in attendance: Kent Morey, SSM Group, Donald Haas, Bogia Engineering, Gary Stoltzfus and David Mokrejs.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Dwight Frizen and seconded by Doug Hoskins to accept the February 2, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shirley provided copies of a DEP letter notifying Elverson of a general permit. Shirley provided correspondence from Borough News, explaining that local municipalities should not have gun ordinances

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Bob French and seconded by Doug Hoskins to accept report and pay bills as presented in the March 2015 Treasurers Report, Motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Gary Stoltzfus asked Borough Council for a waiver from the Stormwater Ordinance requirement to submit a SWM Site Plan for his proposed 1200 square foot pole building on his property at South Brick Lane since it is only 200 square feet larger than the exemption criterion. Kent Morey from SSM suggested this waiver was appropriate subject to the construction of an infiltration facility with enough volume to hold 1 inch of run-off from the roof area. Gary Stoltzfus agreed to reimburse the Borough for the review fees, which Kent estimated to be no more than \$500. Esther Prosser made a motion to grant a waiver of the requirement to submit a SWM Site Plan to the Gary Stoltzfus project for the construction of a 1200 square foot building on South Brick Lane, conditioned upon design and construction of a storm water infiltration facility that has the capacity to hold 1 inch of run-off from the roof area and that review of said facility by the Borough Engineer would be paid for by Gary Stoltzfus, Doug Hoskins seconded, Motion carried.

Donald Haas from Bogia Engineering gave a short description of the minor subdivision of the David Mokrejs property located at 80-82, 84 South Brick Lane, Elverson, PA 19520, for which there was a variance granted by the Zoning Hearing Board on November 5, 2014. Council reviewed the comments issued by SSM in their letter dated March 2, 2015.

Esther Prosser made a motion to accept the proposed shared driveway for the two lots based on a determination that a shared driveway is not inconsistent with the terms of the Zoning Variance that was granted, conditioned upon David Mokrejs providing the Borough with a shared driveway agreement that meets the approval of the Borough Solicitor seconded by Dwight Frizen, motion carried.

Merle Stoltzfus made a motion to approve the Mokrejs Preliminary / Final Subdivision Plan conditioned upon the Brick Lane right of way of Lot 2 being 25 ft., to be consistent with the other rights of ways along Brick Lane and conditioned upon the applicant, David Mokrejs providing \$2000 in escrow to assure placement of monuments and property corner pins instead of installing them into frozen ground, Dwight Frizen seconded, motion carried.

Shirley Crehan requested the plans reflecting the conditions of the Mokrejs approval be brought to the Borough office and given to Lori and that a set be delivered to SSM.

Resolution No. 2015-4 was passed on motion by Merle Stoltzfus and second by Doug Hoskins, relative to the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Blue Rock. Lori was authorized to complete the resolution form and other required Planning Module documents as directed by the Borough Engineer.

BOROUGH EVENT PLANNING:

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 28th is being organized by Jenny Cameron and Lauren VanSteenvoort.

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Bob French and Doug Hoskins have worked to repair the frozen water lines at the train station due to the change in our heating system. The frozen lines destroyed the pressure reduction valve, which was replaced by the plumber. The heating tape was defective and was reimbursed by the vender. The basement is now sealed up and should not freeze again.

Doug Hoskins mentioned there were two incidents of reckless driving in the Borough. A light pole and a sign at the entrance of North Pine Street were knocked down. PP&L is repairing the light pole. Sign is removed and now stored at Borough Hall. The sign will need to be replaced. Doug proposed an idea to re-sign the Main Street and North Pine Street area. There was discussion by Council regarding PennDot requirements for signs which need to be investigated with SSM.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Borough Newsletter will be mailed tomorrow.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Jack Stewart had a meeting with the Boy Scouts and the Historical Commission. Jack would like Council to consider an agreement with outside organizations defining the uses of the room and hold these organizations accountable accordingly. There is significant amount of work that needs to be done to make the room useful for these organizations. The project needs to be defined with a cost estimate for these changes. By consensus, Borough Council agreed the boy scouts should empty their things from Borough Hall by the middle of May. Council tasks Lori to write a letter to the Boy Scout Troup informing the troop of the renovations, removal of all belongings, their ability to meet after the renovations, and the availability of storage in freight station.

LOCAL SERVICES

Shirley Crehan attended the recent EMS meeting and reported they are making progress in blending the Honey Brook and Elverson services.

Shirley Crehan mentioned the State Police report indicated it was a slow month, which is good news.

Shirley Crehan explained she wanted to have Lori look into the information on Barclay's EMC report.

Planning

Shirley Crehan mentioned that the Zoning / SALDO Planning Meetings would be held this coming Tuesday

Planning Commission did meet this month, Merle Stoltzfus suggested having Lori email the minutes from the PC meetings to Council Members.

SERVICES:

Jack Stewart attended the Municipal Authority meeting and recommended Jose Colon to be appointed as a MABE Board Member. Jack Stewart made a motion to appoint Jose Colon as a MABE Board Member, seconded by Bob French, motion carried. Jack Stewart reported that MABE increased their rates up to \$192 per quarter. Jack further reported that there was significant conversation regarding insurance.

PARK AND RECREATION

Jody Phillips suggested we put birdhouses at Livingood Park in remembrance of Bob Cook. Volunteers have offered to pay for the birdhouses and maintain them. Council will ask for a plan.

TREE COMMISSION

Tree Commission is notifying people who have Ash Trees regarding EAB Treatment. Council received correspondence regarding the Spotted Lantern fly's that are damaging Walnut Trees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Shirley Crehan presented some insurance numbers for our consideration to change insurance companies for the Borough. We need more information to finalize our decision.

Jack Stewart made a motion to dismantle the tennis courts, seconded by Dwight Frizen however after further discussion by Council Members, the motion did not pass, only one vote in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Merle Stoltzfus reported about his attendance at a DEP all day conference regarding MS4 permit requirements by the EPA. Kent Morey from SSM gave a short summary of the requirements of this plan. This is a major consideration for the Borough. Elverson Borough has until 2018 to put together this MS4 plan. The Borough should form a task force to accomplish this plan.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Dwight Frizen and seconded by Doug to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Stoltzfus
Council Vice President

