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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 and called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Council President, Shirley Crehan who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Jim Scheffey, Solicitor, Laura Dillon, Tri County News, Lt. Erin McGee, PSP Embreeville Station, Alisa Oxenford, and Creation Station Preschool

Residents in attendance: Thom Horosky, Art Heather, Jim and Sue Huxoll, Ellis and Gwen Brown, George and Gail Niemy, Ed Patterson and Biff Rugh

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Dwight Frizen to accept the April minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Alisa Oxenford, Creation Station Preschool director explained there was a significant auto accident in front of the church on Main Street involving 2 of their preschool families and another vehicle. Alisa expressed concerns for visibility when pulling out on Main Street due to large vehicles parked on the street. Alisa explained the church purchased a safety mirror which they will be installing. Shirley Crehan explained the Borough has made previous efforts to make the flow of traffic safer. Esther Prosser explained there was past research done in regard to reducing the speed limit, but it was determined not to be helpful. Merle Stoltzfus suggested the church offer a parking space within their lot as a courtesy to the neighbors on Main Street as a way to keep some of the larger vehicle off of the street.

Jim Huxoll, a Borough resident, explained his concerns about Sunoco Pipeline and plans for additional sources of fuel to be piped through his property. Mr. Huxoll asked Council if they were in agreement with the installation of additional pipelines. Merle Stoltzfus explained that he too has property involving the proposed pipeline and explained he has suggested to the Sunoco representative to meet together with all of the involved property owners in the area where the pipeline is proposed. Dwight Frizen expressed there should be a public meeting so that everyone can work together. Jim Huxoll said he will take charge of getting contact information for all residents involved with the proposed pipeline in his area and will give the information to Shirley Crehan.

Jim Huxoll, Borough resident, asked Council Members if there was a plan for the Tennis Courts to open again. Doug Hoskins explained there was no immediate budget to support repairs to the courts. Doug Hoskins suggested two alternate options for Court facilities in the area that are open to the public.

Art Heather spoke about problems with water pressure at his home on Kennelwoods Drive. Merle Stoltzfus explained the water pressure was affected by the extremely cold winter weather. Merle said that he had been looking for the leaks since March and was delayed in getting leak testers to come out, because they were all so busy with numerous other locations suffering from the similar or worse leak concerns. Merle explained he was able to get someone to come out and he recommended a system for listening for leaks at night. Two leaks were found and were repaired. There were other reports of water pressure concerns and a second consultant came out and found a leak in a lateral on Main Street. If this is corrected, it should, over approximately 3 weeks, gradually increase the pressure back to normal. Merle said that he keeps his staff updated with the progress of the repairs and that anyone can call the Elverson Water Company to get a status of the findings.

Lieutenant McGee – Presented the stats for Police incidents in the Borough year to date. Lieutenant McGee reported that there were very few incident reports, all of which were minor in nature. Lieutenant McGee also spoke about operation Night Hawk, which is used for the purpose of DUI enforcement. The operation conducted on March 27 and 28, 2015 resulted in nearly 130 DUI arrests, which by far was the best results in the County. There was a brief question and answer session with Lieutenant McGee.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept May 2015 treasurers report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Shirley Crehan explained the current Chester County Directory update replaced the previous issue; all Council had this information in their packet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS PART 1:

Shirley Crehan asked Jim Scheffey, Borough Solicitor to explain the PIRMA Ordinance. Jim Scheffey explained and reviewed the agreement with Council Members. Motion was made by Jack Stewart to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-1, authorizing the Borough of Elverson to join with other local government units as a member of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Risk Management Association for the purpose of entering into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement to join and participate in a local government risk sharing pool to provide for joint or cooperative action by members relative to their financial and administrative resources for the purpose of providing risk management services and risk sharing facilities to the members and to the members employees and to defend and protect in accordance with the agreement, any member of the pool against liability as set forth in the appendix of the intergovernmental cooperation agreement, motion seconded by Dwight Frizen , motion carried by all.

Doug Hoskins made a motion to ratify any previous actions made on behalf of the Council for the change of insurance to PIRMA coverage, motion seconded by Merle Stoltzfus. Motion carried by all.

Shirley Crehan explained a representative needed to be chosen by Proxy to be involved with the board of directors of PIRMA. Doug Hoskins made a motion to have Council President and Vice President assigned as representatives of Elverson Borough for meetings of the PIRMA Board of Directors, motion seconded by Merle Stoltzfus. Motion carried by all.

BOROUGH EVENT PLANNING:

Esther Prosser mentioned Elverson Day planning is going nicely and explained the fund raising efforts. Esther also explained some of the activities that will be added to the event. Esther also mentioned the Main Street Yard Sale is coming up on Saturday, May 9th.

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS AND LIGHTS

Council discussed some of the complaints regarding the Street Sweeping that was done in the Borough. Council determined that street sweeping of Borough streets are paid for by the Borough and the HOA's handle arrangements and pay for street sweeping of their streets.

Doug explained the crack sealing of the roads was completed. Doug also mentioned the sign work was in process at North Pine Street.

Doug explained the front and side door at Borough Hall will be replaced, possibly by the end of May. Curbing will be added and improved and the handicapped ramp and fencing will be repaired.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shirley explained that it would be exceedingly expensive to change our website company and mentioned she and Dwight are considering contacting PSAB to inquire about a re-design of the Boroughs current website.

Esther Prosser mentioned the May Newsletters have been mailed.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Shirley Crehan mentioned that Historical Commission is looking for glass display cabinets or book cases, if anyone knows of any glass cabinets or book cases with glass for sale; they should speak to Chris Cameron.

LOCAL SERVICES

Merle Stoltzfus said the Twin Valley Fire Company's new pumper truck is almost completed.

Bob Broderick mentioned that the EMS is interviewing for some supervisory positions.

Merle Stoltzfus expressed appreciation for the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

Shirley Crehan explained that the Emergency Management Report included information regarding the County's change of the emergency services notification system scheduled to be operational by July 1, 2015. Shirley mentioned the new system will offer additional options for receiving information via email and internet. Jack Stewart mentioned an option will be available for receiving notifications on a cell phone.

PLANNING

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned the Zoning and SALDO Committee is making good progress and they are on schedule with the updates.

Shirley Crehan announced the clarification of Doug Mountz's resignation from Planning Commission, Doug Mountz has resigned and Bob Clements has taken this available position on Planning Commission.

SERVICES

Mark Stabolepszy provided a report for Council and explained the sign work being done at North Pine Street. Mark asked Council for an opinion on a preferred direction for the truck sign. Merle Stoltzfus suggested the truck sign should be west bound facing.

Jack Stewart reported to Council on the Municipal Authority's meeting.

Shirley Crehan mentioned the Building/Zoning report was included in Council's packet.

TREE COMMISSION

Esther Prosser said that Heilner's Landscaping should be starting to treat the ash trees this month.

Shirley Crehan explained that according to ordinance, if there is a diseased tree owned by a resident, the Shade Tree Commission can replace the tree and bill the property owner, but if the Borough chose to use this option, the Borough would need to establish a separate account for the Shade Tree Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS PART 11:

Shirley Crehan mentioned that Fred McMullen had passed away. Fred had served on the Borough Council and was active in the Fire Company and Gun Club.

Shirley Crehan mentioned that she and Bob Broderick were meeting with a representative from the Sunoco Pipeline on May 6th.

Shirley Crehan mentioned that Doug Frizen has done some website research and that the site will need to be cleaned up and updated rather than purchasing a new program.

Shirley Crehan explained she met with the Scout representatives and that they are working together to establish a better understanding regarding the improvements to the meeting room.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shirley Crehan discussed there were some resident concerns regarding Solicitation in the Borough.

Shirley Crehan explained it will be required that Borough will need to have specific records shredded after they are electronically recorded. Shirley provided Council with quotes for on Site Paper Shredding.

Shirley Crehan discussed a complaint regarding a property in the Borough that needs to be cleaned up. It was encouraged that the resident might try to speak to the property owner regarding their concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Kolb
Secretary/Treasurer