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November 4, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 and called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President, Shirley Crehan who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Jim Scheffey, Solicitor

MINUTES:

Doug Hoskins made a motion and seconded by Bob French to accept the minutes as submitted, motion carried by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Doug Hoskins to accept report and pay bills as presented, motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Corporal Herman was in attendance in place of Lieutenant McGee. Corporal Herman reviewed the incidences in the area in the past month. Overall, there was very little police activity reported.

Mr. Jim McGlone, an Elverson Resident, explained to Borough Council his concerns regarding the obstruction of his view upon exiting his driveway. Mr. McGlone provided Council with pictures to show a visual description of his neighbor's fence and landscaping, which he feels are the cause of the unsafe sight lines from his driveway to the roadway. Mr. McGlone also explained the history of a permit he had previously purchased and had questions regarding the need for a permit when installing a fence. Jim Scheffey, Solicitor for Elverson Borough, explained he could review the Borough's ordinances to determine what may or may not apply to Mr. McGlone's complaint. This is a neighbor-to-neighbor issue and may not be a Borough issue. Upon further discussion, Council agreed to have Kraft Code Services review the location of the fence and landscaping area with respect to zoning, ordinances and the current file history. Together the Kraft officer and Jim Scheffey would meet for an hour to generate a letter for the Borough that will be sent to Mr. McGlone as to the position of the Borough.

Mr. Dan Schempp, representing the Blue Rock Development of Elverson on Park Road, requested conditional approval of the revised preliminary plan. Mark Stabolepszy recommended Council grant conditional approval of the revised preliminary plan. There was discussion regarding the conditions explained in SSM's letter dated November 4, 2014 and the letter from Hydraterra dated August 28, 2014. Esther Prosser made a motion to grant conditional approval of the revised preliminary plan, conditional upon satisfactory completion of the items listed in the letter from SSM dated November 4, 2014 and the Hydraterra Letter dated August 28, 2014 and the trail being gravel, Dwight Frizen seconded, motion carried by all.

Mark Stabolepszy recommended Council approve the waiver to Borough subdivision ordinance 616.5.A.6 be granted for the detention basin at Blue Rock of Elverson subdivision. Jack Stewart made a motion that the waiver to the Borough subdivision ordinance 616.5.A.6 be granted for the detention basin plan at Blue Rock of Elverson, Bob French seconded, motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Council discussed the letter from Caernarvon Township requesting assistance with matching funds for the Green Light-Go Program.

Jack Stewart nominated Dwight Frizen as lead representative for CCTCC, Doug seconded, motion carried by all.

Shirley Crehan asked Council if there was any interest in the annual letter received from the SPCA, there was no interest from Council Members at this time.

Shirley Crehan explained to Council that the Borough has received a Vision Partnership Program grant for completing the update to the Boroughs zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances. The grant funds will assist with covering fees for the County staff to lead the Borough through this zoning and SALDO process with a 70/30% split of costs.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Stormwater brochure

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Shirley Crehan provided Council with a copy of the 2015 budget. Doug Hoskins made a motion to accept the revised 2015 Budget, Esther Prosser seconded, motion carried by all. The approved budget is \$338,125.

Shirley Crehan reviewed the results of the meeting with the Municipal Authority and representatives from HDH Group, Inc. / MDM Trust in regard to changing the Boroughs insurance provider. Shirley spoke on behalf of herself and Merle Stoltzfus to recommend that the Borough cancel the contract with the current insurance provider to begin coverage through The HDH Group, Inc./MDM Trust, effective December 1, 2014. Jack Stewart made a motion that Council authorize Shirley Crehan to make the change of the Borough's insurance provider to HDH Group, Inc./MDM Trust December 1, 2014 with the condition that the policy be an inclusive and complete coverage, Doug Hoskins seconded, motion carried by all.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

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MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Nothing to report

HISTORIC COMMISSION:

Esther Prosser mentioned the Historical Commission is planning to be part of the Chester County historical walk in 2015.

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS & LIGHTS:

Doug Hoskins complimented Mark Stabolepszy's detailed report of the long term study that he has drafted for proposed future street maintenance in the Borough. Doug Hoskins mentioned this report is part of the process for a Capital Reserve Plan for the Borough. Mark Stabolepszy explained this plan might be revised according to the availability of funds in the Borough's budget.

Bob French mentioned the chimney at Borough Hall was cleaned, however, Chester County Hearth and Home recommended the chimney be lined. Bob French recommends we have a flue installed in 2015.

BOROUGH EVENT PLANNING:

Nothing to report

ZONING OFFICER:

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PLANNING COMMISSION:

Nothing to report

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy explained the Springfield Village project is in the final process and should soon be completed. Mark also explained he is waiting for Mr. Mokrejs to respond regarding the storm water plan for his addition.

TREE COMMISSION:

Nothing to report

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Dwight Frizen and seconded by Bob French to adjourn, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Kolb
Secretary/Treasurer

