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March 4, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, March 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, Merle Stoltzfus, Bob Broderick, Esther Prosser, Jack Stewart, Bob French, Dwight Frizen, Doug Hoskins and Lorrie Stolz, Secretary/Treasurer. Absent:

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group; Fred McMullen, property owner and Elverson Rod & Gun Club President; Tim McEwen, Borough resident; Bob Wambold, Borough resident and Elverson Rod & Gun Club member; Chris Wambold, Borough resident; Jane George; Liz Saunders; Tony Landers, Elverson Rod & Gun Club Member; Jamie McCartney, Elverson Rod & Gun Club member; Dave McCartney, Elverson Rod & Gun Club; Russell Fasig, Borough resident and Elverson Rod & Gun Club member; and Tori Lingg, Tri-County Record.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the minutes as submitted. *Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Doug Hoskins to accept report and pay bills as presented. *Motion carried.*

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Bob Wambold, Borough resident and Elverson Rod & Gun Club member discussed why he would like to see Council adopt a Gun Safety Ordinance. Bob gave a brief background of the issue and read an email he received, to the Elverson Rod & Gun Club members who were also in the audience regarding Council adopting a Gun Ordinance.

Fred McMullen, Borough property owner stated that he is a former Borough Council member and he knows there was a very well written Gun Ordinance in the Borough at one time. Fred suggested that Council attend other municipalities meetings to learn more about the Gun Ordinances that they may have in place.

Tim McEwen, Borough resident and former Council member mentioned that he was on Council when this issue was first brought to Council's attention. Tim also expressed his personal displeasure concerning some things he heard about and/or experienced in the past concerning our current Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shirley Crehan discussed the PSAB annual Conference & Exhibition, which will be held April 6th – 9th in State College, Pa.

Shirley Crehan also discussed an invitation to the 7th Annual Twin Valley Fire Department Banquet; which will be held on Saturday, April 19th at 5:30pm at the French Creek Golf Club. Council was asked to notify Lorrie, Borough Secretary if they would like to attend the banquet. Lorrie will RSVP to the Twin Valley Fire Department.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

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Barclay discussed his report and commented on the different winter storms that we've had this season. Barclay will bring a new Emergency Operation Plan to the next meeting for Council.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart discussed the MABE meeting which was held on February 25th at 7pm. Their next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 25th at 7pm.

HISTORIC COMMISSION:

Shirley Crehan mentioned that the Commission will not be receiving the grant that was available through the state because they were not able to submit the application in time.

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS & LIGHTS:

Doug Hoskins mentioned that there is a street light out at 401 & 82; Doug has called PP&L to replace the light. Doug discussed that he has been in contact with Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group regarding fixing the decorative crosswalks along Main St. Doug also mentioned that he has received a quote from T & M Excavating & Machining to fill in potholes. Motion made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Bob French to allow Doug Hoskins to spend no more than \$500.00 to get the potholes fixed. *Motion carried* Council concurred that they will need to have another discussion regarding the crosswalks at another time.

Bob French advised Council that the gutter on the west side of the building has come down; Bob will fix it. Bob has received one quote for replacing the roof on the west side of the building. He is hoping to have a couple more quotes before the April meeting. Bob also discussed replacing the lights in the meeting room at Borough Hall. Merle Stoltzfus suggested contacting Carl Stoltzfus or Kenny Sweitzer for quotes to replace the lighting.

BOROUGH EVENT PLANNING:

Esther Prosser mentioned that her committee met to discuss Elverson Day. Elverson Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th beginning at 4:00pm in Livingood Park. Esther mentioned that she has a substantial donation for fireworks this year. There will not be a 5k run, but there will be a bike parade this year. Shirley suggested including an activity for the senior residents.

Tori Lingg discussed the Elverson Halloween parade, which will be held on Wednesday, October 15th, the rain date will be Thursday, October 16th.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Shirley Crehan mentioned that the committee is working on the second draft of the plan. Shirley discussed that there will be a public meeting held on Tuesday, April 8th at 7pm at Hopewell Manor in the Springfield room. Shirley also invited Council to attend their next meeting which is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 11th at 7pm at Whitford Corporation.

ZONING OFFICER:

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PLANNING COMMISSION:

Nothing to report

ENGINEERING:

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Mark Stabolepszy mentioned that he and the contractor will be looking at the decorative crosswalks along Main St. and repairs will be made in the spring at no cost to the Borough.

Mark also mentioned that he has not yet seen preliminary plans for the Park Ave. townhouses. He has received preliminary plans today for the Evangelical Free Church.

Mark also discussed the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that Council did budget money for this Ordinance. Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Doug Hoskins for Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group to move forward with the Stormwater Management Ordinance. *Motion carried.*

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that he recently had a discussion with Representative Tim Hennessey regarding the sink hole on Main St. Tim feels that PennDot will fix the storm water drain.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Esther Prosser mentioned that the March newsletters have been mailed.

Shirley Crehan mentioned that Esther Prosser emailed both her and Lorrie regarding adding the time and temperature back on the digital sign.

TREE COMMISSION:

Esther Prosser discussed a free workshop being held at West Chester University on March 18th that a few of the commission members will be attending regarding the Ash Borer outbreak.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Nothing to report

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Nothing to report

ELVERSON FARMERS MARKET:

Esther Prosser mentioned that the market will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at the TVFD from 10am-Noon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that a Special Exception will be filed for the Evangelical Free Church.

Shirley Crehan mentioned that PA One Call has suggested that the state pass a law that municipalities enforce people who are selling their homes to have PA One Call mark all their utilities at the cost of the seller.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Tim McEwen mentioned that a lot of members/ officers from the Twin Valley Fire Department have left the organization. Since this has happened the majority of their calls are going to 2nd tap. Tim suggested that Council look into why the fire department is losing a lot of their members and also going to 2nd tap. Shirley Crehan suggested that Merle Stoltzfus look into this issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Doug Hoskins to adjourn. *Motion carried.*
Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz
Secretary/Treasurer