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November 2, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2015 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Shirley Crehan who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Inc. and Herb Hamilton, Tree Commission

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the October 2015 Minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Herb Hamilton from the Tree Commission spoke to Council regarding the damage to the sidewalks that was caused by the tree roots. Mr. Hamilton said that the Tree Commission will replace the trees that are causing the sidewalk damage and after further discussion, agreed that they could also cover the cost of the root barrier. Mr. Hamilton said that the sidewalk repair is the homeowner responsibility. Council Members also discussed the possibility of planting a different kind of tree, possibly one that the roots would grow down.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the November 2015 Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

Shirley Crehan reviewed the draft of the 2016 Budget with Council.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Shirley Crehan reminded Council that the Urban Center Improvement UCII inventory update was due by November 13, 2015. Shirley will check with Justin regarding what needs to be included in the update.

Shirley Crehan discussed an inquiry from an attorney and asked Council if they were interested in a Bond for roadwork. Council determined there was not a need to consider a bond at this time.

BOROUGH EVENTS:

Esther Prosser said that the Halloween Parade was a success and that the generous support from Borough businesses was appreciated.

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Doug Hoskins mentioned that Bob French is working on continuing with maintenance repairs of the ceiling and walls inside the building.

Doug Hoskins gave an update on curb painting on South Chestnut. Doug Hoskins and Mark Stabolepszy explained that the bush by the intersection at Main and Pine Streets was determined to be within the proper set back limits.

Council discussed the concern for the effects the winter weather could have on Route 23.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Esther Prosser mentioned the November Newsletter had been mailed out.

Esther Prosser requested that Lori post a notice on the sign to remind people to vote. Lori will post the sign in the morning.

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned he received the TVFD 2016 Budget. Merle said there was not much change in the Fire Company budget from last year.

Shirley Crehan said the State Police report was in Council's packet for their review.

Bob Broderick mentioned the EMS met together, but were only able to have an informal discussion because the chief was called out to an emergency.

Shirley Crehan handed out a copy of the current proposed SALDO / Zoning Map. Shirley discussed the proposed changes with Council. Merle Stoltzfus explained that the proposed changes are still in the planning process and nothing is finalized.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed his report with Council. Mark said he expects to have a preliminary set of documents prepared for Council to review and possibly authorize at the December meeting for putting the roadwork project out for bid. Mark said he would be checking with a few contractors to determine when the most advantageous time would be to put the work out for bid. Mark will meet Doug Hoskins and Bob French on site to discuss some questions regarding the plans for some of the crosswalks and ADA ramps.

Merle Stoltzfus made a request on behalf of the Evangelical Free Church to change the process for the payment of the SSM Group invoices relative to their construction project. Mark Stabolepszy and Council Members decided that when an invoice arrives, Lori will provide a copy to CEFC and they will pay the Borough upon receipt. Upon receipt of the funds from CEFC, Lori will pay SSM Group.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart reviewed the topics from the Municipal Authority Meeting and the status of progress with closing the lagoons.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shirley Crehan discussed the SPCA contract that was sent to the Borough. It was determined there was not a need for the contract at this time.

Shirley Crehan reminded Council that the meeting for Municipal Officials regarding the Turnpike Expansion Project is scheduled for November 5, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Shirley encouraged Council to RSVP if they planned to attend.

Shirley Crehan discussed the status of the digitizing of the Borough Records and asked Council if they would like to dispose of the hard copies of the records after they have been electronically filed. Merle Stoltzfus made a motion to keep 2 years of accounting records on file, motion seconded by Doug Hoskins. Motion carried by all.

In preparation for the New Year, Shirley Crehan discussed positions for committees and commissions that will need to be filled or re-appointed. Council will work on looking for replacements needed and also check on those where the term is expiring, as well as re-appointments. Esther Prosser mentioned she had not yet been successful in her efforts to recruit members to form a Park and Recreation Committee.

Shirley Crehan mentioned the Elverson Bank on Main Street will be closing and that she is working on getting in contact with the owner of the building to find out what the plan might be for the old original teller window that is located in the bank. Shirley felt the window would be a great addition to the collection of historical items for the meeting room.

ADJORNMENT:

Doug Hoskins made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Jack Stewart. Motion carried by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Kolb
Secretary / Treasurer