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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Dwight Frizen who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members, Jack Stewart, Bob French, Dwight Frizen, Doug Hoskins, Esther Prosser; George Firrantello, Bob Broderick, Mayor and Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer, Absent, Merle Stoltzfus

Also in attendance: Darryl Jenkins, SSM Group, Rick Shaw, Chairman of Municipal Authority (MABE), Donna Moyer and Chris Gable, 38 W. Main Street

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the September 2017 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Bob French to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

Doug Hoskins reviewed the year to date financials, and spoke with Council about the proposed budget for 2018. George Firrantello recommended that Council review the proposed figures for the 2018 budget, and inform him of any changes that may be needed.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Donna Moyer, property owner of 38 W. Main Street, introduced herself to Council along with her business partner, Chris Gable. Ms. Moyer explained that their businesses have outgrown the building on Main Street, and they are considering moving out of the property. Ms. Moyer expressed that they would like to lease the building to other businesses, however their marketing efforts have not yet been successful. Ms. Moyer reviewed some research she had done in regard to ideas for the use of the vacant space in the building, and asked Council what they feel they might want to see within the town. Ms. Moyer recommended starting a business association, and possibly begin marketing the Borough. Ms. Moyer expressed she would like to see a destination business, which she feels could be a benefit to the Borough. Ms. Moyer mentioned she would be willing to work together with Council to market the Borough. Mayor Broderick suggested that he and Borough Council Members set up a time to tour the property at 38 W. Main Street. Ms. Moyer will contact Lori Kolb to coordinate a date for a tour of the property.

Rick Shaw spoke on behalf of the Municipal Authority (MABE), regarding the efforts they are making to educate the community about the impact that ground water inflow infiltration has on the sewer operating system. Mr. Shaw explained that the Municipal Authority is working on an outline to submit to Council, which will include recommendations for some changes to the Borough's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Mr. Shaw mentioned the changes would include some specific language about the rights and responsibilities of the Municipal Authority. Mr. Shaw further mentioned that they will submit suggestions for the framework for a new Ordinance, which would include allowing the Authority the right to monitor and inspect areas of the sewer system for any non-code conforming hookups. Dwight Frizen mentioned that there is a SALDO Committee meeting on October 10th and asked if any recommendations could be provided by that date. Mr. Shaw will try to get some of the information to Lori prior to the October 10th SALDO meeting.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dwight Frizen asked Lori Kolb to review the recommended changes from BB&T's representative. Lori explained it was recommended the Borough consider enrolling in Small Business Online (SBO) and close the Cash Manage Online (CMOL) service. Lori said that the SBO will allow the same access and functions as the CMOL and will save the Borough the current \$5 per month fee. Lori mentioned there was one other change recommended, which was to change the account type on the Borough's Cash Management Account from the current title, Public Funds Special Money Rate to Public Funds Money Rate Savings. Lori said the change in the account type would not change any terms from the existing account, which will still be covered under Act 72, and will avoid possible future fees. Council agreed to the change in the Cash Management Account, and to enrolling in the Small Business Online.

Dwight Frizen spoke to Council about information he had researched on Solicitation Ordinances. Dwight explained that the research indicated Solicitation Ordinances are difficult to prepare in such language as to allow for the current rights of solicitors. Dwight recommended that those who prefer not to have solicitation can post "no solicitation" notices on their property.

BOROUGH EVENTS

Esther Prosser said that the Elverson Parade will be held on October 18th. Esther said that it was important to post notification to inform residents and travelers that Main Street will be closing at 6:30 PM on the evening of the parade. Additionally Esther mentioned it will need to be posted that there is no parking on Main Street during the Parade Event. Council discussed the plans for posting the notifications.

URBAN CENTER MEETING

Esther Prosser mentioned that she and Bob Clements had attended the Urban Centers Meeting last year, and announced that there is a meeting scheduled for October 25, 2017 from 4 PM to 6 PM at the Coatesville Marriott. Esther wanted to make Council Members aware that this would be a good meeting to attend, where they could possibly get some good information that could be applicable to the Borough.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS

Bob French mentioned that the Oil Tank has been removed and the area has been graded and seeded. Bob also announced that the sidewalk has been poured at the train station, and by the Livingood Park. Bob mentioned he has a few other small repairs to complete this year.

Lori Kolb mentioned that the resident who has been serving the Borough by gathering the trash at the Livingood Park area each week, and putting the toters out to the curb for pick up, has mentioned she will likely be retiring from this service at the end of the year. Council discussed who might be a good candidate for taking over this service. Council will consider a new candidate, and will discuss further at a future meeting.

STATE POLICE

Dwight Frizen reviewed the state police report, there were no concerns at this time.

FIRE COMPANY

Doug Hoskins reviewed the email from Chief Hornberger, of the Twin Valley Fire Company, requesting Council's approval to purchase a new rescue truck. Council Members discussed the proposed purchase, and agreed they are in favor of the Twin Valley Fire Company purchasing a new rescue truck.

ENGINEERING:

Darryl Jenkins reviewed Mark Stabolepszy's report. Mr. Jenkins reported that the restoration being done by Sunoco will stabilize the site for the winter, and they will resume working on those areas in the spring.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Dwight Frizen reviewed Kraft Code Services report, there was only one permit issued in September.

SALDO UPDATE:

Dwight Frizen announced the next SALDO meeting will be held on October 10, 2017. Dwight mentioned they will be reviewing the comments from the Borough's Solicitor and Engineer, but are awaiting the review from the Codes Officer. Dwight mentioned they are still working towards completing the process by the end of 2017.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart reported on the topics from the Municipal Authority.

Jack Stewart made a motion to re-appoint Lori Sifford as a Board Member for the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Elverson, effective January 2018, seconded by Bob French. Motion carried by all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dwight Frizen asked Council if they had considered serving on the Committee for the Main Street Project, which was discussed at the September Council Meeting. Esther Prosser and Bob French will work with Lori Kolb and Shirley Crehan to form a Committee. Lori will communicate the information discussed with Shirley Crehan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer

