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September 1, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Merle Stoltzfus who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dwight Frizen led Council in prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Inc., Dan and Carol Keefe, Residents

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Bob French and seconded by Doug Hoskins to accept the August 4, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Dan Keefe explained to Council his concerns for the lighted billboard that shines offensively into the homes on Homestead Drive in the Summerfield Development. Mr. Keefe requested that Council speak to members of the board of supervisors from West Nantmeal and possibly either a solicitor or the turnpike commission in support of their concerns. Mr. Keefe further requested that Council add a sign ordinance for lighted signs and sound barriers in the Borough's proposed revision of the zoning and SALDO. Merle Stoltzfus explained that our proposed zoning updates regarding lighted signs could limit the use of the sign to display only local Borough information. Merle recommended that Mr. Keefe attend the public meeting for the proposed updates to the Borough's zoning on September 8th.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Dwight Frizen to accept the Elverson Borough's September 2015 Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that per Shirley's notes, the Carbonite Back Up has been activated on the Borough's laptop computer.

Merle reminded Council Members of upcoming meetings for Stormwater Summit, Urban Center Forum and Schuylkill Highlands Conservation Landscape.

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Doug Hoskins mentioned that the Caernarvon Township Road Department has trimmed along some of the Borough roads as needed and they have put us on the schedule for next year to do the same. The Borough will be billed for this trimming.

Doug Hoskins mentioned that he has requested a quote to have the Main Street and North Yeingst intersection area striped as a no parking area. Jack Stewart made a motion to allow Doug Hoskins to spend up to \$750 to have work done to stripe the area at Yeingst Drive and Main Street to designate that it is a no parking area, motion seconded by Bob French. Motion carried by all.

Doug Hoskins explained he has gotten an approximate figure of \$4,000 to \$6,000 for removing the tennis court surface. Doug explained this was just for Council's information, no plans for the tennis court area have been determined.

BOROUGH EVENT PLANNING:

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned the Halloween Parade will be held on Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00 PM, the theme for the parade is planes, trains and automobiles.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned the September Newsletters will be mailed out on September 3rd.

LOCAL SERVICES:

Merle Stoltzfus said that he had sent an email to Bob Gebhardt from Twin Valley Fire Department to request a copy of their 2016 budget, but has not yet heard back from him.

PLANNING:

Merle Stoltzfus reminded Council about the upcoming public Zoning & SALDO Meeting Sept. 8th at Hopewell Manor 7:00 PM. Merle asked if the electronic sign was able to be updated with the announcement for the public meeting. Dwight Frizen updated Council on the status of the sign connection. Dwight explained the connection was re-installed, however all messages will need to be re-created. Dwight will work with Lori on using the software and getting the sign updated.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed his report with Council. Mark explained the reason for deferral of the road work on Brick Lane until Spring of 2016.

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed and explained information received from Sunoco regarding the pipeline. Mark suggested Council look into a permit that Sunoco may be required to obtain in order to cross the street with the pipeline. Mark will email Merle on this topic.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Merle Stoltzfus explained that the Municipal Authority would like Council's support in having a check presentation event. Council agreed in support of the presentation. The date and location for the event has not yet been determined. Jack Stewart will plan attend.

TREE COMMISSION:

Shirley Crehan explained the letter sent out by the tree commission regarding who is responsible to repair damaged sidewalks as a result of tree roots having raised the surface. After discussion by Council, Merle suggested scheduling a meeting with the tree commission regarding this topic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus will look into the concern for the property with chickens.

Shirley Crehan mentioned there is a contractor renting a home in the Borough who would like permission to park their box truck at Livingood Park for approximately 9 months. Council did not agree to allow the truck to be parked at Livingood Park.

Jack Stewart made a motion that Council approve getting a credit card for the Borough with the condition that all receipts for items charged are presented along with the treasurers report each month and that the card would have a \$4,000 credit limit, motion seconded by Doug Hoskins. Motion carried by all.

Jack Stewart mentioned he would like to begin working on the 2016 budget. Merle Stoltzfus suggested Council email budget topics to Lori so that the information can be presented at the October Council Meeting.

Bob Broderick mentioned that the water for the fountain in the Livingood Park had not yet been repaired and he felt this should be fixed. Jack Stewart agreed that the water at the park should be repaired, but that it could possibly be done in the Spring since it is already late in the season.

ADJORNMENT:

Jack Stewart made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Doug Hoskins. Motion carried by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Kolb
Secretary / Treasurer