



**The Borough of Elverson**  
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April 1, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on April 1, 2025, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Merle Stoltzfus who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Council Members: Merle Stoltzfus, Thomas Feeley, Mike Trojecki, Dennis Kurtz, Laura Pennza, Julie Duffy, Mayor Esther Prosser and Secretary/Treasurer, Lorrie Stolz  
Absent: Council Member John Scalia

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group; Greg Philips, PP&O; Lisa Palser, Parks, Rec. and Trails Committee; Barclay Hargreaves, EOC; Kelly Quigg, Chester County Library Henrietta Hankin Branch; Peter Mountz, Trail Life USA Group; Janice Prosser, Joseph de Garay, Sharon de Garay, Tim McEwen, Craig Lehman, Bobbie Metzles, Virginia Thorpe, and Greg Siwik

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Tom Feeley and seconded by Dennis Kurtz to accept the March 4, 2025, Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kelly Quigg from the Chester County Library Henrietta Hankin Branch discussed National Library Week which is April 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Kelly asked Council to sign a Proclamation in support of National Library Week. Council Member Julie Duffy read the Proclamation aloud.  
Motion made by Tom Feeley seconded by Julie Duffy to approve and sign the National Library Week Proclamation. Dennis Kurtz abstained. Motion carried.

Peter Mountz, leader of the Trail Life USA Group, stated he helps oversee the Trail Life program in Elverson Borough. He discussed the Corn Hole project his troop made for Livingood Park and displayed the corn hole boards. Tom Feeley asked if the Trail Life Group would be disposing of old flags. Peter said yes, that is something they can take care of.

Janice Prosser, resident discussed a motorcycle accident that occurred on Rt. 23 near her home. Janice stated one of the motorcyclists hit the bump out on Rt. 23 in front of her house and was thrown from his bike. She mentioned several other motorcyclists stated they did not see the curb that projects out. She asked Council if it would be possible to paint the bump out yellow to make it more visible to motorist. Mark Stabolepszy stated we do not need PennDOT's approval to paint the curb yellow. Julie Duffy will talk with Tom Feeley about getting the bump out painted. Merle Stoltzfus thanked Janice for bringing this to Council's attention.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Mike Trojecki to accept the Treasurers Report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

Merle Stoltzfus discussed an email Council received from George regarding reallocating funds in the budget since Council agreed to use ARPA funds to pay the Twin Valley Fire Department contract; Merle stated he is going to review the budget to see where those funds could be allocated to.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Merle Stoltzfus discussed sketch plans for a proposed sub-division on ten acres in West Nantmeal Township. The property has a 50-foot easement onto S. Brick Lane in Elverson Borough which the developer is planning to use as the main entrance to the development.

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Julie Duffy stating Elverson Borough Council finds this sketch plan unfavorable. Motion carried by all.

### **MAYORS REPORT:**

Esther Prosser stated she received a complaint from a resident at Hopewell Manor about the house located at 52 E. Main Street. Esther stated she will contact the property manager to discuss the issues with him. Merle Stoltzfus said he will work with Esther on this matter.

Esther discussed the Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Livingood Park at 10AM. Esther also discussed the Borough Yard Sale which will be on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and Elverson Day which will be held on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Laura Pennza discussed the new Savvy Citizen app the Borough has recently started using. Laura gave a quick tutorial on how to set up the app and encouraged everyone to sign up for Savvy Citizen if they have not already. She stated this is a great tool for the Borough to use to get important information out to Borough residents quickly and in a timely manner.

### **PARKS RECREATION AND TRAILS:**

Lisa Palser stated the Parks and Recreation Committee will be purchasing a storage box and bean bags for the corn hole games for Livingood park.

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

Tom Feeley stated a new flag for Livingood Park has been purchased, however; the fire department has not been able to check out the issue with flagpole yet. Tom mentioned that Merle has turned the water on at Livingood park. He also stated a dehumidifier has been purchased for Borough Hall. Tom mentioned now that the weather is getting nice, Shawn will be hanging the handicap swing at the playground at Borough Hall.

### **STREETS AND LIGHTS:**

Julie Duffy stated Caernarvon Township will be mowing Park Ave., Brick Lane, and N. Pine St. in the Borough again this year. Julie thanked Merle for reinstalling the street sign at Parkside and Dengler Dr.

### **STATE POLICE:**

Merle Stoltzfus reviewed the State Police report; there were no concerns.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Barclay Hargreaves discussed a tabletop drill that was held at the Twin Valley Fire Department in December. Barclay also discussed the Hazardous Mitigation Plan; he stated every five (5) years Chester County reevaluates this plan.

### **ENGINEERING:**

Mark Stabolepsky reviewed his report. He stated the developer for Blue Rock has five (5) items to finish to close out the project. He mentioned he is waiting on the Municipal Authority's engineer to complete their part of the Act 537 Plan Update.

### **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Mike Trojecki discussed the Municipal Authority meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Merle Stoltzfus reminded everyone that the Bio-digester proposed on the Kurtland Farm property is not in Elverson Borough, nor is it in Chester County. Dennis Kurtz stated the project is indefinitely postponed in Caernarvon Township, Berks County. Esther Prosser stated she invited Vanguard

Renewables to come to tonight's meeting, but unfortunately, they were unable to attend. Greg Philips stated when the public hearings reconvene, Caernarvon Township will be required to advertise two times before the hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the Borough's Association Annual Conference which is being held in Hershey this year. Merle encouraged the members of council to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Mike Trojecki to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Stolz  
Secretary Treasurer