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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on April 2, 2024, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council Vice President, Tom Feeley who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Julie Duffy led in Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members, Thomas Feeley, Merle Stoltzfus, Mike Trojecki, Laura Pennza, Julie Duffy; Mayor Esther Prosser and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb; Absent: Council President, Bob Clements, Council Member Dennis Kurtz

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Greg Phillips, YDASP, Lisa Palser, Park, Recreation and Trails Committee

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Mike Trojecki, to accept the March Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Matt Walsh, with Elverson Honeybrook EMS, proudly announced that the organization has been named to the Board of Directors with the Chester County EMS Council and selected at the state level as a Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council. Mr. Walsh expressed appreciation for their EMS Responders, and for the support of the local communities. Mr. Walsh mentioned the higher volume of calls for services they have responded to and some positive changes to their emergency response process.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Mike Trojecki, to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

PARK, RECREATION AND TRAILS REPORT:

Lisa Palser mentioned she, Diane Cikoski, and Esther Prosser met with a representative from General Recreation to inspect the Livingood, and Borough Park playgrounds. Mrs. Palser said that at this time, there are two swing seats and the supporting chains that should be replaced. Merle Stoltzfus will look for replacement swings to be purchased and will install the swings. Mrs. Palser also suggested that when Heilner's adds playground mulch, he provides enough to include a total of five inches. Council Members agreed to have Lori Kolb advise Heilner's to provide up to the total of five inches of playground mulch.

Mrs. Palser provided information regarding using ARPA funds as matching funds for a possible trails grant. Mrs. Palser will provide the amount required at a future meeting.

MAYORS REPORT:

Esther Prosser mentioned the new grille plate has been installed at the Livingood Park. Merle Stoltzfus will be looking at the water source at Livingood Park. Mayor Prosser reviewed dates for the Yard Sale, Memorial Day, Elverson Day and Parade Events. Mayor Prosser requested that any newsletter information should be provided by April 10th. Mayor Prosser reported that she has not yet made any progress on plans for the cluster mail boxes for South Chestnut Street.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:

Tom Feeley turned over the topic of the new Secretary / Treasurer Position to Laura Pennza. Ms. Pennza reported that Lorrie Stolz has accepted the position as Secretary / Treasurer, and has been hired, with a start date effective June 2, 2024, to begin training with Lori Kolb. Greg Phillips will provide Resolutions to be approved for Lorrie Stolz to have access to Borough financials, and any other necessary authorities for the position prior to her start date.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Tom Feeley reviewed the sink hole repairs required for the walking path at Livingood Park, explaining it involves the inlet. Mike Trojecki and Tom Feeley will look at the needed repair and advise of their findings. If needed, Lori Kolb will advise the contractor to proceed with the repairs as quoted. Mike Trojecki and Tom Feeley will look at the tree limbing and brush clean-up proposed for Livingood Park, and the circuit breaker for the gazebo, and will advise Lori Kolb as to what they recommend.

STATE POLICE:

Tom Feeley reviewed the state police report, there were no concerns.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy provided an update on the status of the Blue Rock Subdivision, reporting that the developer is planning to arrange a meeting, to include himself, the HOA, a representative from SSM Group, and a member of Borough Council. Mr. Stabolepszy said the meeting will include discussion regarding what is an acceptable final condition for the basins. Merle Stoltzfus will attend the meeting on behalf of Borough Council. Mr. Stabolepszy said the status of the remaining punch list items was reviewed with the developer.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Merle Stoltzfus reported that the Sewer Authority reviewed the law which can require the water company to shut off water service at the request of the MABE in cases of unpaid sewer fees. Mr. Stoltzfus reported that the Act 537 update virtual meeting went well, and he felt that this will begin in April and the goal is to have it completed in 120 days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Laura Pennza asked Council Members consideration for having an informational presentation about human trafficking affecting many areas. Ms. Pennza will provide information to Bob Clements for consideration for scheduling a presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Laura Pennza, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer