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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on April 5, 2022 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council Vice President, Thomas Feeley, who led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Merle Stoltzfus led in Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members, Merle Stoltzfus, Jack Stewart, George Firrantello, Thomas Feeley, Dennis Kurtz, Mayor Esther Prosser and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb, Absent; Bob Clements and Mike Trojecki

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

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, and seconded by Jack Stewart, to accept the March 1, 2022 Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Lisa Palser asked Thomas Feeley if he had a contact at Whitford Corporation, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed easement shown on the subdivision plan for Sproul Hill Associates. Mr. Feeley suggested that someone from Council speak with a representative from Whitford Corporation, and bring Lisa Palser into the process after that meeting has occurred. Merle Stoltzfus will provide a contact for Whitford Corporation to Mr. Feeley, so that he can meet with their representative. Ms. Palser will communicate with Jan Bowers at the County regarding the proposed easement with Sproul Hill Associates. Ms. Palser and Mr. Phillips reviewed information regarding the proposed easement for the trail to Blue Rocks, in addition to plans for seeking approval for access along North Brick Lane. Ms. Palser said that they have cleared part of the proposed easement to the Blue Rock's trail in preparation for surveying. Mr. Stabolepszy mentioned that the property lines would need to be established in order to create a legal description for the easement. Mr. Stabolepszy mentioned that the total cost for the process of the Blue Rock easement and surveying work quoted from SSM Group would be approximately \$10,000. Mr. Stoltzfus suggested the trails committee work through the process of the unknowns, to confirm that there is an actual project, prior to Council voting in consideration for any soft costs. Ms. Palser will work on getting verbal approvals for access from the locations on North Brick Lane, and if that is established, the agreement can be considered for amendment.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

REVIEW OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

George Firrantello reviewed the proposed use of ARPA funds proposed to be distributed to Elverson Honey Brook EMS, based on the calculated formula.

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to approve the contribution of \$25,000 from the Borough's ARPA fund, to be allocated to the Elverson Honey Brook EMS, contingent upon all other townships, and Borough's served by the EMS, agreeing to provide their calculated share of the allocation. Motion approved by all.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Thomas Feeley reviewed the Wildlife Corridors for Pennsylvania Letter, and asked if Council would support further research of the concept. Council agreed to support the concept of plans to research proposed Wildlife Corridors for Pennsylvania.

MAYORS REPORT:

Esther Prosser reported that she has recruited some good members for neighborhood watch. Ms. Prosser mentioned that there was a young man in the Borough who was interested in having a skate park in the Borough. Ms. Prosser mentioned the committee is just gathering some preliminary information on skate parks at this time. Ms. Prosser reported that Comcast has requested to have their vehicle on site for Borough events, with their team available to review products and services they will soon be offering the residents. Council agreed to allow the Comcast vehicle to be available at the yard sale in May, and at the Elverson Day event in June. Ms. Prosser mentioned the Elverson Day committee is working on plans for having food vendors for the Elverson Day Event, and a local brewery has requested to participate. Ms. Prosser will look into whether a brewery would be permitted to attend the event, since the Borough is designated as a dry town, and Mr. Phillips will consult with his partner who does LCB work.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Thomas Feeley reported that the electricity work has been completed in preparation for the security system at Livingood Park, which is scheduled to be installed next week. Mr. Feeley mentioned he would like to have additional cameras installed at the Borough building, and train station. Mr. Feeley said that he has been working with a handyman on small projects. Mr. Feeley reported that the flag pole at the park will be repaired, and the flag will be raised. Mr. Feeley said that the electrician will be coming back to look at the lights in the gazebos to see what is required to reconnect the wiring. Mr. Feeley reviewed the quote to replace the damaged of the 25 MPH speed limit sign on N. Pine Street, and Mr. Stoltzfus said the sign would be the responsibility of the HOA. Lori Kolb will notify the HOA regarding the sign. Mr. Feeley reviewed the proposed agreement with Bollinger's for the use of the portable restrooms at Livingood Park.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, seconded by Dennis Kurtz, to execute the rental agreement with Bollinger Septic Services, for the rental of the portable restrooms at Livingood Park. Motion carried by all.

Lori Kolb and Dennis Kurtz reviewed the results of communication with PPL regarding the LED lights. Mr. Stoltzfus and Mr. Stewart were not in favor of removing any of the street lights. Ms. Prosser felt that those not in favor of the LED lights could wait for the shields to be available to be installed. Mr. Kurtz will inquire as to any future plans for lower level lighting to be changed.

STATE POLICE:

Thomas Feeley reviewed the State Police report, there were no concerns.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy provided the cost for rehabilitating Park Avenue. Mr. Stabolepszy recommended based on the potential realignment of Park Avenue as part of the proposed Hopewell Manor II, it would make sense to rehabilitate the roadway from Whitford Corporation, North to the Borough Line.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, and seconded by Jack Stewart to authorize Mark Stabolepszy to acquire bids for rehabilitating Park Avenue from Whitford Corporation, North to the Borough Line. Motion carried by all.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Tom Feeley reviewed the Kraft Code Services Report. Jack Stewart would like to look into why the driveway paving has not yet been done on the S. Chestnut Street property. Lori Kolb will review the status of this with Joe Boulanger from Kraft Code Services.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart reported that the MABE Board members have invited Council Members to tour the sewer plant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

George Firrantello reported that the Borough has reviewed an option to pay an additional fee for yard waste removal with A.J. Blosenski, Inc. Mr. Firrantello recommended the option for residential pick-up to be four (4) times per year on a designated Saturday for the months of April, June, September and November.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, and seconded by Jack Stewart to schedule a designated Saturday for A.J. Blosenski to provide residential curbside pick-up of yard waste from Borough residents during the months of April, June, September and November, at a cost to the Borough of \$300 per pick-up, plus disposal. Motion carried by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by George Firrantello to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer