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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on August 2, 2022 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Bob Clements who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dennis Kurtz led in Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Greg Philips, YDASP, Caitlin Ganley, Comcast, Rob Anderson, Comcast, Chris Sumski, Buckley Cable Company, Chris Gabel, Ocean Eye, Claire Viola, Hankin Library, Doug Wachenfeld, Resident, John McQuaid, Resident

**MINUTES:**

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Dennis Kurtz accept the July 2, 2022 Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

Caitlin Ganley and Rob Anderson, with Comcast provided an update on the installation of the Comcast lines and service. Mr. Anderson reported that all aerial and pole permitting has been completed, and currently they have one mile of underground lines left to do. Mr. Anderson said that they will have the gas company out tomorrow, to be certain all goes well when they go through Parkside. Mr. Anderson said that all is going well with the build, and the overall response from residents has been positive. Mr. Anderson answered questions from Council, and it appeared that any concerns that have been raised have been addressed promptly.

Doug Wachenfeld explained his concerns for the lighting at 58 W. Main Street. Mr. Clements said he communicated with the property owner, and he said he has plans to schedule a truck to come out within 7 to 10 days, and work with the neighboring properties to correct the concerns. Jack Stewart and Dennis Kurtz felt that the lights should be dimmed after business hours, to which other members agreed. Mr. Wachenfeld suggested that footcandle measurements could be requested after the work to reposition the lights.

Claire Viola, from the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library reported that library cards need to be renewed every three years, as some people do not know they need to do this. Ms. Viola reported on a few of the new resources the library offers, which included 3D printers, digital video converters, recording equipment, reality equipment, and sewing machine for quilt making.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

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

George Firrantello mentioned he will be starting the budgeting process for 2023, and requested that Council Members let him know what they feel that might need to be included. Mr. Clements commented that it might be good to try to keep the budget lean, due to the current economy.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Bob Clements asked George Firrantello to review the information from the Twin Valley Fire Department meeting held on July 19, 2022, to discuss the proposed purchase of a new ladder truck. Mr. Firrantello explained that the current ladder truck is up for replacement in 2024, and in order to keep with the time frame, the order would need to be placed by the end of September 2022.

Jack Stewart made a motion seconded by George Firrantello to approve Twin Valley Fire Department's purchase of a new ladder truck, as presented in the letter from the Fire Department dated July 20, 2022. Motion carried by all.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Bob Clements and Lori Kolb reviewed the notes from Mayor Prosser, who was unable to attend. Mayor Prosser had noted that the Free Library was vandalized again, and Lori Kolb reported that efforts are being made to identify those responsible. Mayor Prosser also reported that she has had communication with residents and a pet owner regarding concerns for a dangerous dog. Mayor Prosser is hopeful this situation has improved. Mayor Prosser had a report of a clogged pipe on South Brick Lane, and Merle Stoltzfus resolved the issue with the clogged pipe.

**BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:**

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Jack Stewart, to authorize the quote as submitted by Shawn Mullen, in the amount of \$3,000 for the staining of the gazebos. Motion carried by all.

**STATE POLICE:**

Bob Clements reviewed the State Police report, there were no concerns.

**ENGINEERING:**

Mark Stabolepszy reported that they are still waiting for the developer and PPL to finalize street light locations. Mr. Stabolepszy also mentioned that they have provided observation for wearing course paving on Wildflower Court and are in the process of compiling a semi-final project punch list. Mr. Clements commented there were concerns for one of the basins being wet versus dry. Mr. Stabolepszy mentioned that it may be premature, as the basins have not yet been converted to their final stability stage. Mr. Stabolepszy asked how Council wanted him to handle concerns for continuing work, prior to receiving the additional requested escrow. Lori Kolb reported that the developer was going to come by on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> to bring in the check for the requested escrow replenishment. Mr. Clements requested that Mr. Stabolepszy keep him informed of any future escrow concerns, to determine how he should proceed.

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed the bids that were opened for the Park Avenue paving project, and explained it was advertised with an alternate bid to include better line striping. Mr. Stabolepszy suggested that based on roll that line striping plays in roadway safety, his recommendation was the contract be awarded to Schlouch, Inc.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by George Firrantello to award the base bid contract, with the inclusion of the better line striping for the Park Avenue Paving project, from Whitford Corporation, to North Chestnut Street, to Schlouch, Inc. in the amount of \$88,817.50. Motion carried by all.

**BUILDING AND ZONING:**

Bob Clements reviewed the report from Kraft Code Services, there were no concerns.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Jack Stewart reported on the MABE meeting. Mr. Stewart said things are going fine, and there was nothing of concern to report. Mr. Stewart mentioned that the authority is still waiting for the results of the ARPA grant application.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Clements reviewed the concerns from a resident for two specific unmaintained properties. Mr. Clements did not feel there was anything in violation of the Boroughs ordinance. Lori Kolb will speak to Mayor Prosser regarding the property concerns, and work with her to communicate with the property owners. Mr. Clements said further follow up for these properties will be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Dennis Kurtz. to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer