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August 5, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on August 5, 2025, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council Vice President, Thomas Feeley, Solicitor Greg Philips led the Pledge of Allegiance and Julie Duffy led in Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: President: Merle Stoltzfus

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group; Greg Philips, PP&O; Lisa Palser, Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee; Keith DeWalt, Cindy Franchitti, Diane Cikoski, Nate Hupal, and George Hupal.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Mike Trojecki and seconded by Laura Pennza accept the July 1, 2025, Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Keith DeWalt discussed the Main Street Matters Program which is a grant offered through DCED. This is a program designing the downtown area, making communities more welcoming and increasing safety and security. Keith stated this could be a way to restore the Historical Commission to work on this grant. Keith stated applications for this grant are due to DCED by the end of August 2025.

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Laura Pennza to authorize holding a Special Meeting and to advertise that meeting and to draft a Resolution for preparing the application and to hold a Special Meeting to approve the resolution. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tom Feeley discussed the quote for 2025/2026 winter maintenance from Tri-County Landscaping.

Motion made by Mike Trojecki and seconded by Dennis Kurtz to accept the quote from Tri-County Landscape for 2025/2026 Winter Maintenance. Motion carried by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Esther Prosser discussed Elverson Day, which was held on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Esther mentioned the next Borough Newsletter will go out in September. Esther stated the Elverson Parade will be held on Wednesday, October 15th, the theme this year is Elverson on Broadway, Celebrating our Favorite Musicals.

PARKS, RECREATION & TRAILS:

Lisa Palser discussed the water issues Honey Brook Township was having with their skatepark. She stated the main water issue was with the bowl, the skatepark going in at Elverson will not have a bowl. Lisa stated she submitted new updated plans for the skatepark to the Zoning Officer, Joe Boulanger at Kraft Municipal Group for review.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Tom Feeley stated the handyman has painted and sealed the walkway at Borough Hall heading to the basement. Tom mentioned that Caernarvon Township has an old mailbox that they are looking to get rid of and are willing to sell to Elverson for use as a retired flag box. Tom stated he will have Shawn put a cement pad in for this box to sit on.

STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Julie Duffy stated the Borough has received several complaints about the flowerpots at N. Pine and Main Streets. Esther Prosser stated she spoke with Herb Hamilton with the Tree Commission about the placement of these pots and Herb feels the placement of these pots are not an issue. Greg Philips stated that the one sitting in the walkway is indeed a violation of the ADA compliance. Greg suggested having Mark Stabolepszy check the sight distance on the one on the opposite side of N. Pine St. Dennis Kurtz suggested at least removing the trees from the center the flowerpots. Esther stated she will ask Herb to trim the tree. Council agreed to start by trimming the trees and see if that helps, if not, they will reconsider removing the trees from the flowerpots completely.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Barclay Hargreaves stated he is planning to schedule a meeting for September 30th at the Twin Valley Elementary Center to review the County's Pipeline Emergency Planning Project. He mentioned as soon as the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan is complete, he will bring that before Council for their review. Barclay mentioned that Savvy Citizen is working very well; he feels it is a great system. He advised everyone that West Nantmeal Township is now using Savvy Citizen and Warwick Township is looking to start using it also. Barclay stated there will be four (4) CPR classes this fall hosted by EHBEMS.

CO-DIGESTER COMMITTEE:

Dennis Kurtz reported on the Special Meeting Caernarvon Township held on Monday, July 28th regarding the adoption of two Ordinances pertaining to the Anaerobic Digester proposed in Caernarvon Township. Dennis stated the Caernarvon Township Board of Supervisors voted and adopted the two Ordinances regarding the Co-Digester. He stated the Berks County Planning Commission had fourteen recommendations for the Ordinance for the Digester. Dennis stated Caernarvon Township may amend that Ordinance based on the Berks County Planning Commission's recommendations.

STATE POLICE:

Tom Feeley reviewed the State Police report; there were no concerns.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy stated there has been progress with the Blue Rock Development closeout; he stated they just have a couple of administrative things to clean up.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Tom Feeley reviewed Kraft Municipal Group's report; there were no concerns.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Tom Feeley reviewed the Municipal Authority's report from their meeting which was held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Mike Trojecki to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Stolz
Secretary Treasurer