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August 3, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on August 3, 2021 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Dwight Frizen who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Council Members, Dwight Frizen, Bob French, Merle Stoltzfus, Jack Stewart, Bob Clements, George Firrantello, Mayor Bob Broderick

Absent: Council Member Mike Trojecki and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Tammy Fisher, Resident, Tom Feeley, Resident Dennis Kurtz, Resident and Kurtis Miller, Representative from Chrissy Houlahan's Office

**MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by George Firrantello accept the July meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

Tammy Fisher asked if there was a status for the repair of the sink hole on Route 82 (South Chestnut Street). Merle Stoltzfus reported that he had spoken to Tim Hennessey regarding the sink hole, and Representative Hennessey said he would stop by and look at the hole. Mr. Stoltzfus and Tammy Fisher described the dimensions of the hole as being approximately three feet deep, with erosion below the blacktop. Mr. Stoltzfus suggested that if Council agrees, he would like to meet with Representative Hennessey and PennDot Representatives to discuss the concerns for the sink hole. Council agreed that Merle Stoltzfus should schedule the meeting as soon as possible, to discuss the sink hole.

Kurtis Miller from Chrissy Houlahan's office spoke of various committees that Representative Houlahan is involved with. Mr. Miller expressed that their office focuses on advocating for constituents. Mr. Miller reported on other services Representative Houlahan's office provides, including leadership during the pandemic, securing money for local projects, and working with the IRS on behalf of constituents.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Bob French to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Dwight Frizen reported that the sunshine act has been revised to require the meeting agenda to be posted to the Borough's website, and at the Borough Office, 24 hours prior to the Council Meeting. Lori Kolb will advertise the agenda beginning with the September 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Dwight Frizen also reported that House Bill 1621, was passed to create the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Mr. Frizen reported that Lori Kolb will be sending the Borough's current wireless communications ordinance to Jim Scheffey for review, to determine if it needs to be amended, or if any new ordinance will need to be enacted to comply with the new House Bill.

**BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:**

Bob French reported that the wood work has been completed at the gazebos at Livingood Park. Mr. French said that he has met with the contractor to move forward with the work that needs to be done at the train and freight station, however the materials are not all available, so not all of the work can be scheduled as yet.

Mr. French reviewed the snow plowing quote for the second year extension option as noted in the current contract with Tri-County Landscape Creation, LLC.

Jack Stewart made a motion, seconded by George Firrantello, to accept the snow removal pricing increase as presented by Tri County Landscape Creations, LLC, for the 2021 / 2022 winter season. Motion carried.

There were no lights reported out, with the exception of the light in front of Giovanni's.

**STATE POLICE:**

Dwight Frizen reviewed the State Police report, there were no concerns.

**ENGINEERING:**

Mark Stabolepszy reported that he has only just received the final plan submission for the Daniel Thiel project, so he will begin working on that review. Mr. Stabolepszy said he has not yet heard from the Blue Rock Developer regarding the trail construction and tree trimming along Park Avenue, but he will follow up as to when that will be completed. Mr. Stabolepszy said that the micro-surfacing was completed on Parkside Drive. Mr. Stoltzfus mentioned he had driven through Parkside Drive, and there was excess material that had not been cleaned up around the manholes and other areas. Mr. Stoltzfus explained that if Council is contacted by residents regarding the way the surface appears, that they can explain the micro-surfacing will improve in appearance over time.

**BUILDING AND ZONING:**

Dwight Frizen reported there were no permits issued for the month of July.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Jack Stewart reported on the topics from the Municipal Authority Meeting. Mr. Stewart said that Merle Stoltzfus also attended the meeting to discuss possible use for the ARPA funds.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dwight Frizen mentioned that Esther Prosser would like to encourage Council to consider security cameras for Borough properties, specifically near the train station and Livingood Park. Bob Clements mentioned that he thought it would be a good idea to get quotes for a security system. Lori Kolb will look into security systems and request quotes.

Mr. Firrantello reported that half of the ARPA funds have been received, and the remaining funds are expected approximately one year from now. Mr. Firrantello reported that he met with Merle Stoltzfus and Lori Kolb regarding the use of funds. Mr. Firrantello mentioned that funds can be used primarily for loss of revenue if applicable, sewer improvements and EMS Services. Mr. Firrantello said that the sub-committee will continue to discuss, and report to Council as well to determine the use for the funds.

Mr. Firrantello asked if Council had gotten the information from Eagle Disposal regarding suspension of recycling services. Council discussed the inconsistent services by Eagle Disposal, and reviewed the struggles that many companies are experiencing. Council reviewed the upcoming trash contract bid that will be advertised in September, and will be considered for award at the October 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer