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December 7, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on December 7, 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, George Firrantello, Mike Trojecki, Mayor Bob Broderick, and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb; Absent, Council Member Bob Clements

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Mark Gallant and Rachael Griffith, CCPC, Lisa Palser, Task Force Member, Lori Sifford, MABE, Charlotte Gehman, MABE, Jim Clark, A.J. Blosenski, Inc., Dennis Kurtz, Council Member Elect, Doug Hoskins, Retired Council Member, Esther Prosser, Mayor Elect, and Residents / Property Owners, Kira Kuzmenchule, Ken Hissner, Donna Moyer, Chris Gabel, John McQuaid

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob French accept the November meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Mark Gallant and Rachael Griffith, CCPC explained that they reviewed the Active Transportation Plan at the public hearing held at Hopewell Manor earlier in the evening, along with all of the previous required meetings. Mr. Gallant reported that due to some of the subject matter that residents had issues with in terms of the plan, he clarified that the plan was just an idea for the possibility of enhancing future walkability in the Borough. Mr. Stoltzfus explained that the comprehensive plan amendment is only a plan, and the trails are required to be part of the comprehensive plan in order for it to be considered for future implementation. Mr. Stoltzfus reported that the 2021 Active Transportation Plan would be an addition to the Borough's 2014 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Firrantello mentioned that there were some residents opposed to particular portions of the trail, however any consideration for the plan for future trails, would be considered at the time when or if the trails become actively considered for construction.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, seconded by George Firrantello to adopt the 2021 Active Transportation Plan, Resolution No. 2021-06, as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Lori Sifford, reported on the topics from the Municipal Authority Meeting, including the annual review of the fee schedule in combination of the budget and debt repayment. Ms. Sifford explained the tapping fee had not been increased for six years, and while the calculation supports a higher tapping fee, the Board adopted a more moderate fee to be increased to \$6,500, along with an increase in quarterly EDU fee to \$240.

Ms. Sifford encouraged Council to tour the operations, which she felt would be very informative in understanding the need for the funds. Ms. Sifford expressed that the MABE Board would like to keep open communications with Council ongoing. Ms. Sifford mentioned that MABE will be adding a plant expansion project, to include a third train, as well as nitrification treatment to the Urban Center Project List. Ms. Sifford explained that timing for this process will be influenced by the identification of other development in the Borough through the ACT 537 Plan or other means. Ms. Sifford reported that paving and fencing are completed at the Blue Rock / Corbett Pump Station, and it is expected that the landscaping will be completed shortly as well.

TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTRACT

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Bob French to award the Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection, Transportation and Disposal Bid, Alternative (A), 3 year contract with the option of two alternative years, to A.J. Blosenski, Inc. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Jack Stewart to approve the 2022 Elverson Borough Budget as advertised. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by George Firrantello to approve, and advertise the 2022 Elverson Borough Reorganization meeting to be held January 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM, the Borough Council meeting dates to be the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, with the exception of the January 2022 meeting, which will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM, and the Planning Commission meeting dates to be held, as needed, on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Motion carried by all.

SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE TV FRANCHISE

Motion was made by Mike Trojecki, seconded by Jack Stewart to enact the Service Electric Cable TV Franchise, Ordinance No. 2021-01. Motion carried

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Bob French reported that there are parts that require replacement at the top of the flag pole at Livingood Park, which cannot be done until the spring of 2022. Mr. French said given the extent of the work, the flag company will need to do the repair. Mr. French explained the location of the four surveillance cameras planned for Livingood Park Mr. French said the installation of the cameras will require electrical work, and a cellular service, which is in the process of being coordinated.

LOCAL SERVICES:

Merle Stoltzfus spoke on behalf of Council Members to express appreciation to Mayor Bob Broderick, Council President Dwight Frizen, Council Member Bob French, and retired Council Member Doug Hoskins, for their years of dedication and commitment in serving the Borough. The Mayor Elect, Esther Prosser, presented each Member, and the Mayor, with an engraved clock as a gift of appreciation.

STATE POLICE:

Dwight Frizen reviewed both the October and November 2021 State Police Reports, there were no concerns.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reported he has reviewed the landscape buffer planting area along Park Avenue after the initial clearing of existing vegetation and provided the developer with a punch list of items to be addressed in that area prior to additional work being done. Mr. Stabolepszy also reported that he notified the developer that there are several sycamore trees that remain in the area which could serve as substitutions for three of the proposed maple trees. Mr. Stabolepszy said he has advised the developer that Borough Council Members decided to require him to construct the walking trail, rather than accepting a fee in lieu of construction. Mr. Stabolepszy said discussions had begun with the HOA President regarding the location of two of the required four street lights. Mr. Stabolepszy reported that the Sunoco Pipeline Project is now complete and confirmed with Lori Kolb that no further permits need to be closed out.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the November Kraft Code Services report, there were no concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dwight Frizen mentioned that the revised Urban Center Project Report was included in the packets and has been sorted by status as requested by Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the email from Jim Scheffey, reporting that he plans to retire in 2022. Council Members expressed appreciation for Jim Scheffey's serving as the Borough's solicitor. Merle Stoltzfus said he is willing to work together with Council Member Elect, Dennis Kurtz will work together to coordinate interviews for solicitor candidates. Mr. Stoltzfus and Mr. Kurtz will meet to discuss plans for interviews.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer