



**The Borough of Elverson**  
**101 South Chestnut Street**

Elverson, PA 19520  
Phone (610) 286-6420  
Fax (610) 286-5950

December 2, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on December 2, 2025, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Merle Stoltzfus who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Laura Pennza Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Also in attendance: Kent Morey, SSM Group; Greg Philips, PP&O; Barclay Hargreaves; Cindy Franchitti; Diane Stoltzfus; Corinne Iya, Danny Iya, Kelly Fenton, Kimberly Mountz, and Jonathan Mountz

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Julie Duffy and seconded by Tom Feeley to accept the November 3, 2025, Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

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

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Tom Feeley to approve and adopt the 2026 Elverson Borough Budget as advertised. Motion carried by all.

Merle discussed that Lorrie is the Secretary/Treasurer for both the Borough and the Municipal Authority and recommended the Board consider having someone fill in when Lorrie is out of the office.

Motion made by Julie Duffy and seconded by Laura Pennza to approve Resolution Number 2025-06, to appoint George Firrantello, as Volunteer Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, effective January 1, 2026. Motion carried by all.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Merle Stoltzfus stated the Re-organizational meeting will occur on Monday, January 5, 2026, with the Borough Council meeting following immediately after.

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz seconded by Tom Feeley to approve, and advertise the 2026 Elverson Borough Council meeting dates to be the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, with the exception of the November meeting, which will be held on Monday, November 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM, and the Planning Commission meeting dates to be held, on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, as needed. Motion carried by all.

Merle Stoltzfus reviewed the list of Committees and Commissions positions for 2026. He asked the Board to review the list and decide which committee they would like to serve on.

Merle stated that 2026 is a re-organizational year and it would be a suitable time to consider reviewing the consultants who are currently serving the Borough.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Esther Prosser thanked Cindy Franchitti and Lisa Genovese for organizing the Elverson Tree Lighting this past Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Esther stated there were approximately one hundred people at the event.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Laura Pennza asked Esther if she would be continuing to be the editor for the newsletter; Esther stated she is working with someone to take over the newsletter.

**PARKS, RECREATION & TRAILS:**

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the Brick Lane Trail; he stated the Borough received an extension from the County and now have until the end of 2026 to spend the grant money.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

Tom Feeley stated everything has been winterized. He stated we are still waiting for quotes for carpeting and he would like to paint the office area in Borough Hall.

**STREETS AND LIGHTS:**

Julie Duffy stated she ordered five speed limit signs for S. Pine Street and they should be delivered this week.

Cindy Franchitti stated she would like to have two digital speed limit signs installed on S. Pine Street as well.

Laura Pennza stated she has been working with Representative Paul Friel's office on the PennDOT application process for reducing the speed limit on Route 23 and Pedestrian Crossing Signals at the intersection of Yeingst Dr. and Route 23. Laura discussed the applications and the Resolutions that need to be submitted to PennDOT to move forward with this process. Laura stated as part of the application process the Borough needs to have a contract in place for maintenance of the pedestrian crossing signs. Laura contacted CM High, they provided a service contract in the amount of \$300.00 a year for maintenance of the pedestrian crossing signs which includes language stating the Borough is not obligated to pay the \$300. if we do not install a crosswalk and pedestrian signs. Laura stated CM High recommended the Borough install two (2) solar signs with push buttons at a cost of \$28,000. Laura mentioned that the trees along Main Street where the pedestrian signs will be placed will need to be trimmed. Laura stated she is working with Rep. Friels's office on submitting a grant application and if awarded the grant will pay 80% of the cost. Laura stated this is all dependent upon PennDOT giving the Borough permission to move forward with this process.

Motion made by Julie Duffy and seconded by Tom Feeley to approve Resolution Number 2025-07, Application to PennDOT for Certain Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Improvements at Yeingst Dr. and Route 23.

Dennis Kurtz asked for clarification to be sure that the Borough would not be purchasing the pedestrian signs before getting the approval for them from PennDOT; Laura stated that is correct, the Borough needs PennDOT to approve this before they could move forward with purchasing the signs. Dennis also stated he has concerns about the tree trimming; he does not want to see the trees along Main Street be cut drastically, Laura agreed and stated she is hoping they just do a little trimming. Merle Stoltzfus stated he felt this could help traffic calming on Rt. 23.

Motion carried by all.

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Julie Duffy to approve Resolution Number 2025-08, Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with PennDOT. Motion carried by all.

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Tom Feeley to authorize Merle Stoltzfus to sign the PennDOT application for Traffic Signal Approval. Motion carried by all.

**STATE POLICE:**

Merle Stoltzfus reviewed the State Police report; there were no concerns.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Barclay Hargreaves stated the Chester County Department of Emergency services has an app for individuals with special needs they are no longer using this system. They have a new system and are transferring all the information into that system which is Chesco Ready. He mentioned the county has begun planning their active threat drill for next year with a full exercise scheduled for next summer. Barclay stated he is on the EHBEMS Board and they are looking at replacing their AEDs. He applied for a grant for new AEDs and if approved he will try to get one for Borough Hall.

**2026 TWIN VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT:**

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the Twin Valley Fire Department's 2026 contract and commented that the fire department is considering switching to paid staff in the future.

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Tom Feeley to accept the 2026 Twin Valley Fire Department Contract. Motion carried by all.

**ENGINEERING:**

Kent Morey discussed his reports; there were no concerns.

**BUILDING AND ZONING:**

Merle Stoltzfus discussed Kraft Municipal Group's report; there were no concerns.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Lorrie Stolz discussed the Municipal Authority's meeting which was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Merle discussed the Urban Center's Improvements Inventory

Motion by Julie Duffy seconded by Laura to accept the Urban Center's Improvements Inventory. Motion carried by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Tom Feeley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:01PM.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Stolz  
Secretary Treasurer