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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on February 3, 2026, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Dennis Kurtz. Tom Feeley led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Jon Mountz who led in Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members: Dennis Kurtz, Thomas Feeley, Mike Trojecki, Laura Pennza, Julie Duffy, Jon Mountz, Mayor Cindy Franchitti and Secretary/Treasurer, Lorrie Stolz

Also in attendance: Greg Philips, PP&O; Lisa Palser, Parks, Rec., and Trails Committee; and Barclay Hargreaves

MINUTES:

Motion made by Julie Duffy and seconded by Mike Trojecki to accept the January 5, 2026, Council Re-Organization meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

Motion made by Laura Pennza and seconded by Mike Trojecki to accept the January 5, 2026, Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Dennis Kurtz discussed a vacancy on Borough Council. Dennis stated even though John Scalia won the election, he did not get sworn in. Motion made by Laura Pennza and seconded by Tom Feeley to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2026-03, Declaration of Vacancy on Council. Motion carried by all.

Dennis Kurtz recommended filling the vacancy on Borough Council with Turner Stoltzfus; this would be for a two-year term ending in 2027. Turner would need to run for re-election if he would like to continue on the Board. Motion made by Tom Feeley and seconded by Jon Mountz to appoint Turner Stoltzfus to Borough Council. Dennis opened this up for discussion; Laura Pennza stated she would like to see who else may be interested. Dennis stated Turner is young, has expressed interest, has construction experience, and is a realtor. There was no further discussion. Motion carried 5 - 1 (Laura Pennza abstained)

Dennis Kurtz discussed looking for a new Engineering services. He stated the Borough has received pricing from three (3) Engineering firms. Dennis stated SSM Group's rates have increased for 2026. Dennis asked the council members to review the three quotes and consider who they would like to see as the Borough Engineer.

Dennis stated the Borough is required to go out for bid for Landscaping services. Dennis stated the bids must be submitted to the Borough no later than 1:55pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, and will be opened and read aloud at 2pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. He stated Borough Council will review

the received bids, and award the bid if everything is in order, at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Lorrie will advertise this in the Reading Eagle.

MAYORS REPORT:

Cindy Franchitti mentioned the skatepark would like to hold a grand opening event, she turned the discussion over to Lisa Palser. Lisa stated the skatepark is open, the only remaining item to be completed is the handicapped parking area and once that is completed, they would like to have a Grand Opening event; she will advise Council and set a date for that event.

Cindy mentioned Elverson Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th this year. The committee is going to incorporate something in honor of the 250th Celebration of America. Cindy stated she would like to get banners for the light poles along Main St.; she stated PP&L will install the banners. Cindy stated the banners will cost \$3400 plus PP&L charges. She requested Councils approval of this. Dennis recommended Lorrie reach out to George, request these funds, and add this to the March agenda for further discussion.

Cindy mentioned she is planning to add drought-tolerant plantings to the flowerpots along Main St. in the spring.

Cindy discussed the rental properties along Main St. Dennis stated he had a conversation with Merle Stoltzfus regarding this and confirmed that Merle did send out a letter last fall to all the landlords of the rental properties in the Borough and had conversations with several of the landlords about their properties.

PARKS, RECREATION & TRAILS:

Lisa Palser unfortunately stated Elverson Borough was not awarded the grant for the trail. Lisa stated there is \$20,000 in the account for the Brick Lane trail, and they are waiting for warmer weather to begin construction.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Tom Feeley stated Peter Mountz with the Trail Life Group would like to fix up the snack bar. Tom suggested planting trees at Livingood park to thank people who have contributed to the community. Tom stated he has spoken to a company that will supply the Borough with anti-graffiti paint to use on the skatepark.

STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Laura Pennza mentioned she is waiting for PennDOT to conduct a speed study along Main Street. She is hopeful that PennDOT will reduce the speed to 30mph. Laura stated she is working with the Engineer on a grant through DCED for pedestrian crosswalk signals at Yeingst Dr. and Main St. Laura stated because the pedestrian signs are solar powered part of the process would involve cutting down trees. Laura mentioned the other option would be to consider fully electric signs, however; they would be more expensive.

Julie Duffy stated the speed limit signs for S. Pine St. have been delivered to Borough Hall, however; now we need warmer weather for them to be installed.

STATE POLICE:

Dennis Kurtz reviewed the State Police report; there were no concerns.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Barclay Hargreaves thanked Council for signing the Declaration of Disaster Emergency before the last snowstorm. He explained to the Board the reason for putting this declaration in place. Barclay mentioned the County's Emergency Operation Plan is up for renewal this year. Barclay stated he will send an electronic copy of the plan to the Council Members for their review prior to them adopting it.

Barclay discussed Resolution No. 2026-02, Designating Emergency Service Providers. Motion made by Tom Feeley and Julie Duffy to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2026-02, Designating Emergency Service Providers for the Borough of Elverson. Motion carried by all.

ENGINEERING:

Dennis Kurtz reviewed the Engineering report; there were no concerns.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Dennis Kurtz reviewed Kraft Municipal Group's report; there were no concerns.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Mike Trojecki and Lorrie Stolz discussed the Municipal Authority's meeting which was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dennis Kurtz discussed the 2026 Committees that need to be filled. Mike Trojecki agreed to remain the liaison for the MABE.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Julie Duffy and seconded by Mike Trojecki to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Stolz
Secretary Treasurer