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February 6, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on February 6, 2024 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Bob Clements who led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Dennis Kurtz led in Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members, Bob Clements, Thomas Feeley (on conference phone), Mike Trojecki, Dennis Kurtz, Laura Pennza, Julie Duffy; and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb, Absent: Council Member Merle Stoltzfus and Mayor Esther Prosser

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Greg Phillips, YDASP, Lisa Palser, Park, Recreation and Trails Committee, along with residents; Gregory Siwik, Ken and Polly Pratt, Frank, Michelle, and Danielle Costantino, Linda Trojecki, Barbara Hayward, Cary Leptuck, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Franchitti

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz, and seconded by Mike Trojecki, to accept the January re-organization, and council meeting minutes, as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Leptuck inquired about the proposed sale of Borough owned property. Mr. Clements responded that Council Members have determined not to sell the property at this time, and there had not been any projects brought before the Planning Commission.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by Julie Duffy, and seconded by Mike Trojecki, to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz, seconded by Julie Duffy, to authorize Bob Clements to execute the 2024 agreement between the Borough of Elverson and the Twin Valley Fire Department. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Mike Trojecki, seconded Laura Pennza, to approve Resolution No. 2024-03, to participate in the America 250 PA Celebration. Motion carried by all.

COMMITTEE REPORT: (Bob Clements and Laura Pennza)

Bob Clements announced there was an executive meeting held prior to the Council Meeting to review the upcoming employee vacancy.

Laura Pennza proposed outsourcing the hiring process for the Secretary/Treasurer position, along with ideas for other possible advertising.

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz, seconded by Mike Trojecki, to authorize outsourcing the hiring and advertising process of the Secretary/Treasurer position for the Borough, conditioned upon George Firrantello's confirmation that the Borough's 2024 budget can support the expense. Motion carried by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Motion was made by Mike Trojecki, seconded by Tom Feeley, to hold off on authorizing the quote to resurface the basketball / pickleball courts at the Borough Hall, until a future meeting. Motion carried by all.

Bob Clements asked if Council Members were in favor of purchasing parts to repair pedestrian crossing signs. Council Members agreed to authorize the purchase of the parts as needed.

Bob Clements tabled the discussion on the proposed mailbox clusters for Borough Hall until further information was available for the scope of the project. No action was taken.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Thomas Feeley reviewed current and future maintenance work and repairs, including researching the leak at the Livingood Park Fountain, and possible replacement of the basketball hoops at the court at the Borough Hall Park.

Bob Clements tabled the discussion of the quotes for a new security system, and improvements to the system at Livingood Park, until Tom Feeley has had an opportunity to review. No action was taken.

STATE POLICE:

Bob Clements reviewed the State Police report, there were no concerns.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Barclay Hargreaves introduced himself to the new Council Members and residents present. Mr. Hargreaves reported he is working to update the Emergency Operation Plan, which will become an annex to the plan.

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz, seconded by Julie Duffy, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-02, to assign the 2024 Emergency Management Service Providers for the Borough of Elverson.

Motion carried by all.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reported that he is working with Dave Stoltzfus on as-built plans for the Brick Lane Church and provided an update on a few items to be addressed at the Blue Rock Development. Mr. Stabolepszy also mentioned he is working with Gary McEwen regarding the status of the construction of the infiltration bed portion of the stormwater basin at 25 S. Brick Lane.

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz, seconded by Mike Trojecki, to approve the quote, as submitted, by Spotts, Stevens and McCoy Group, for the Borough's engineering portion of the Act 537 update, to be funded by the Borough's ARPA funds. Motion carried by all.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Bob Clements reviewed the report from Kraft Municipal Group, there were no concerns.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Bob Clements reviewed the report submitted by the Municipal Authority, there were no concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Greg Phillips reported he reviewed the North Brick Lane easement agreement, and he is continuing to research a possible successor for Sproul Hill.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Julie Duffy, and seconded by Mike Trojecki, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer