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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on February 7, 2023 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council Vice President, Tom Feeley who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Esther Prosser led in Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Council Members, Jack Stewart, George Firrantello, Mike Trojecki, Thomas Feeley, Dennis Kurtz, Mayor Esther Prosser and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb, Absent: Council Member Merle Stoltzfus and Council President, Bob Clements

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Lisa Palser and Diane Cikoski, Park, Recreation and Trails Committee, Barclay Hargreaves, EOC, Laura Pennza, Resident, Remo Williams and Justin Horrocks, Skate Park Proposal, Chris Gabel, Property Owner, Julie Duffy, Resident

**MINUTES:**

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Dennis Kurtz accept the January Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

Lisa Palser reported that the public meeting held at Hopewell Manor to review the proposed Skate / Pump Park and the response was overall positive. Ms. Palser requested Council Members approval for the use of land at Livingood Park for the future construction of the project.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Mike Trojecki to approve the use of land at Livingood Park for constructing a Skate / Pump Park as proposed, with the Borough covering the cost of maintenance, property and additional liability coverage, and with the condition that Council Members will have the final approval of the project prior to the start of construction. Motion carried 4 – 1 (Dennis Kurtz abstained)

Greg Phillips reviewed the status of the easement agreement for the trail to Blue Rocks.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by George Firrantello to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

**VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by George Firrantello, to authorize Council president, Bob Clements to sign the two (2) year Household Hazardous Waste Program Commitment form. Motion carried by all.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Esther Prosser reviewed information from the Elverson Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, meeting.

Esther Prosser suggested doggie waste bags, and one (1) container be installed at the Livingood Park. Council was in agreement to have the Park, Recreation and Trails Committee move forward with getting one doggie bag waste bag dispenser with bags, to be installed on the Yeingst Drive side of the park.

Esther Prosser reported that Greg Phillips was working on the petition for adding the change in dry town status to the ballot. Greg Phillips reviewed the draft petition, and Plain English Statement proposed for submission to be put on the ballot.

**BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:**

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Dennis Kurtz, to approve the expense of \$498 to purchase a new flag for Livingood Park. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Dennis Kurtz, to approve the purchase of a new A/C system for the Borough building to be installed by Boyd's Heating and Cooling, in the amount of \$6,397, and funded from the Borough's Capital Reserve account. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Mike Trojecki, to approve the quote from Christopher DeRafelo Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,350 to repair the roof at the Borough Hall building. Motion carried by all.

**STATE POLICE:**

Tom Feeley reviewed the State Police Report, there were no concerns.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Barclay Hargreaves reviewed the Resolution designating emergency services for the Borough. Mr. Hargreaves reported that there is a company, IEM, which will be drafting a plan for emergency response preparedness for the pipelines in the area, which includes the Borough. Mr. Hargreaves reported that Matt Walsh, the new Chief of Operations at Elverson Honey Brook EMS, assisted with updating the Borough's first aid cabinet as a community service courtesy.

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz, seconded by Mike Trojecki to adopt Resolution Number 2023-02, designating emergency service providers for the Borough of Elverson, and appoint Barclay Hargreaves to continue as the Borough's Emergency Operations Coordinator. Motion carried by all.

**ENGINEERING:**

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Dennis Kurtz, to approve escrow release application number 2, to reduce the bond for Blue Rock at Elverson by \$89,290, with a remaining balance of \$110,780. Motion carried by all.

Mark Stabolepszy reported that he has completed the comparison of the new Chester County model Storm water Ordinance to the current Elverson Borough Ordinance, and is prepared to meet with Borough Council representatives to review changes. Mr. Stabolepszy will contact Merle Stoltzfus to arrange a meeting to review the changes.

**BUILDING AND ZONING:**

Tom Feeley reviewed the Kraft Municipal Group report, there were no concerns.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Jack Stewart was unable to attend the MABE meeting, however Council reviewed the report provided by Charlotte Gehman. There were no concerns.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Tom Feeley reported that Council will need to consider appointing someone to be the EMS Liaison, Council agreed to have Barclay Hargreaves be the EMS Liaison for the Borough. Mr. Feeley requested Council consider candidates for the Vacancy Board Chair to be discussed at a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Dennis Kurtz, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer