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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on January 3, 2022, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Robert Clements, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Lori Sifford, MABE, Charlotte Gehman, MABE

MINUTES:

Motion was made by George Firrantello, and seconded by Jack Stewart, to accept the December 7, 2021 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, and the December 7, 2021 Borough Council Meeting Minutes, as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Lori Sifford reported that MABE has three projects listed on the Urban Center Projects List, including Aeration Improvements, Influent Building Replacement, and Treatment Plant Expansion. Ms. Sifford also mentioned that the information to be gained from a revised Act 537 plan is critical to determining the financial needs, and direction of the Municipal Authority. Ms. Sifford explained it is recommended that the report be completed every 10 years, and the last report was completed in 2002. Ms. Sifford said that the Act 537 update continues to be on the Municipal Authorities radar, and they will continue to look for grant opportunities for this process, and hopes that it is on the Council's radar as well. Ms. Sifford further reported that MABE has approved their annual budget for 2022, along with information regarding the Authorities financials.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, and seconded by Dennis Kurtz, to remove Dwight Frizen and Robert French from the Truist signature card, and to add Robert Clements, and Thomas Feeley, as check signers. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, and seconded by George Firrantello, to authorize Lori Kolb to open a new bank account with Truist for American Rescue Plan Act Funds in the amount of \$68,453.66, and a Trails Fund Account in the amount of \$100. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Robert Clements reviewed the 2022 Twin Valley Fire Department Contract with Council Members.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, and seconded by Dennis Kurtz, to approve, and authorize Robert Clements to sign the 2022 Twin Valley Fire Department Contract as presented. Motion carried by all.

Robert Clements requested approval to shred 2012 through 2014 Municipal Records.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, and seconded by Dennis Kurtz, to approve the shredding of Municipal records for the years 2012 through 2014, in accordance with the Municipal Record Manual. Motion carried.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Thomas Feeley reported that he will be working with the electrician to complete the work that will need to be done prior to installing the security system at Livingood Park. Mr. Feeley expressed that he felt there should be signs posted, and publication in the newsletter, to inform residents about the security installation at the park. Mr. Feeley also mentioned that an electrical outlet will be installed at the sign for Tim Hennessey's office by the train station on Main Street.

Dennis Kurtz reported that some residents have expressed they are not in favor of the LED Street Lights. Lori Kolb said that she is working with PPL in regard to the availability of a lower lumen bulb, and dimmer covers for those areas where residents have requested them. Lori Kolb will follow up with PPL as to the status of this concern.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reported on the punch list for the Blue Rock Subdivision, and said he will be reporting on the completion of the project once all work has been satisfied.

Mark Stabolepszy recommended approval of the reduction of the bond for the Blue Rock at Elverson, in the amount of \$145,750 to be released for the items identified in application #1, for after which the remaining balance would be \$200,070.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, and seconded by Jack Stewart, to approve escrow release application number 1, to reduce the bond for Blue Rock at Elverson by \$145,750, with a remaining balance of \$200,070. Motion carried by all.

Esther Prosser asked about the right of way area at the corner of Park Avenue and Main Street. Mark Stabolepszy said the research on this area has been delayed due to the construction of the Blue Rock development, however, they will be looking into this further, as the plan for the paving project for Park Avenue moves forward.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by George Firrantello, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01, for Kraft Code Services 2022 updated fee schedule for zoning, permit fees, building permit and inspection fees, plumbing permit fees, electrical permit fees, mechanical permit fees, mandated fees and the Borough's subdivision and land development submission fees. Motion carried by all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Robert Clements asked if Council would like to form a small Committee of no more than three members, for the review of the Comcast revised draft agreement. Council authorized Merle Stoltzfus, and George Firrantello, to review the revised draft agreement from Comcast, and forward to Jim Scheffey for further review, if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus reported that the Elverson Water Company had applied for a permit for a water withdraw. Mr. Stoltzfus explained this is required every ten years, and said that this is just a notification. Mr. Stoltzfus said that this should not be a requirement for the Borough, however he plans to make every effort to get out of this unnecessary process.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by George Firrantello to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer