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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held via zoom on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Dwight Frizen who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members, Dwight Frizen, Bob French, Merle Stoltzfus, Jack Stewart, Doug Hoskins, Bob Clements, George Firrantello, Mayor Bob Broderick, and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Lisa Palser and Diane Cikoski, Trails Committee, Aaron Prosser, Resident, Thomas and Monica Feeley, Residents

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Doug Hoskins to accept the December meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Aaron Prosser inquired as to what was proposed for the widened area at the corner of Main Street and Park Avenue. Mark Stabolepszy explained that the scope of the paving work planned for 2021 for Park Avenue has not yet been determined, however he would recommend that the widened area be narrowed. Mr. Stabolepszy mentioned he is having his survey department working to verify the right of way. Mr. Stabolepszy said that he is open to hearing what would work for Mr. Prosser, and can communicate with him after further review for the scope of the project and right of way is done. Mrs. Palser asked that safety for walkers be considered when determining what can be done with that widened area of the roadway.

Lisa Palser and Diane Cikoski spoke to Council regarding costs for construction of the trails and acquiring easements. Mrs. Palser suggested consulting with the Borough's attorney in regard to the cost for reviewing a sample easement agreement. Mr. Clements said that he will work with the trails committee, solicitor and engineer in the spring to review costs. Mr. Clements also suggested property owners could be asked if they are willing to donate their property for the extension of the trails, subject to review of the easement agreement. Mr. Clements said that construction of the trails and budgeting would need to be considered in phases. Mr. Clements and Mr. Firrantello will attend the trails committee meeting to continue discussion on this topic.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Dwight Frizen reminded Council of the number of members that will have expiring terms the end of 2021. Mr. Frizen also mentioned that Council continue to look for anyone who may be interested in re-starting the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Jack Stewart to adopt Emergency Procurement Resolution Number 2021-02 for the purchase of goods and services from Joyland Roofing in the amount of \$18,895 for which goods and services were provided on the dates of December 11, 16 and 23, 2020 to replace the pavilion roof at Livingood Park. Motion carried by all.

STATE POLICE:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the state police report.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reported the concern for water flowing from the back side of the property at 10 N. Brick Lane which resulted in icing on the roadway. Mr. Stabolepszy explained once the infiltration system is completed the issue will be resolved, however the contractor is planning to install piping as a temporary fix.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Bob French to adopt Resolution No. 2020-01, for Kraft Code Services 2021 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.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart mentioned that it was decided that the Act 537 update would be put on hold. Mr. Stoltzfus said that the decision was made that the update could be delayed until such time a grant could be available, or a subdivision would be proposed at a future date. Mr. Stabolepszy commented that he agreed with Mr. Stoltzfus' assessment of holding off on the Act 537 update. Mr. Stewart reported that MABE is currently assessing the sewer tap in fee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Doug Hoskins mentioned that the current trash and recycle contract will go out for bid in 2021. Mr. Hoskins suggested that Council could consider holding off on the decision for the change to the larger size recycle totes until the new contract is awarded. Mr. Frizen suggested that Council speak with their neighbors and see what size recycle tote is preferred.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lori Kolb reviewed a residents request for constructing a shed on a small parcel he owns which is adjacent to his property, but does not currently have a principal use. Lori Kolb will have Joe Boulanger contact Merle Stoltzfus to discuss the Borough's Zoning Ordinance in regard to the resident's request.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Bob Clements to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer