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July 11, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on July 11, 2023 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Bob Clements who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Also in attendance: Barb Bailey, Chester County Library, Mary Lewis, Resident, Herb Hamilton, Tree Commission, Rich Almquist, Solicitor, Bill Guinan, Resident, Ken and Polly Pratt, Residents, Lisa Palser, Resident, Trooper McKee, PA State Police

**MINUTES:**

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

**TREE COMMISSION:**

Herb Hamilton reported that there are two dying ash trees that need to be removed on South Pine Street, however the cost was not in the current budget. Council Members agreed to authorize allocation of \$780 planned for other pesticide treatment, which was not needed in the current budget, along with an additional \$620 to remove the dead trees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Barb Bailey from Chester County Library reported on the programs currently offered, which can be reviewed on their website, or their streaming referred to as canopy which can be accessed remotely.

Mary Lewis reported on ideas for beautification efforts in the area of the train station, as well as a possible farmers market in that vicinity, along with future changes to the widened area at North Park Avenue. Mr. Clements said there were concerns for parking for a potential farmers market. Mr. Clements said that all will be considered.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Barclay Hargreaves reported on the proposed senate bill 365 for workers compensation for PTSD for first responders. Mr. Hargreaves reported that he felt there were some things that may require further review. Merle Stoltzfus would like to know PSAB's position on the bill Mr. Hargreaves reviewed the Elverson Day Emergency Management activity, and reported all went well. Mr. Hargreaves reviewed the contract with IEM to do all emergency planning for all municipalities that have pipelines. Mr. Hargreaves mentioned that there will be extensive planning in the Elverson Borough area, which will be followed by training. Mr. Hargreaves felt this was an opportunity for additional progress of a great plan for the area. Mr. Hargreaves will gather additional information and report back at a future meeting. Mr Hargreaves will also bring additional information regarding the purchase of a hospital.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the May and June Treasurers Reports and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

George Firrantello reviewed the 2022 Audit Report, there were no concerns with the report.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Bob Clements reported that an executive session was held prior to the Council Meeting to discuss a legal matter, no decisions were made.

Bob Clements reviewed the quote from TriCounty Landscaping Creations, LLC for winter maintenance.

Motion was made by George Firrantello seconded by Mike Trojecki to accept the quote for winter maintenance, effective October 2023 through April 2024, with the option of 3 (1) one year extensions, as agreed upon between TriCounty Landscaping Creations, LLC and the Borough of Elverson Council Members. Motion carried by all.

Bob Clements reported that PennDot has given the Borough additional procedures required for the use of restriction of brake retarder signage. Esther Prosser will look into the procedure recently presented, as it appears to be different then what was originally proposed.

Bob Clements asked Council if they were opposed or in support of SB746, the Dog Law Modernization Bill. Council Members took no position on the proposed bill.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, seconded by Dennis Kurtz, to authorize Bob Clements to sign a letter expressing Council Members opposition to HB 299, OSHA Mandate. Motion carried by all.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Esther Prosser reviewed the temporary signage whereas postings were made without property owner permission. Mayor Prosser mentioned that excessive signs have been pulled. Mayor Prosser reviewed an example for the inquiry for the replacement of the old Astech sign. Lori Kolb will request the property owner submit a sign permit to be reviewed by Joe Boulanger with Kraft Municipal Group, to determine what is permitted within the Borough's zoning.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Tom Feeley, to purchase three pedestrian crossing signs with the use of the State Liquid Fuels Funds. Motion carried by all.

**BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:**

Tom Feeley said that the basketball poles will be painted in addition to the area around the pavilion at the Borough, and some stucco painting around the Livingood Park Gazebos. Mr. Feeley will review additional cracks in the walking path around Parkside and near the parking lot, and have the handyman take care of those.

Tom Feeley suggested that the perimeter of the island at North Pine Street be painted yellow, as opposed to new signage, since they have continued to be run over. Council Members agreed to have the perimeter of the island painted and move one of the larger cement planters there as well.

**STATE POLICE:**

Trooper McKee attended the meeting. Trooper McKee recommended encouraging residents to lock their cars, and install ring cameras, as it is very helpful when an incident occurs. Trooper McKee also said if there is an opportunity to have surveillance cameras located where it could be possible to identify a license plate, that can be very effective in identifying someone involved in an incident.

**ENGINEERING:**

Bob Clements reported that Mark Stabolepszy could not be present. Council Members did not have any further questions regarding the report.

Lori Kolb said that the Sink hole on Main Street was reported to PennDot, and she will follow up.

**BUILDING AND ZONING:**

No comments on the report.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Jack Stewart reported that the Municipal Authority would like Council Members to have a clear understanding of the remaining capacity in reference to the proposed Hopewell Manor Phase II. Mr. Clements reported that he is in the process of arranging a meeting with himself, the developer and MABE Board Member and Charlotte to review the information to review capacity. Lori Kolb mentioned that MABE expressed appreciation to Council Members for their contribution of ARPA funds to match the portion of the sewer plant upgrade.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Lori Kolb mentioned that a new quote was provided by Stoltzfus Enterprises to install new wood flooring in the entryway and brick tile in the restroom. The quote was within the budget previously approved at the March 2023 meeting, and she is awaiting the scheduled date for the work.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Dennis Kurtz to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer