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July 2, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council held on July 2, 2024, 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, Thomas Feeley, Merle Stoltzfus, Mike Trojecki, Dennis Kurtz, Laura Pennza, Julie Duffy; Mayor Esther Prosser and Secretary/Treasurer, Lorrie Stolz

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Greg Phillips, YDASP, Peter Mountz, Trail Life USA Group, Greg Siwik, Lisa Palser, Ken Pratt, and Polly Pratt

MINUTES:

Motion made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Dennis Kurtz to accept the June 4, 2024; Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Mountz, Trail Life USA Group discussed how his troop is looking for a place to meet and would like to meet at Borough Hall. Council agreed to allow the Trail Life USA Group to meet at Borough Hall and advised Pete to contact Borough Secretary to coordinate use of the Borough Hall.

Lisa Palser, Parks, Recreation and Trails discussed using ARPA funds to add cornhole equipment at Livingood Park. Council tabled this until late fall.

Lisa Palser also discussed using ARPA funds to obtain easements for two (2) trails. Council tabled until late fall.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Tom Feeley to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Esther Prosser reported on the Mailbox Cluster boxes for South Chestnut Street. Esther mentioned there were unpermitted people soliciting within the Borough. Esther discussed a grievance amongst neighbors on Blue Rock Hill Rd. Esther also commented that Elverson day was a success.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Tom Feeley mentioned that the new Pickleball courts are complete. Tom stated that Shawn has been working on cement repairs at Livingood park and he has also completed repairs to the playground equipment. Tom also mentioned Petersheim Plumbing has installed a new bottle filler at Livingood park.

STATE POLICE:

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

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy stated he met with the developer from the Blue Rocks development; he discussed Application No.3 for the Release of Escrow Funds for the Blue Rock Subdivision and recommended an amount of \$62,780.00 be released; the remaining bond balance should be in the amount of \$48,000.00. Motion made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Dennis Kurtz for a partial release of Escrow Funds for the Blue Rocks Subdivision in the amount of \$62,780.00 per Application No.3. Motion carried by all.

Mark commented that they are moving ahead with Act 537 plan update; he stated he is about 25% done with what he needs to do with it.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Merle Stoltzfus stated the grant is going well; they are on schedule. Merle mentioned that they are behind schedule with their part of Act 537. Merle stated the Municipal Authority is also doing long-term financial planning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Laura Pennza stated she has been in contact with Don Centofonte at PennDOT asking for a reduction in speed from 35 to 30mph on Route 23 between Pine Ave. and Yeingst Dr.; PennDOT will be doing two (2) traffic studies.

Dennis Kurtz discussed tree concerns on Park Ave; he contacted the resident and asked the resident to contact him the next time a tree comes down.

Esther Prosser mentioned Chief Hornberger of the TVFD, said the tree branches on Pine Ave need to be trimmed because the firetrucks hit them; Esther will contact Herb Hamilton and look into this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Clements discussed the approval of the 2025 Trash and Recycling contract. Laura Pennza will follow up with this.

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the Review of Proposed Grant funding for Preserving Historic Village Concepts. Merle stated the grant could create a Historic Association within the Borough; residents would not be forced to join; it would be all voluntary. Council agreed for Merle to pursue looking into this grant further.

Ken Pratt asked what is involved in changing the speed limit along Route 23. Bob Clements explained that PennDOT will conduct two (2) traffic studies and determine what the speed limit along Route 23 should be.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mike Trojecki and seconded by Julie Duffy to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Stolz, Secretary Treasurer