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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on May 3, 2022 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, Dennis Kurtz, Mayor Esther Prosser and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb, Absent: Mike Trojecki

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Barclay Hargreaves, EOC, Residents, Steve and Kim Keech, Joe Nimerfroh, Nathan Andrews, Kira Kuzmenchuk, John McQuaid, Chris Gabel and Chester County Library Representative, Lois Shupp

**MINUTES:**

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Thomas Feeley accept the April Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

Steve Keech requested Council's consideration to pay a fee in lieu of installing an infiltration system on the property owned by him and his wife on South Brick Lane. Mr. Keech explained he would prefer to store the storm water run-off in a cistern. Mr. Stoltzfus reported he spoke with Steve and Kim Keech's engineer, and felt that an infiltration bed did not make sense. Mr. Stoltzfus commented that he felt the Keech's building lot was a good example for why the Council created the option of the fee in lieu of an infiltration system. Mr. Stoltzfus expressed that Council should consider the Keech's request, as in this case, he felt creating an infiltration system would be impractical.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, seconded by Jack Stewart, to authorize Steve and Kim Keech to provide a fee in lieu of submitting an infiltration plan for their property located at 27 South Brick Lane, in the amount of \$2,000, in accordance with section 225-6 of the Borough's Storm water Ordinance. Motion carried by all.

Steve Keech reported that the lighting at 58 W. Main Street has been improved, however they are still intrusive. Mr. Clements reported that he had spoken with the owner of the property and that he is working with his contractor on making additional improvements, but will need additional time to resolve.

Joe Nimerfroh, a resident from Blue Rock Development, reported that it has been one year after completion of the last home, the land around the townhomes is still looking wild. Several other residents of Blue Rock also spoke regarding concerns for wanting the Blue Rock project completed. Mr. Stabolepszy explained that he is working with the developer towards a goal to get the project to completion. Mr. Stabolepszy said that the trail is scheduled to start next week, after which they will finish up re-grading, topsoil, landscaping and street work. Mr. Clements said that if there is not sufficient activity within the next two weeks, he will contact Mr. Margusity.

Lois Shupp, a representative with the Chester County Library, spoke to Council regarding the programs they offer, and provided handout information, encouraging residents to use their resources and consider taking advantage of their programs.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

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

George Firrantello asked Council if they were in agreement to fund the security system installed at the park with the Capital Reserve Funds.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Dennis Kurtz to move up to \$6,000 from the Capital Reserve fund to the General Fund to for the amount paid to date for the new security system, and the remaining expense of the router for the system to be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund. Motion carried by all.

#### **REVIEW OF RESTRICTED FUNDS:**

George Firrantello reviewed the plan for allocation of the ARPA funds being considered for TVFD, EHBEMS and Municipal Authority. No final amounts were determined at this time.

George Firrantello commented that he felt the 2021 Audit Report submitted by RKL was satisfactory and asked if Council had any questions or concerns. Council Members had no concerns about the report.

#### **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Bob Clements reviewed the request from PSAB for consideration to pass a resolution to legalize the Cannabis Industry in Pennsylvania. Council took no action on this topic.

#### **MAYORS REPORT:**

Esther Prosser mentioned that pickle ball has started up and will be held at 5:00 on Mondays. Ms. Prosser suggested that improvements could be made to the chain link fence around the basketball court. Ms. Prosser will get quotes for painting the fence. Ms. Prosser reviewed the plans for the Memorial Day Ceremony to be held on May 30, 2022 at 10:30 AM. Ms. Prosser said the committee is working on plans for the Elverson Day Event, which will be held on June 25, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM. Ms. Prosser announced that the Anchored Ministry will be holding a 5K run at 9:00 AM the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Prosser said she hopes to have the Newsletter ready in 10 days, if there is anyone who may want to post an article, they can submit that to her.

Esther Prosser requested Council's consideration for changing the dry town status by having it added to the ballot. Council reviewed the information provided by the Borough Solicitor. Esther Prosser will review the information as to what status can be specified in the referendum.

#### **BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:**

Tom Feeley reported that the blacktop on the walking path, and the concrete at the Borough office has been repaired in order to make it safe, and he explained it is a temporary fix until we can budget for a more permanent repair. Mr. Feeley said he is looking into adding shelving to the archive storage area. Mr. Feeley reported that the security system has been installed at Livingood Park, and suggested Council may want to consider expanding if needed. Council agreed to hold off on expanding the system until there has been an opportunity to work with the existing system. Mr. Feeley asked Council if they wanted to replace the sign at S. Brick Lane and Conestoga Road identifying both of the street names or just South Brick Lane. Council determined the sign could be purchased with just South Brick Lane being posted.

**STATE POLICE:**

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Barclay Hargreaves reviewed the updated Hazzard Mitigation Plan, and Resolution for Council's consideration. Mr. Hargreaves reported that the plan identifies all hazards in the County, and that there are plans moving forward to mitigate them. Mr. Hargreaves also reviewed that he is working with the Twin Valley Fire Department, Fire Police and Elverson Honey Brook EMS to plan for whatever is needed for the 5K race and Elverson Day Event to prepare for coverage for safety.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to adopt Chester County's Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution Number 03-2022. Motion carried by all.

**ENGINEERING:**

Mark Stabolepszy reported that he has made an initial field review of the pavement conditions on Park Avenue. Mr. Stabolepszy said he has prepared a confirmation of services to determine needed improvements and will prepare a bid package for rehabilitation of Park Avenue from Whitford Corporation's driveway area, North to the Borough line. Mr. Stabolepszy said the bid packet will be prepared by next month, which will be followed by advertising the bid.

Mr. Stabolepszy said that he has held off on further work on the trails initiative, per Council's direction, until easement issues are positively resolved with Chester County and MABE. Bob Clements reported on the status of the trail to Blue Rocks. Tom Feeley said that Lisa Palser has obtained verbal approval from those on North Brick Lane, with the exception of PPG. Mr. Stoltzfus commented that it would be helpful for the Park Recreation and Trails Committee to have regular meetings, with representation from someone on Council. Thomas Feeley and Bob Clements will work with Lisa Palser in regard to the plans for trails and upcoming projects.

**BUILDING AND ZONING:**

Bob Clements reviewed the report, there were no concerns.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Jack Stewart reported that the Municipal Authority had their annual plant tour. Mr. Stewart said that the flow is on target, largely due to having sewer plumbing inspections, which has been an effective way to confirm that storm water does not enter the sanitary sewer.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Bob Clements reported that the building at 58 W. Main Street was still being reviewed for use as a farm store.

Merle Stoltzfus reported that he has help lined up, and will be getting the merry go round repaired soon.

Merle Stoltzfus reported that he had met with a business owner regarding engineering fees paid out during his project. Mr. Stoltzfus said he felt it would be beneficial to come up with a resolution for keeping costs down. Mr. Stabolepszy commented that if the storm water is not built correctly, it can create issues with run off effecting other properties. Mr. Stoltzfus will do further research, and prepare additional information for the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

George Firrantello said that the report has been submitted indicating that the decision has not yet been confirmed as to the allocation of the ARPA funds, and further reporting will not be due until 2023.

Merle Stoltzfus said he has met with Comcast Representatives, and he is willing to be the inspector for the project, since he wants to be on site for areas where they are crossing laterals. Mr. Stoltzfus requested waving part 2 of the Resolution 2016-02, and charging for Lori Kolb's time, and he will do the inspections on a volunteer basis.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus seconded by Jack Stewart to waive section 1b, 2 and 3 of resolution 2016-02, and to authorize Comcast to be billed for Lori Kolb's administrative time, but not to require Comcast to remit escrow funds. Motion carried by all.

Bob Clements reviewed the upcoming plan for PSAB to discontinue email hosting. Council agreed that all emails should go through one email address, which would be [secretary@elversonboro.org](mailto:secretary@elversonboro.org), through another chosen provider, and Lori Kolb will forward any incoming emails accordingly.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, and seconded by George Firrantello to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer