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May 6, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on May 6, 2025, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Merle Stoltzfus and Tom Feeley who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members: Merle Stoltzfus, Thomas Feeley, Mike Trojecki, Dennis Kurtz, Laura Pennza, John Scalia, Mayor Esther Prosser and Secretary/Treasurer, Lorrie Stolz
Absent: Julie Duffy

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group; Greg Philips, PP&O; Lisa Palser, Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee; Barclay Hargreaves, EOC; Sharon de Garay; Tim McEwen; Meghan de Garay; Chris Paris; and Cindy Franchitti

MINUTES:

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Laura Pennza accept the April 1, 2025, Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Merle Stoltzfus discussed ARPA funds received in 2022 that were not expended; when received they were applied as State Police Fines in the General Fund.

MAYORS REPORT:

Esther Prosser stated Calla's Critter Rescue had a successful Easter Egg Hunt. Esther mentioned there are still ongoing issues with the property at 52 E. Main Street. She would like to set up a meeting with all the landlords of both residential and commercial properties in the Borough to discuss various matters. Merle Stoltzfus stated he will work with Lorrie Stolz to send a letter to the property owners.

Esther mentioned the Elverson Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 8AM – 1PM, the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26th at 10:30AM at the Elverson Cemetery and Elverson Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Esther Prosser stated the May newsletter will be going out this week.

PARKS, RECREATION, & TRAILS:

Lisa Palser discussed the Trail Grant; she stated she is re-applying for the same grant through the Greenway Trails and Recreation Program for the Blue Rocks Trail since she did not get awarded the grant last year.

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz seconded by Laura Pennza to adopt Resolution Number 2025-03, for the purpose of applying for trails grant funding from the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$71,628.90 with a proposed estimated match of \$10,744.34 funded by the Borough's Trail account. Motion carried by all.

Lisa also mentioned that she would like to submit a request to use the funds that were awarded for the Boars Back Trail to be used towards the Blue Rock Trail since the Borough will not be moving forward with the Boars Back Trail.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Tom Feeley stated that our maintenance man hung the handicap swing at the Borough Hall playground and painted the bump-outs on Main St. at Park and Pine Streets. Tom stated he would like to have Shawn paint the concession stand and Borough Hall. Tom also discussed purchasing a volleyball for use at Livingood Park.

STATE POLICE:

Merle Stoltzfus reviewed the State Police report; there were no concerns.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Barclay Hargreaves stated he is working with the county on updating the Hazardous Mitigation Plan, Chester County reevaluates this plan every five (5) years. He mentioned he is working with Hopewell Manor on their evacuation plan. Barclay stated he will be planning an Active Threat Drill with the local emergency services and law enforcement at the school. He has also started an incident emergency plan for Elverson Day. Barclay stated the local EMS does First Aid/CPR classes throughout the year, he would like to hold one at Borough Hall.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepsky stated Blue Rock has a few remaining things to do to finish; they are mostly administrative things that need to be completed.

Mark stated he is waiting on System Design Engineers, the Municipal Authority's engineer, to complete their part of the Act 537 update.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Merle Stoltzfus reviewed Kraft Municipal Group's report; there were no concerns.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Mike Trojecki discussed the Municipal Authority's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus reminded everyone of the Anaerobic Digester that is being proposed in Caernarvon Township, Berks County is not in the Borough, however; it is adjacent to the Borough. Merle turned the discussion over to Borough Solicitor Greg Philips. Greg stated Vanguard Renewables and Kurtz's have withdrawn their pending Conditional Use application without prejudice to resubmit a new application in the future. Greg stated Caernarvon Township will need to advertise when/if this resurfaces.

Tim McEwen stated he attended the last West Nantmeal Township meeting and Virginia Thorpe, who is Tim Kurtz's sister, who was also at that meeting, stated she has agreed to allow Vanguard to run the pipeline through her property.

Meghan de Garay stated Kurtz's had submitted permits to DEP which had over eighty deficiencies on them. She stated she had also heard that Ms. Thorpe had agreed to allow the pipeline to go through her property. Meghan applauded Elverson Borough Council for taking the stance on this topic that they have.

Merle stated we must keep in mind that this will be coming back, it is not done.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Tom Feeley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59PM.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Stolz
Secretary Treasurer