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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on May 7, 2024 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Bob Clements who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Feeley led in Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Council Members, Bob Clements, Thomas Feeley, Merle Stoltzfus, Mike Trojecki, Dennis Kurtz, Laura Pennza, Julie Duffy; Mayor Esther Prosser and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Greg Phillips, YDASP, Lisa Palser, Park, Recreation and Trails Committee, Lorrie Stolz, New Secretary / Treasurer as of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Greg Sewik, Resident

**MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Mike Trojecki accept the April Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

**PARK RECREATION AND TRAILS REPORT:**

Merle Stoltzfus reported he plans to set up a meeting with WCLC, including Lisa Palser, to review access to the trail to Blue Rocks. Mr. Stoltzfus mentioned there could be the possibility of grant funding for this, and possible future use of ARPA funds could be used to accommodate a plan, if established. Lisa Palser will work on the required documents for any proposed grant funding, dependent upon the outcome of the meeting, and Council Members will review all information and authorize accordingly.

Merle Stoltzfus reported he plans to work on the water source at the Livingood Park and recommended possible consideration for attaching a bottle filler to the concession stand, as opposed to using the existing fountain.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, seconded by Tom Feeley, to authorize spending up to \$2,000 to complete the work to repair the water source, and purchase and install a bottle filler at Livingood Park. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Julie Duffy, seconded by Mike Trojecki to have Lisa Palser draft a letter authorizing Action Impact to apply for a grant for matching funds to monies raised for the use of construction of the skate / pump park at Livingood Park, with the condition that the draft letter is reviewed, approved and signed by Council President, Bob Clements, prior to being sent out. Motion carried by all.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

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

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Esther Prosser introduced Lorrie Stolz, as the newly hired Borough Secretary/Treasurer to be effective June 3, 2024. Mayor Prosser explained that Lorrie Stolz had worked for the Borough about ten years ago and complimented her previous time of employment with the Borough. Mayor Prosser mentioned that she is happy to have Mrs. Stolz come back to the Borough. Bob Clements had Borough Professionals and Council introduce themselves, and all welcomed Lorrie Stolz return as Secretary / Treasurer.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, seconded by Dennis Kurtz to approve Resolution No. 2024-05 appointing and providing signature authority to the new Borough Secretary / Treasurer, effective on June 3, 2024, to open, close, manage and engage in financial transactions on behalf of the Borough of Elverson. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz, seconded by Laura Pennza to authorize Greg Phillips to draft, advertise and process an Ordinance to allow one person to hold the position of Secretary / Treasurer, or have the option for the positions to be held individually. Motion carried by all.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Esther Prosser reported on the upcoming Borough Events, including the Yard Sale, Memorial Day Ceremony, Elverson Day, and the Anchored Ministries 5K run. Mayor Prosser said the property of concern on Park Avenue has been cleaned up, with help from the property owner, and that the old wreaths have been removed from the Historic Elverson Bank.

**BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:**

Tom Feeley reported the sink hole in the walking path, and picnic table at Livingood Park have been repaired. Mr. Feeley further mentioned the new security system at the Borough Hall has been installed, and upgrades at Livingood Park have been completed, however the technician is looking into issues with two of the cameras to find a solution to the problematic intermittent operation. Mr. Feeley mentioned that there were a few miscellaneous repairs completed at the Borough Office as well.

Council Members were in agreement with authorizing the quote from Tim McEwen, to complete Part 1 of the swale repairs at the Borough Office, and to have Lori Kolb check with Mr. McEwen about water runoff from the downspouts prior to work being started.

**STATE POLICE:**

Bob Clements reviewed the report, there were no concerns.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Barclay Hargreaves reported on the tabletop exercises that were held on the topic of the pipeline. Mr. Hargreaves mentioned the next exercise will involve Emergency Services for Pipeline, and evacuations, if ever needed. Mr. Hargreaves invited any Council Members interested in attending the next session, would be welcome to come out, just let him know and he will assist with sign-up. Mr. Hargreaves said he is working with EMS for safety for Elverson Day and the 5K run, and he will have the pipeline annex's for the June meeting.

**ENGINEERING:**

Mark Stabolepszy provided an update on the Blue Rock development, and the status of the remaining work, to be completed by the developer.

**BUILDING AND ZONING:**

Bob Clements reviewed the code services report, there were no concerns.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that the Act 537 Update is moving forward, and the Authority is working on other projects as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Members reviewed the suggestion from a resident for additional signage on Park Avenue. Merle Stoltzfus will meet with the resident to review the concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Mike Trojecki to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer