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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on November 1, 2022 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council Vice President, Tom Feeley and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dennis Kurtz led in Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Matthew Welch, EHBEMS, David and Barbara Smith, Residents, Steve Keech, Resident, Jansen and Kalyn Horrocks, Justin Horrocks, Remo Williams, Skate Park Proposal, Lisa Palser and Diane Cikoski, Park, Recreation and Trails Committee, Barb Bailey, Chester County Library

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Bob Clements, seconded by Dennis Kurtz accept the October Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Bob Clements to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Bob Clements, seconded by George Firrantello to advertise the proposed 2023 budget. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Bob Clements, to terminate Auditing services with RKL and effective for the 2022 Elverson Borough Audit, begin using Hamilton Musser PC, CPA's. Motion carried by all.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Tom Feeley reported that PPG is reviewing the Blue Rocks Trail easement agreement, and will advise on their decision. Lisa Palser reported that Brian Willis has approved the language in the easement agreement.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

David Smith was in attendance at the meeting and discussed what was recorded in the September meeting minutes regarding his property at 135 S. Chestnut Street.

Steve Keech asked for a status of the lighting concerns at 58 W. Main Street. Lori Kolb said that per Joe Boulangers communication with the electrical engineer, they were actively working on making sure to be in compliance with the ordinance, however they were having some time restraints due to supply chain of materials available.

Jansen Horrocks spoke to Council regarding the topics included in the packet he had presented via email for a proposed skate park. Diane Cikoski and Jansen Horrocks reviewed some of the questions that were raised, such as funding, security, trash receptacles and maintenance. Mrs. Cikoski and Mr. Horrocks mentioned that there were minimal issues regarding security in other areas with skate parks, however those were quickly resolved. Mr. Firrantello mentioned that other municipalities do have an advantage, whereas they have local police, and the Borough does not. Remo Williams also spoke in favor of the skate park, and shared his history and passion for skateboarding, along with his positions held within the skateboarding organizations. Mayor Prosser reported that the Park and Recreation Committee supports the proposed plan for a skate park at Livingood. Lori Kolb suggested that a Council Member or two meet with Park and Recreation along with Mr. Horrocks to review further, to prepare for discussion at the December meeting. Tom Feeley volunteered to speak with the committee. Lisa Palser requested that questions be presented so they can be prepared for the December meeting.

Matt Welch, Chief from Elverson Honey Brook EMS. introduced his self to Council Members. He reported that they have had some changes lately but wanted to address any concerns from Council. George Firrantello asked how the EMS was doing financially, and Mr. Welch said they are struggling along with many other EMS organizations, but they are having a very successful fund drive so far, and are very thankful all the municipal support. Mr. Welch said that if there was anything they needed help with to please let him know.

Barb Bailey from the Chester County Library reported on some of the programs they have available, such as their craft fair, jewelry pottery, glass wood working, etc. which is super popular. Mayor Prosser said that she was impressed with free tickets that were provided by the library where you could save money on various locations. Ms. Bailey said the Information can be found on website.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Prosser reported that the parade went well. Mayor Prosser said that thanks to Lisa Palser the new park signs have been installed. Mayor Prosser said the newsletter will be getting ready for print in the next week or so, in case anyone had anything they wanted to add, to get in touch with her. Mayor Prosser said that Pickleball will be moving indoors to the Brick Lane Community Church.

Mayor Prosser reviewed the wet / dry town topic. Mayor Prosser would like to have a referendum allowing restaurants serve have alcohol. Mayor Prosser said that she will speak more about the topic in December. Greg Phillips mentioned that in order to get this on the ballot, it would need to be during the petition time which is usually end of January or beginning of February. Mr. Phillips said that if passed, businesses would need to come to Council for determination as to what their limitations would be. Mr. Phillips and Council reviewed the categories listed for wet towns.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Tom Feeley spoke about adding a fountain to the concession stand or a free standing fountain at Livingood Park for 2023. Mr. Feeley said another paver will be reporting on a quote for the work to be done in the sunken area of the walking path. Mr. Stabolepszy said that Slouch will be providing a quote for the repair of the sunken area as well. Ms. Palser mentioned there were other areas of the walking path that may need to be patched. Mr. Feeley said that he will have the handyman look at the larger cracks to see if they can be patched. Mr. Feeley said the fence around the basketball court has been repaired, and he would like to have it painted next year. Mr. Feeley mentioned that the pavilion facia will be stained at the Borough Hall Park, and he has a contractor coming in to clean out gutters, and repair the downspouts on the Borough Hall building.

STATE POLICE:

Tom Feeley reviewed the State Police report, there were no concerns.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy said that the paving has been completed on North Park Avenue, with line stripping scheduled for the next week. Mr. Stabolepszy said the street lights for Blue Rock at Elverson should be installed next week, and the retention basin should be in the final stages as well.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Tom Feeley reviewed the report from Kraft Code Services, there were no concerns.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Tom Feeley reported that MABE has identified a resident who may be willing to serve on the board and if all goes well, hope to request appointment at the December Council Meeting. Mr. Feeley also reported that MABE approved applying for two additional grants. Mr. Feeley further reported that MABE approved the quote for auditing services from Hamilton and Musser PC, CPA at their October Board meeting, contingent upon Borough Council approval of the same vendor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Dennis Kurtz to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer