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November 1, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on November 1, 2021 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Dwight Frizen who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Merle Stoltzfus led in Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members, Dwight Frizen, Merle Stoltzfus, Jack Stewart, Bob Clements, George Firrantello, Mike Trojecki, Mayor Bob Broderick, and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb, Absent, Bob French, Council Member

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Lisa Palser, Trails Committee, Mark Gallant and Rachael Griffith, CCPC, Tom Feeley and Kim Reber, Council Candidates

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by George Firrantello accept the October meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Lisa Palser reviewed the plan for the Blue Rock trails, and requested consideration for a change to not accept a fee in lieu of constructing a trail from the Blue Rock developer, and have the developer construct the trail as shown on the final plan. Mark Stabolepszy commented that when he spoke with the developer, Mr. Margusity, he said he had already received a quote from a contractor for construction of the trail, however he is in the process of confirming.

Motion was made by Bob Clements, seconded by Jack Stewart to rescind the motion made at the October 5, 2021 Council Meeting to accept a fee in lieu of the Blue Rock at Elverson's developer constructing a trail per the original plan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bob Clements, seconded by Jack Stewart to require that the Blue Rock Developer, Joe Margusity, construct the trail as shown on the final plan. Motion carried.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN:

Bob Clements reviewed the 2021 Active Transportation Plan, and reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the draft plan as presented, contingent upon changing the mapping for the Sidewalk Extension to Brick Lane Church from priority 2 to priority 1, and the Walking Trails to Blue Rock from priority 3 to priority 1.

Mr. Clements expressed that there would need to be a separate fund set up for the deposit of the Recreation Contribution previously received from Blue Rock at Elverson's developer, and funds that will be coming in from the 30 Yeingst Drive Project, as a fee in lieu of a trail construction. George Firrantello confirmed that a separate account will be set up for the trails funds.

Mr. Gallant announced there will be a public information meeting held at Hopewell Manor on November 16, 2021 to review the 2021 Draft Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Gallant reported that there will be a public hearing held on December 7, 2021 for consideration to enact the 2021 Active Transportation Plan.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Motion was made by Bob Clements, and seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to advertise the proposed 2022 budget of the Borough of Elverson. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Dwight Frizen requested that Council Members review the Urban Center Projects List and consider any additional projects. Merle Stoltzfus suggested that a project to construct a new wastewater treatment plant could be added. Council agreed Lori Kolb will create a new project line for a new wastewater treatment plant.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Dwight Frizen reported that Bob French has been working with the contractor, and the work at both the train and freight station has been completed.

STATE POLICE:

Bob Clements reported that he met with Trooper Lewis, and he explained that there were two juveniles found to be responsible for some of the vandalism in the Borough. Trooper Lewis recommended Borough Council consider community service work within the Borough for these two individuals. Lori Kolb will communicate with Trooper Lewis regarding possible community service opportunities.

ENGINEERING:

Mr. Stabolepszy reported that the street sweeping was completed on Parkside Drive, and all work is satisfactory. Mr. Stabolepszy recommended that Dwight Frizen sign the Exhibit "B" document, per the motion that was made at the October 5, 2021 Council Meeting. Council was in favor of Mr. Frizen signing the Exhibit "B", indicating Sunoco Pipeline has satisfied their obligations relative to the repairs on Parkside Drive.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by George Firrantello to approve release of the \$40,000 Sunoco escrow funds, contingent upon Sunoco paying all final SSM invoices. Motion carried.

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed the request from Joe Margusity to reduce the number of street lights which were indicated on the Blue Rock at Elverson plans. Mr. Stewart suggested that the number of lights remain as shown on the plan, with the option to change the location of one of the lights, as per the preference of the Blue Rock HOA, to which Council agreed.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the code services report, there were no concerns.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart mentioned that the Municipal Authority is reviewing the current sewer fee, along with the tap in fees, however no change has been determined as yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

George Firrantello requested that Lori Kolb contact Honey Brook Borough to find out what percentage SECTV is offering under their contract.

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Jack Stewart, to advertise the SECTV Ordinance, contingent upon Bob Clements and George Firrantello finalizing the percentage rate. Motion carried.

Dwight Frizen asked if Council had any comments regarding Jim Scheffey's review of the Comcast draft contract. Council Members noted that there was not yet a percentage negotiated, and no further comments were offered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the email sent to Council in regard to traffic safety concerns for Park Avenue. Bob Clements mentioned that some of the concerns will be addressed by the work the developer will be doing, including the construction of the trail, and trimming back trees. Mr. Clements reported that the entrance to the Blue Rock development meets all of the requirements for ingress and egress.

Dwight Frizen reviewed the letter from a resident on Park Avenue, expressing concerns for the new LED bulbs in the street lights. Mr. Frizen said that Lori Kolb is working with PPL to see if lower lumen lights are available, and requesting dimmer covers where residents feel it would be helpful.

Motion was made by Bob Clements, seconded by Mike Trojecki to add the topic of the surveillance quote to the agenda for consideration under new business. Motion carried.

Mr. Frizen agreed to have Tom Feeley review the surveillance information, as he was familiar with the system being quoted. Mr. Feeley explained the system would consist of four cameras, which would be installed at the park, and there would be a cost for the recurring fee for the internet access. Mr. Feeley provided some additional options for internet access from other businesses and reported that the clarity of the surveillance can help identify those involved in any future incidents.

Motion was made by Bob Clements, and seconded by Jack Stewart, to approve the purchase of the surveillance system as quoted by ICU Surveillance Service, LLC, for Livingood Park, contingent upon review by Bob French, and his being in agreement with the system, and placement of the surveillance cameras. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Mike Trojecki to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM, after which Council went into an executive session at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer

