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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on October 1, 2024, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council Vice President, Tom Feeley. John Scalia who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dennis Kurtz who led in Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Justin Charles, SSM Group, Greg Phillips, YDASP, Lisa Palser, Parks, Rec, and Trails, James Clark, AJ Blosenski, John Scalia, Greg Siwik, Herb Hamilton, and Dave Stoltzfus

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:

Mike Trojecki nominated John Scalia for the vacant position as Borough Council member. Mike stated that John is a seasoned professional in Law Enforcement and has a strong background in the insurance industry, John has a degree in Psychology and holds a detective's license. Mike stated he feels John will be a great addition to Borough Council.

Motion made by Mike Trojecki seconded by Julie Duffy to adopt Resolution 2024-07 Appointing John Scalia to fill the vacancy so declared in the office of Borough Council pursuant to Section 901 of the Borough Code. Motion carried by all.

Mr. Scalia was sworn in by Mayor Esther Prosser.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Mike Trojecki to accept the September 3, 2024, Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Clark, AJ Blosenski discussed the first one-year extension of the trash contract for 2025.

Motion made by Mike Trojecki and seconded by Laura Pennza to accept the first one-year extension of the contract for 2025. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Laura Pennza to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

2025 DRAFT BUDGET:

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by John Scalia to approve the 2025 draft budget. Motion carried by all.

Herb Hamilton, Tree Commission, discussed treating the Ash trees for the Ash Boar insects and

pruning. Herb stated this year was an exceptional year for growth. He mentioned there are two (2) unhealthy trees that will need to be removed on S. Pine St. near Elverson Fitness. Herb stated that 2025 will be an expensive year for trees in the Borough.

MAYORS REPORT:

Esther Prosser discussed the Elverson Parade, which will be held on Wednesday, October 16th, with a rain date of Thursday, October 17th. The theme of the parade this year is Advance to Go, Elverson, celebrating favorite board games. Esther mentioned there will be more school bands in the parade this year; Twin Valley Middle School and High School Band, Owen J. Roberts High School Band, Exeter High School Band and Pottsgrove Middle School Band. Elverson T-Shirts will be sold during the parade.

Tom Feeley mentioned he feels the Borough's security measures are working well. Esther stated she believes the Town Watch is working wonderfully; they have not had any problems. Esther mentioned Town Watch is looking for someone to be a captain in the Blue Rock development.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Tom Feeley stated the Borough is required to have a handicapped swing at their playground; Tom stated Shawn, the handyperson, will hang the swing. Council agreed to put the swing at the Borough Hall playground. Tom discussed that Shawn will be sealing the cement on the steps and handicap ramp at Borough Hall and will be painting the snack stand at Livingood Park before winter. Lisa Palser will shut off the water at Livingood park. Tom mentioned that Shawn has patched a couple of potholes along N. Pine Street. Tom mentioned he would like to have the office side of Borough Hall painted and new carpet installed.

STATE POLICE:

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

ENGINEERING:

Justin Charles from SSM Group stated a review letter for Tensor Motorcar has been issued, and they have submitted an updated draft to SDE for their portion of the Act 537 Plan Update.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Tom Feeley reviewed the report; he stated there will be a tour of the plant on Tuesday, October 29th at 6pm if anyone on Council would like to join.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tensor Motorcar Maison, LLC Resolution 2024-06

Dave Stoltzfus from Stoltzfus Enterprises discussed the Tensor Motorcar development.

Motion made by Mike Trojecki and seconded by Julie Duffy to approve Tensor Motorcar Maison, LLC Resolution Number 2024-06 for preliminary/final development plan approval for 30 Yeingst Drive to construct a commercial building. Motion carried by all.

Laura Pennza asked what the use will be since it is being classified as a private club. Dave Stoltzfus explained that private club was what made the most sense for the zoning. Laura stated she was just concerned since it is near the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lorrie Stolz advised Council that the Planning Commission and the Municipal Authority both need members. Lorrie stated Bob Clements is no longer on Planning Commission and Jim Freeze's term on the Municipal Authority is expiring at the end of 2024 and he does not wish to serve another term. Tom Feeley and Dennis Kurtz stated they will try to find someone to serve. Esther Prosser stated she spoke to both Herb Hamilton and Dawn Holak from the Tree Commission; they are both willing to serve another term on the Tree Commission.

Council agreed to celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 31st between the hours of 6pm and 8pm.

Julie Duffy asked Tom Feeley if he was now President; Tom stated he is still Vice-President, but acting President; Tom stated the Board will re-organize in December.

PARK REC & TRAILS:

Laura Pennza asked if there was any update on the grant for the skate park; Lisa Palser stated the next meeting is November 18th and they will not decide before that. Tom Feeley asked the status of the Blue Rock Trail; Lisa stated that grant has not been awarded yet.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Mike Trojecki to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Stolz
Secretary Treasurer