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October 4, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on October 4, 2022 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Bob Clements who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group,;Greg Phillips, YDASP; Lisa Palser and Diane Cikoski, Park Recreation and Trails Committee; Tony Benz, Preston Benz, Jansen Horrocks, Borough Residents, Justin Horrocks, Lochlan Vitacco and Jacqueline Skadeland, Neighboring Township Residents.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Jack Stewart accept the September Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Diane Cikoski introduced Jansen Horrocks, who spoke regarding the skate park he would like to propose for the Borough, to be located in the area of the former tennis courts at Livingood Park. Mr. Horrocks provided a CAD drawing of a skate park, mentioning he has been traveling to several towns and has used various types of parks. Mr. Horrocks said that funding could be raised through grants. Mr. Horrocks said they would be working with the organization called CASA, but he was not aware of how much finding would be available. Mr. Horrocks said they would be hoping to be in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range for the cost for this proposed project. Mr. Stoltzfus mentioned that he had been near an area recently that had a skate park and he was surprised that it was not noisy. Council reviewed concerns for any rowdy skaters, however Jacqueline Skadeland commented that she has experienced skate parks in numerous countries, and finds them to draw a very positive crowd. Justin Horrocks mentioned that there is always a chance of getting some bad apples, however he felt that serious skaters would make sure that would not be a concern. Mr. Clements requested that more detail on grant funding be provided. Mr. Horrocks and Mrs.Cikoski will review the grant process, and will come back with additional information.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

2023 BUDGET REVIEW:

George Firrantello reviewed the ARPA Allocation for the Twin Valley Fire Department

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Jack Stewart to allot \$3,600 to Twin Valley Fire Department from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Dennis Kurtz to approve the purchase of copy machine, as presented in the quote from Office Technologies, and share the expense equally between the Municipal Authority and the Borough of Elverson. Motion carried by all

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to approve the easement document for the trail to Blue Rocks as submitted. Motion carried by all.

Bob Clements reminded Council Members about the upcoming Urban Center Forum on October 25th. Bob Clements recommended that Lisa Palser and Esther Prosser attend or participate in the meeting.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Lori Kolb reviewed the notes from Tom Feeley regarding consideration for the additional repairs for the welding work on the flag pole at Livingood Park.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to authorize the welding repairs to the flag pole at Livingood Park in the amount of \$840. Motion carried by all.

Lori Kolb reviewed Tom Feeley's options for a water source at Livingood Park. Council Members were in agreement to hold off on any action until Mr. Feeley presented a plan for the water source.

Lori Kolb reviewed an update on the recent staining of the gazebos, and review of proposed staining the underside of the pavilion at the borough hall.

Lori Kolb mentioned the street sign at South Brick and Main Street is the older style sign and has fallen over.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to replace the sign at S. Brick Lane and Main Street with the green reflective sign displaying both streets along with a metal post. Motion carried by all.

STATE POLICE:

Bob Clements reviewed the State Police Report, there were no concerns.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reported that the week of October 17th or October 24th are the proposed dates for the North Park Avenue refurbishment and overlay.

Mark Stabolepszy reported that the Blue Rock developer and PPL are working to finalize the street light locations, and they are in the process of compiling a semi-final project punch list.

Merle Stoltzfus reported that he had spoken to the Blue Rock Developer's assistant, and she is aware that the retention basin does need to be converted to dry, per the plans, however they are waiting for the weather to dry out to do the conversion.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Bob Clements reviewed the Kraft Code Services report, there were no concerns.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart reported that the Municipal Authority will be handling meets and bounds for the Blue Rock development themselves and then bill the developer. Mr. Stewart said there was not yet any results on the County Grant Application.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Clements reviewed the date and times for trick or treating in the Borough, to be from 6 PM to 8 PM on Monday, October 31, 2022. Council had no concerns.

Lori Kolb asked if anyone on Council would like to review the comparison of cost of services between SECTV and Comcast for consideration for any changes to the Borough's internet and phone services. Lori Kolb will send the information to Dennis Kurtz and George Firrantello for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer