



**The Borough of Elverson**  
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October 7, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on October 7, 2025, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Merle Stoltzfus who led the Pledge of Allegiance and in Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Council Members: Merle Stoltzfus, Thomas Feeley, Dennis Kurtz, Laura Pennza, John Scalia, Mayor Esther Prosser and Secretary/Treasurer, Lorrie Stolz

Absent: Mike Trojecki, and Julie Duffy

Also in attendance: Kent Morey, SSM Group; Greg Philips, PP&O; Lisa Palsar, Parks, Rec., and Trails; Andrew Casey, AJ Blosenski; Peter Mountz, Trail Life Group; George Firrantello; Cindy Franchitti; Tony Franchitti; Michael Gage; Laura Burdy; Steve Jones; and Tracy Olsen.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Laura Pennza and seconded by Dennis Kurtz to accept the September 2, 2025, Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Andrew Casey, AJ Blosenski stated they look forward to partnering with the Borough for another year.

Peter Mountz, Trail Life Group; Peter stated the Trail Life Group is similar to Boy Scouts, they offer the same type of activities. Peter mentioned the Trail Life Group was invited to participate at Elverson Day this past June but unfortunately, they were unable to use the concession stand at Livingood Park. He discussed with Council that he would like to partner with the Borough to make improvements to the concession stand to make it useable. Peter asked if the Borough would be interested in this project and if they would be interested in sharing the costs for this expense. Merle Stoltzfus stated he felt the Borough would be willing to discuss it further and suggested Tom Feeley discuss this project with Peter.

Cindy Franchitti discussed her concerns with speeding on S. Pine St. with Council. Cindy stated she would like to see a 4-way stop installed at S. Pine St. and Steeplechase Dr. She also mentioned she would like the Borough to install speed bumps along S. Pine St. Mike Gage stated he has witnessed cars flying down S. Pine St. Dennis Kurtz asked if they have discussed this with the other residents in the HOA to see what they would like to see done. Mike Gage stated residents along S. Pine St. have expressed concern to him in the past about the speeding. Merle Stoltzfus stated he wants to be sure that this is something the Borough can use their Liquid Fuels money for. Merle stated the Borough will need to research this further and will discuss it again at their November meeting.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

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

George Firrantello discussed the 2026 budget process. Merle advised the Council members to look at their budget for the committee or commission they currently serve on and if they feel they need additional funds he stated now is the time to request it.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the TVFD budget meeting which was on September 17, 2025.

Merle Stoltzfus stated the Borough is currently working on their Act 537 Plan Update. Merle stated the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Elverson's Engineer is finalizing his portion of the update. He stated MABE was waiting to see what was happening with a potential development in West Nantmeal Township on the property owned by the Elverson United Methodist Church. At the MABE meeting on September 30, 2025, they had decided they were not going to include this development in the Borough's Act 537 Plan Update since West Nantmeal Township has their own Act 537 Plan; MABE is currently moving forward with finishing up their portion of the update and will be sending it to SSM Group for their review and completion.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Esther Prosser reminded everyone of the Elverson Parade next Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Esther stated she has a meeting next week to discuss Christmas lights on Main St.

Esther asked Laura Pennza if she heard anything back from PennDOT regarding the pedestrian crosswalk signs; Laura stated she has not gotten a response from PennDOT yet.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Esther stated the Fall newsletters were mailed out.

**PARKS, RECREATION & TRAILS:**

Lisa Palser stated unfortunately, the grant money the Borough received for the S. Brick Lane Trail is not enough to cover the cost of the work they would like to have done to complete the trail. Merle Stoltzfus explained there is a note on the recorded plan for the property owned by the United Methodist Church stating when the ten acres are developed, the developer will help fund to build the trail. Merle stated Lisa sent a letter to the United Methodist Church to share with the developer, however; the Borough has not gotten a response yet.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

Tom Feeley stated Shawn will be checking all the walking trails for cracks. Tom stated the roof, and gutters will be cleaned at both Borough Hall and the Train Station. Cindy Franchitti mentioned the Elverson sign on Main Street is hard to see, she asked if the branches could be trimmed. Merle Stoltzfus stated all three of the Borough signs need to be cleaned.

**STATE POLICE:**

Merle Stoltzfus reviewed the State Police report; there were no concerns.

**ENGINEERING:**

Merle Stoltzfus stated that unfortunately Mark Stabolepsky passed away unexpectedly. Merle mentioned that Mark had been Borough's Engineer since 1996. Merle introduced Kent Morey with SSM Group who will serve as the Borough's engineer going forward.

Kent discussed his report; there were no concerns.

**BUILDING AND ZONING:**

Merle Stoltzfus discussed Kraft Municipal Group's report; there were no concerns.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Lorrie Stolz discussed the Municipal Authority's meeting which was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the second one-year extension of the trash contract for year 2026 with AJ Blosenski. Merle stated this will be the final year of the contract, Council will need to go out to bid in the Spring of 2026 for a new contract.

Motion by Tom Feeley, seconded by Dennis Kurtz to accept the second and final one-year extension of the contract with A.J. Blosenski for an additional year through 2026 at a monthly fee of \$39.43. Motion carried by all.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Review of committee and commission terms for 2026; Lorrie Stolz advised Council that both Ben Pupek from the Planning Commission and Tim Griesser from the Zoning Hearing Board's terms are up at the end of this year. Lorrie contacted both members to ask if they were interested in serving another term, however; she had not heard back from either one at this time.

Council agreed to celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 6PM – 8PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Laura Pennza and seconded by Tom Feeley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Stolz  
Secretary /Treasurer