



**The Borough of Elverson  
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September 2, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on September 2, 2025, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Merle Stoltzfus who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dennis Kurtz who led in Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Greg Philips, PP&O; Kathleen Wendlewicz; Mike Gage; Kelly Quigg, Chester County Library and Henrietta Hankin Branch; Sue Berg

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Dennis Kurtz and seconded by Laura Pennza to accept the August 5, 2025, Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

Motion made by Laura Pennza and seconded by Tom Feeley to accept the August 19, 2025, Special Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kathleen Wendlewicz, a resident of Hopewell Manor, expressed her concerns regarding the property at 52 E. Main Street. She stated the property has a lot of trash in the backyard and it is directly outside her apartment window. Kathleen stated she is afraid if there was a fire, it could easily spread to Hopewell Manor. Kathleen also mentioned the tenants of the house own two (2) dogs and they allow them to run loose. She stressed that she feels this property is a hazard. Esther Prosser stated she had contacted the property owner in the past about this property.

Mike Gage, President of the Churchill HOA, discussed his concern about speeding on S. Pine Street. He requested Council add a few more speed limit signs along S. Pine Street, he stated the current signs are small and not very visible. Mike stated the HOA would be willing to pay for the speed limit signs. Mike suggested painting the crosswalks. Merle stated Council will look into adding additional speed limit signs. Tom Feeley asked if it would be possible to add a speed hump along S. Pine St., Greg Philips stated that could be a possibility. Mark Stabolepsky stated speed humps can be effective, but they can be expensive. Merle recommended Julie Duffy work with Mike on this issue.

Kelly Quigg, Chester County Library and Henrietta Hankin Branch discussed some of the programs the library is offering. She stated one-third of the residents of Elverson Borough have library cards. She stated the library recently received a grant for Linked in Learning. Kelly also mentioned the Henrietta Hanken Branch will be offering a Green Space program which is presented in partnership with WHYY on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

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

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Merle Stoltzfus stated he had a conversation with Mary Lewis regarding the grant programs offered by DCED. Merle also had a conversation with Michael Shorr from DCED and Michael will be attending the October 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to discuss other grant opportunities.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Esther Prosser reminded everyone that the Elverson Parade will be held on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. She stated the next newsletter will be going out within the next two (2) weeks. Esther also mentioned that Laura Pennza has been in contact with PennDOT to find out about installing flashing pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalks along Main Street, Rt. 23.

**PARKS, RECREATION & TRAILS:**

Merle Stoltzfus stated the Borough has \$20,000 in grant money to spend towards the S. Brick Lane trail. Merle stated the committee has received quotes which he would like to review in more depth. He stated he would have an answer for this at the October 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

Tom Feeley stated the retired flag mailbox will be delivered tomorrow, Shawn will be installing it. Tom stated the Trail Life Group will be retiring the flags. Tom mentioned Shawn will be sealing and painting the ramp at the back door of Borough Hall and painting the office side of Borough Hall. He stated the cameras at Livingood Park are all working well.

**CO-DIGESTER COMMITTEE:**

Dennis Kurtz stated Kurtland Farms has announced they are not moving forward with the Anaerobic Digester on their farm.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Lorrie Stolz advised Council of the Pipeline meeting which will be held on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 5pm - 7pm at the Twin Valley Elementary Center.

**ENGINEERING:**

Mark Stabolepsky discussed his report. He stated that the Blue Rock Development has a few administrative items to complete before he can close this out.

**BUILDING AND ZONING:**

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

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the Municipal Authority's report. Lorrie Stolz advised Council about the Sewer Treatment Plant tour which will be on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Julie Duffy and seconded by Dennis Kurtz to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Stolz  
Secretary Treasurer