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September 5, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on September 5, 2023, 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, Mayor Esther Prosser and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb, Absent: Mike Trojecki and Thomas Feeley

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Dick Leone, Gregory Siwik, Ray Swisher, Thom Horosky, Art Heather, Lisa Palser and Rodger Ferguson, Residents, Danial Iya, Stoltzfus Enterprises Ltd.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by George Firrantello to approve the August Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rodger Ferguson expressed his desire for Council Members to consider an Ordinance that would outlaw all banner signs. Mr. Stoltzfus expressed that he and Lori Kolb are working with the zoning officer, and said Council will follow up on his concerns, but the process does take time. Mr. Stoltzfus said he would speak with the owner of the business. Mr. Clement's also suggested it may be resolved more quickly if some of the residents would kindly inform the business of their concerns.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

George Firrantello mentioned he has sent out a preliminary 2024 budget for Council Members to review, and requested that anyone with changes, please provide him with that information. Mr. Firrantello reviewed the remaining ARPA Funds, suggesting the funds be used in 2024. Mr. Firrantello also reported he prepared and provided a new Capital Reserve budget, based on the report provided by Mark Stabolepszy.

MAYORS REPORT:

Esther Prosser suggested repairs to the grille at Livingood Park. Merle Stoltzfus recommended it be repaired using stainless steel. Mayor Prosser said that the fountain does have a slight leak, but it is working. Mayor Prosser said that the plumber recommended the lines be drained for the winter months.

Mayor Prosser mentioned that PPG replaced the damaged pedestrian crossing sign, with two additional signs. Mayor Prosser is still following up with the state police on the vandalism at the park. Mayor Prosser suggested two additional speed limit signs on Park Avenue. Mr. Stabolepszy explained that additional signs can be installed. Mayor Prosser announced that October 18th will be the 50th Elverson Parade.

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Dennis Kurtz to authorize Greg Phillips to advertise Ordinance Number 23-02, for prohibiting the use of Brake Retarders within portions of the Borough and providing for the setting of penalties for the violation thereof. Motion carried by all.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Bob Clements reported that the Mat at the Borough Hall playground has been replaced, basketball poles and Borough Hall pavilion was painted. Mr. Clements said that the walking path repairs at Livingood Park should be scheduled within two weeks, and flooring in Borough Hall entryway should be scheduled for September or October, and the top step at the Livingood Park playground will be replaced when the parts arrive.

STATE POLICE:

Bob Clements reviewed the state police reports, there were no concerns.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed the research on the parking spaces on Main Street and North Yeingst Drive, noting that the sightline distance with the two parking spots do meet all state and local codes. Mr. Stabolepszy recommended consideration for eliminating the first two parking spaces East of Yeingst Drive, only as a resolution to accommodate resident's concerns. Dennis Kurtz will work with Mr. Leone to review and plan for a resolution for the parking space concerns.

Danial Iya reviewed the proposed two lot subdivision plan for 162 E. Main Street, Elverson, PA.

Motion was made by Dennis Kurtz, seconded by Jack Stewart, to grant waiver numbers 1,3,4,5 and 6 and deny waiver number 2, as stated in Resolution Number 2023-02, for the two-lot subdivision of 162 E. Main Street, Elverson, PA. Motion carried (4-0-1) Merle Stoltzfus abstained.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Dennis Kurtz to adopt Resolution Number 2023-02, and approve the preliminary/final plan, with the granted and denied waivers. Motion carried (4-0-1) Merle Stoltzfus abstained.

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed the status of the remaining 14 punch list items for Blue Rock at Elverson. Merle Stoltzfus will work with Lori Kolb to draft a letter to inform the developer of a deadline for completion of the outstanding items.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Bob Clements reviewed the zoning reports, there were no concerns.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart had nothing new to report. Charlotte Gehman provided a report for Council's packets to announce that the annual MABE plant tour will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 5:30.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bob Clements commented that Council Members have determined that there was not enough parking for the proposed farmers market to be considered at the Train / Freight Station, but that it could be considered for Livingood Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Phillips reviewed the status of the agreement for the trail to Blue Rocks, there was no change from last month regarding the status of obtaining the required signature from one of the residents. Mr. Phillips reported he has not yet been successful in communicating with anyone at PPG / Whitford Corporation in regards the trail easement agreement.

Mr. Clements expressed parking concerns for the food truck parked on a property along Main Street. Merle Stoltzfus and Bob Clements will review and report with comments at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn the meeting. The Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb,
Recording Secretary