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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on September 6, 2022, and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Bob Clements who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Feeley led in Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Steve Keech, Property Owner, Shawn Storms, Property Owner, Chris Gable, Property Owner, Donna Moyer, Property Owner, Lisa Palser, Park, Recreation and Trails Committee, Gregory Phillips, YDASP, and David Smith, Property Owner

MINUTES:

Motion was made by George Firrantello and seconded by Dennis Kurtz accept the August 2022 Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Steve Keech reported that he would like to have the lighting issue at 58 W. Main Street be brought into compliance with the Borough Ordinance, as they are not yet dimmed, nor have the foot candles been measured. Mr. Clements reported that he has communicated with the property owner regarding the unresolved issues. Mr. Stewart agreed that the lighting does need to be dimmed after hours, as they are very bright. Mr. Stewart felt that a letter should be sent to the property owner to enforce the issues that need to be taken care of timely, as this has been dragging out too long.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Dennis Kurtz to request the Borough's Zoning Officer send a notice of violation to the property owner of 58 W. Main Street, allowing 45 days to measure the foot candles and have the lighting dimmed in accordance with the Borough's Ordinance. Motion carried by all.

Esther Prosser mentioned that she had spoken with Shawn Storms, and he had planned to attend the meeting. Mayer Prosser mentioned that when she has spoken with Mr. Storms, he said he had plans drawn up previously to turn the garage with the deteriorated roof into an apartment, however he was informed it would not be permitted according to the Borough's zoning. Merle Stoltzfus said he would speak to Shawn regarding the concerns for the deteriorated garage roof.

Donna Moyer reported that they have had realtor signs vandalized 3 different times. Ms. Moyer also noted that speeding is an issue on Main Street. Mr. Stoltzfus mentioned that phone calls to the PA State Police are helpful in getting a more frequent police presence. Lori Kolb will provide the non-emergency number for the PA State Police to Donna Moyer.

Bob Clements recommended the \$7,000 in the trails account to be used towards the planning for the trail to Blue Rocks, since they are not yet able to continue with further trails planning at other locations at this time. Mr. Clements also recommended an additional \$5,000 to cover additional costs for the Blue Rocks trail project.

Motion was made by Bob Clements, seconded by Merle Stoltzfus, to re-direct the \$7,000 in the trails account to be used on the Blue Rocks Trail project, and fund an additional \$5,000 from the General Fund Money Market account to cover additional expenses for engineering and legal fees required to move the trail project forward. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by George Firrantello, seconded by Bob Clements, to approve \$1,000 in the 2023 budget for trails. Motion carried by all.

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.

REVIEW OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

George Firrantello reviewed the previous consideration for a contribution in the amount of \$24,027 to Elverson Honey Brook EMS, which would be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

George Firrantello made a motion, seconded by Jack Stewart, to distribute \$24,027 of the American Transportation Act Funds, to Elverson Honey Brook EMS. Motion carried (6-1), Merle Stoltzfus abstained.

George Firrantello reviewed the draft of the 2023 budget. Mr. Firrantello requested that Tom Feeley provide estimates for any other building and grounds work that may need to be included.

Motion was made by George Firrantello seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to approve the quote for the final year option for TriCounty Landscape Designs LLC to provide winter maintenance effective October 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 as presented. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Bob Clements reviewed the renewal of the agreement with PA Strikers for the use of the ball fields for the 2023 season. Mr. Clements explained that only the dates for the season were updated in the proposed agreement.

Motion was made by Tom Feeley seconded by Jack Stewart, to approve the updated agreement between the Borough of Elverson and PA Strikers for the use of the ballfields at Livingood Park, for the 2023 season. Motion carried by all.

Bob Clements reviewed a letter received by a Borough property owner in regard to mapping within the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Smith was in attendance at the meeting and was provided with a map to show that this was changed in the Active Transportation Plan that was enacted in December 2021. Not further action was needed.

Bob Clements reviewed the Urban Center Forum upcoming meeting. Mr. Clements encouraged Council Members, or the Mayor represent the Borough at the meeting.

MAYORS REPORT:

Esther Prosser reported that the resident at 170 East Main Street was having difficulty with sightlines when pulling out of his driveway due to parking along the roadway. The resident did not feel there should be parking allowed in that area on the street. Mayor Prosser said she is working on plans to meet with the owner of the old Elverson Bank on Park Avenue when she finds out if he is in town. Mayor Prosser said that this topic is currently still open. Mayor Prosser suggested that Comcast representatives provide a time to meet with residents, at the Borough Hall, to review the plans they are offering for services. Mayor Prosser said she will contact the Comcast representative to request arranging a date.

Esther Prosser reviewed plans for signage at the park to indicate park hours, and requests for keeping the park clean and safe. Council was in agreement with the purchase of the signs.

Motion was made by Thomas Feeley, seconded by Mike Trojecki to approve the purchase of signage at the park as presented, with the exception of changing the time for park closing to 9:00 PM. Motion carried by all.

Esther Prosser reported that the parade will be October 19th.

Esther Prosser asked Council how many would be in favor of either going all wet or just support alcohol for special events, and three Council Members supported going to all wet, with the remaining members supporting wet for special events.

Esther Prosser requested Lori Kolb look into insurance for playing pickleball off site. Lori Kolb will check on this.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Tom Feeley said that one solar light has been installed at the gazebos.

Tom Feeley clarified with Council that the motion made to stain the gazebos was for labor only. Mr. Feeley estimated the materials to be \$60 per gallon. Council was in favor of the purchase of the materials to stain the gazebo.

Tom Feeley said he will be obtaining quotes to repair the sunken area of the walking path and the line to the water fountain at the park and will report on his findings.

STATE POLICE:

Bob Clements reviewed the State Police Report, there were no concerns, and no updates were reported in regard to the citation issued for the person identified as damaging the camera at the park, nor those responsible for moving the camera.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepy reviewed his report with Council, which included the status of the Park Avenue Paving Project.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus, seconded by Jack Stewart to authorize Council Vice President, Thomas Feeley, and Secretary Lori Kolb, to sign the agreement for the Park Avenue Paving Project, subject to Spots Stevens and McCoy finalizing the insurance document with the contractor. Motion carried by all.

Mark Stabolepszy mentioned that as part of the Act 167 planning the County is revising the current stormwater requirements, after which the Borough will need to change the Borough's Stormwater Plan to be in compliance within six months. Mr. Stabolepszy will follow with additional information as it becomes available at a later date.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Bob Clements reviewed the zoning report, there were no permits issued in the month of August.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart reported that the Municipal Authority's Chairperson is not renewing her term at the end of the year, so they will need to find a replacement for the board.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mike Trojecki to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer