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July 5, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Dwight Frizen who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members, Merle Stoltzfus, Jack Stewart, Dwight Frizen, Doug Hoskins, Esther Prosser; Bob Broderick, Mayor and Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer, Absent: Carol Ruffner and Bob French

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Doug Streuli, Gretchen Streuli, George Firrantello Residents, and Maria McCabe

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Doug Hoskins to accept the June 2017 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Gretchen Streuli, spoke to Council Members, explaining the history of Gerrymandering, and the effects of the redistricting of Republican and Democratic Party's. Mrs. Streuli passed out a sample draft of the Gerrymandering Resolution, along with a list of other area Council Members, and Supervisors who have already signed in favor of the Resolution. Mr. Streuli also addressed Council Members with additional details involved with the process of Gerrymandering. Mrs. Sreuli explained that she is petitioning in favor of the Resolution, and requested that Council Members sign in favor of Gerrymandering. Dwight Frizen requested that Council Members do some additional research, and be prepared for further consideration at the August 1, 2017 Council Meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

BOROUGH EVENTS:

Esther Prosser reported on the activities from Elverson Day, and reviewed the final budget for the event.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS

Doug Hoskins mentioned that he had followed up on reporting street lights that were out. Doug also mentioned repairs were done for a broken street sign at Hall Street, and a road sign on North Chestnut Street. Doug reported that Bob French will be moving forward with the plans for assigning a contractor to do the stucco repairs at Borough Hall as soon as he is available.

Merle Stoltzfus said he had been contacted by PennDot regarding the storm water project which is planned for Main Street. Merle explained that PennDot's Representative has asked what restrictions there would be on work hours during the project. Council determined that having the work completed in accordance with PennDot's schedule would be the most beneficial, as it would shorten the time necessary to complete the project. Council Members agreed that long hours even to 24 hours is acceptable, provided such hours will shorten the duration of the Main Street Project. Businesses and Residents will be inconvenienced and hindered by limiting traffic flow. Every day the project can be shortened by longer hours will be significantly helpful.

LOCAL SERVICES

Merle Stoltzfus and Doug Hoskins said that there is a follow up meeting with Elverson Honey Brook EMS on July 12th. Merle and Doug will report on the outcome after the July 12th meeting.

Dwight Frizen reviewed the June 2017 State Police report. There were no concerns at this time.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reported that he is awaiting word from Gary McEwen that the punch list items have been completed, and as to when the as-built plans will be submitted for Springfield Village. Mark also mentioned that the construction manager for the Community Evangelical Free Church has advised that as-built plans will be submitted after detention basin modifications have been completed.

Mark reported a final inspection of the Brick Lane work was done, and a Certificate of Substantial Completion was issued along with a punch list. Mark said the Application for Payment No. 1 was reviewed, and a letter was issued dated July 5, 2017 recommending payment subject to receipt of material certifications.

Mark explained that the final cost was in excess of the original bid price, due to additional blacktop, and extra cost for the work on the inlet. Mark also mentioned that the cost of the striping was not included in the bid.

Jack Stewart made a motion to approve Pay Application No. 1 to GoreCon, Inc. in the amount of \$64,039.30 per SSM's letter dated July 5, 2017, subject to receipt of material certifications for all bituminous materials placed, seconded by Doug Hoskins. Motion carried by all.

Jack Stewart made a motion to authorize Dwight Frizen to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Brick Lane Project, seconded by Merle Stoltzfus. Motion carried by all.

Mark Stabolepszy reported that he had toured Borough-owned facilities near the pipeline construction area on June 21, 2017 and found no issues needing immediate attention. Mark mentioned there are several minor issues that will need to be remedied at the end of the project.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Dwight Frizen reported there was only one permit issued in June.

SALDO UPDATE:

Dwight Frizen reported that the hard copy draft of the Zoning Ordinance update has been received. Dwight mentioned that in order to meet the September deadline, the Flood Plain Ordinance will be adopted separate from the zoning ordinance.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart reported on the topics from the Municipal Authority Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dwight Frizen explained House Bill No. 1469, and the possible effects of allowing more than one TPA to administer, and enforce the UCC. Council agreed that a letter should be drafted to local representatives expressing their opposition to House Bill No. 1469. Lori will draft a letter to both Representative Hennessey and Senator Rafferty, expressing opposition to House Bill 1469, and Dwight will sign on behalf of Council Members.

Council discussed concerns for issuance of solicitation permits. Council determined there will be further discussion at the August 1, 2017 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jack Stewart. Motion carried by all. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer