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October 7, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 and called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President, Shirley Crehan who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Crehan, Merle Stoltzfus, Bob Broderick, Esther Prosser, Jack Stewart, Bob French, Dwight Frizen, Doug Hoskins and Lori Kolb, Secretary/Treasurer.

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Dwight Frizen and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept report and pay bills as presented. Motion Carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

The President indicated that Mayor Bob Broderick plans to solemnize marriages in Pennsylvania.

Shirley Crehan mentioned she needed a volunteer to serve along with her as a second delegate for the Chester County Delegate committee. Dwight Frizen volunteered to co-serve with Shirley on this committee.

There is a planned merger of Elverson EMS and Honeybrook EMS. Bob Broderick explained the change to Council. Council agreed this would be a positive change for emergency ambulance service in the area.

The new chairs and file cabinets have been ordered.

The President asked Council to pass a Resolution for a procedure for the sale or disposal of old furniture, file cabinets and minor equipment. Lori Kolb read the Resolution No. 2014-6. Merle Stoltzfus made motion to pass Resolution No. 2014-6, Jack Stewart seconded, motion carried.

The Historical Commission completed a new online form for hanging banners. Shirley signed the application, which in turn generated an invoice from PPL for engineering fees about hanging banners on the poles on Main Street.

Doug Hoskins mentioned that a vehicle struck the decorative light pole, at the corner of N. Chestnut Street and Main Street. It was determined that the pole will be replaced by PPL.

Shirley Crehan mentioned she has not yet gotten a response from scout leaders regarding a schedule for Scout meetings at Borough Hall. We will see if we can get someone to work with us who understand scouts.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Dr. Chris McCarty and his wife Natalie were in attendance for the purpose of meeting Council Members. Dr. McCarty explained he is a new physician to Elverson and his practice is located in the same building as the St. Josephs Urgent Care.

PROJECTS:

The new heating system was installed at the train station and Shirley Crehan suggested that Council may want to consider replacing the sump pump as well. Doug Hoskins and Bob French will get estimates for a new sump pump.

Bob French mentioned that the chimney at Borough Hall will be cleaned on October 15th and the new boiler will be installed on October 21st.

Preliminary draft of the 2015 budget was shared with Council Members. They have two weeks to review and suggest changes.

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned the Borough is applying for a Vision Partnership Grant to complete the zoning and SALDO. Merle explained the borough has 2 ½ years to complete Zoning and SALDO Ordinance, for which the process will be started in 2015.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

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MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart mentioned he attended the Municipal Authorities monthly meeting and mentioned some of the topics that were discussed, including work on lagoons and building. Jack also reminded Council about the October 28th meeting at 7:15, regarding insurance review.

HISTORIC COMMISSION:

Nothing to report

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS & LIGHTS:

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned he had a positive meeting with PennDot and State Representatives regarding the storm water on Main Street. Council discussed the storm water situation on Main Street and the effects it has had on the storm water pipes. Merle mentioned the invoice the Borough received from PennDot, for the work they had previously done on Main Street, is actually relative to the storm water topic.

Doug Hoskins recommended the sign to close the tennis courts be posted and nets are taken down next week. Doug explained the condition of the cracks on the courts and the proposal received for repairs. Doug explained TVSD has 6 tennis courts available for public use, which is an alternate location for anyone in the Borough who may inquire about where to play.

Bob French explained we have previously kept the portable restrooms at the Livingood Park and Borough Hall through the winter months. Bob recommended we remove the portable restrooms, with the exception of the handicapped portable restroom at Livingood Park, which would remain year round.

Doug Hoskins mentioned he and Mark Stabolepsy were looking into future plans for road repairs and maintenance.

BOROUGH EVENT PLANNING:

Esther Prosser mentioned the Pumpkin Carving contest would be October 12, 2014. Esther invited Council to come out and vote for their favorite jack-o-lantern. The Halloween Parade will be October 15th.

ZONING OFFICER:

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ENGINEERING:

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Mark Stabolepszy explained he received a time extension request from Blue Rock at Elverson and Evangelical Free Church for preliminary plan review periods. Mark recommended Council vote to accept the time extension requests for the preliminary plan review. Merle Stoltzfus made a motion to accept the time extension for the 90-day review period for the preliminary plan for Blue Rock at Elverson, until December 22, 2014, Bob French seconded, motion. Jack Stewart made a motion to accept the time extension for the 90-day review period for the preliminary plan for Evangelical Free Church, until January 2, 2015 and Bob French seconded, motion carried.

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Mark Stabolepszy mentioned he is waiting for additional information on line painting. Jack Stewart made a motion that Council authorize Bob French to work with Mark Stabolepszy on making the decision to go ahead with the line painting once he has the proposal, seconded by Dwight Frizen, motion carried.

Mark Stabolepszy mentioned he has spoken with Mr. Mokejs on his plan for a variance in regard to subdivision and storm water for his property.

TREE COMMISSION:

Esther Prosser requested permission from Council to have Alan Heilner trim the trees on South Pine Street and also work on the tree wells per his proposal. Doug Hoskins made a motion to approve Alan Heilner's proposal for tree trimming and work on tree wells on South Pine Street, Jack Stewart seconded, motion carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

EMS Chief's Report
State Police Report

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned he and Shirley Crehan met with a representative from the Department of Community Development in regard to the process for applying for grants for future Borough projects. Merle explained the pre-application paperwork would need to be completed by November 7, 2014 in order to be eligible for grants when they become available. Merle mentioned the application would need to include a plan to prioritize the projects. Merle suggested the Sewer Authority should be the highest priority and Main Street Stormwater could be another project whereas we could use grant funds as a possible match to the cost of any repairs that may need to be done. Merle Stoltzfus and Bob Broderick mentioned that Beautification could be another project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Dwight Frizen to adjourn. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Kolb
Secretary/Treasurer