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June 3, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 3, 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 and Lori Kolb, Secretary/Treasurer. Absent: Doug Hoskins

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group and Bob Watts, Corporal Jose Torres, State Police

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the minutes as submitted. *Motion carried by all.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Bob French to accept report and pay bills as presented. *Motion carried by all.*

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Bob Watts – Twin Valley Fundraiser: Bob Watts explained he is the owner of the deli and is helping to do a fundraiser for the school using his deli. People would be possibly walking to the deli and crossing the street, so he would like to get yield to pedestrian crossing signs. Bob French recommended getting extra signs to be used when the borough has other events. Merle Stoltzfus made a motion that Bob Watts be authorized to call Pendot on behalf of the borough, to request yield to pedestrian signs, seconded by Dwight Frizen, *Motion carried by all.*

Corporal Jose Torres - State Police: Corporal Torres reported on the state police activity in the Borough, he commented per statistics, Elverson is a very safe place to live. He assured us that troopers are making efforts to be in the Borough area to minimize response time. Dwight asked if there would be a more detailed police report available on any police activity in the area. Corporal Torres will look into getting us a more detailed report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Government Sheet

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

Motion was made by Jack Stewart to adopt the 2014 Emergency Operations Plan, motion seconded by Bob French, *Motion carried by all.*

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

No report

HISTORIC COMMISSION:

Shirley discussed the Historical Commission is looking for a sponsor from the Borough to provide a letter of eligibility to obtain PA Scenic Byway status for the Route 23 corridor between Elverson and Valley Forge Park. Esther will get the information to Chris Cameron. Motion made by Esther Prosser and seconded by Dwight Frizen, *Motion carried by all.*

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS & LIGHTS:

Elverson Train Station – Shirley mentioned the building has been fumigated, currently there are no water issues and electricity has been restored. We need to provide a report to multiple insurance companies regarding the operation of the sump pump prior to the rain. The report must come from a third party and include pictures to be sent to the steam boiler company. Merle suggested Ken Sweitzer, the electrician, could possibly do the report. There was also discussion about a new source of heat, hot water heater and the sump pump.

Sunoco Pipeline Project Maps – Maps were emailed to Borough Council Members.

Federal Sign Retro-reflectivity Replacement Plan, deadline June 14, 2014 – It was discussed that it is only required on Borough Roads. We must create an inventory report of all signs in the borough and create a plan to replace all signs with reflective signs per requirements by the department of transportation. Shirley suggested we contract the engineer to complete this project. Esther said she would do the inventory of all signs.

Livingood Park – Gazebos need some repairs and there are carpenter bees visible. Lights are on constantly and need to be checked or repaired. Some concrete repairs are also needed. Bob mentioned the tennis courts are in need of some repairs. Bob will talk to Vixen Hill regarding repairs and consult the electrician for the light sensors. Bob will get estimate for repairs and come back to council with amounts. Lori will call Ehrlich to look into adding the park to their contract to spray for carpenter bees.

Bob mentioned he is having the potholes repaired on Pine and Steeplechase Roads. Tim McEwen put in a swale on Park Avenue and before the road repairs are done, he and Doug would like to wait until it dries out.

BOROUGH EVENT PLANNING:

Livingood Park – Location of fireworks for this year was discussed. Esther said residents in that area would be notified about the fireworks and cleanup after the event boy scouts will provide cleanup.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Hearing to be held on June 10, 2014 for adoption of the 2014 Elverson Borough Comprehensive Plan – Shirley reminded all council members about the meeting. Dwight said he will post the hearing on the electronic sign.

ZONING OFFICER:

Report in folder – Jack Stewart reviewed the contract with Kraft and had no suggestions, at this time regarding changing the procedure for how the Borough pays for their code services. Shirley Crehan asked if Council would be willing to meet with Kraft representatives. Jack Stewart suggested we invite a representative from Kraft to come to the next council meeting to discuss the payment procedure for their services. Shirley Crehan discussed she is following up on a notice regarding the Uniform Construction Code fees.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Nothing to report

ENGINEERING:

Mark discussed his report, recommended council accepts extension for Jacobs Townhomes, Merle Stoltzfus made a motion to accept the extension, motion was seconded by Dwight Frizen, all in favor, *Motion carried by all.*

Evangelical Free Church, if Borough Council does not receive a time extension letter for the plan before June 16th, Borough Council will reject the plan, based upon SSM's latest review letter, with the provision, if the extension is granted before June 16th, the rejection would become null. Motion made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob French, all in favor, *Motion carried by all.*

If road repairs on Main Street are not completed, repairs to damaged crosswalks will not last. Pendot is planning to do some work in July, may be able to work with Pendot on this. Could be an issue with storm water, suggested the borough try to get meeting with Pendot on solution that would work for all. Mark suggested we get Rep. Hennessey involved with council members and District 6 on getting solution. Mark mentioned there could be other grant opportunities for storm water or options to share the burden of cost of repairs.

Merle discussed information he learned at a meeting on the storm water topic. We have been re-designated to be MS 4. Storm waters in some areas end up being managed by an authority (like sewer). Merle explained we must adopt a storm water ordinance. Merle was going to discuss more with Mark Stabolepszy.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Nothing to report

TREE COMMISSION:

Parkside, Dupont update – Esther met with a Dupont representative and they looked at 11 trees on Parkside Avenue and 3 trees on South Pine. Esther also mentioned the tree commission will be meet to look at Ash trees.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Nothing to report

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shirley would like to look for new chairs and new file cabinets sometime in June or July. Dwight asked how we were doing with changing over the documents to be electronic, Shirley explained there was no progress at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob French to adjourn. *Motion carried by all.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Kolb
Secretary/Treasurer