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December 5, 2017

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

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members, Merle Stoltzfus, Jack Stewart, Bob French, Dwight Frizen, Doug Hoskins, George Firrantello, Mayor Bob Broderick, and Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer,

Absent: Esther Prosser

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Barclay Hargreaves, EOC, Jim and Sue Huxoll. Residents

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by George Firrantello accept the November 2017 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Jim Huxoll suggested that Council consider using the electronic sign, website and Newsletter to communicate better awareness, and education about burning, in accordance with Section 1116 of the Borough's 1998 Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Huxoll suggested the information could be posted during fire prevention week as well. Mr. Huxoll expressed he would like to see more accountability required by the residents who violate the Borough's Ordinance in reference to burning. Merle Stoltzfus expressed appreciation for Mr. Huxoll's recommendations in suggesting better educating residents about the Borough's Ordinance. Barclay Hargreaves, the Borough's Emergency Operations Coordinator, will draft an article, and submit to Esther Prosser for the Newsletter. Lori will post information from the Newsletter article to the website, and the electronic sign.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Bob French to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

BUDGET:

Merle Stoltzfus made a motion to approve the 2018 Budget as advertised, seconded by Bob French. Motion carried by all.

2018 COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES:

Jack Stewart made a motion to approve, and advertise the 2018 meeting dates as the first Tuesday of each month, and to advertise the Reorganization Meeting to be held on January 2, 2018, seconded by George Firrantello. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dwight Frizen asked Council if they would be in support of Senate Bill 251, to allow Municipal Police to use radar to monitor speeding. Council was in agreement with submitting a letter to Representative Tim Hennessey encouraging his support of the bill, and all Council Members present signed the letter.

Motion was made by George Firrantello to approve the 2018 compensation for Lori Kolb, as presented in the email from Doug Hoskins on September 9, 2017, to be effective January 1, 2018, seconded by Bob French. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus to adopt Resolution No. 2017-6 to appoint Shirley Crehan as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, as a volunteer, to assist with duties as determined by the Members of Borough Council, as needed, seconded by Doug Hoskins. Motion carried by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Merle mentioned that Bob Colmery who lives in Springfield Village has said he would like to serve as a Planning Commission Member.

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Jack Stewart to appoint Bob Colmery to the Elverson Borough Planning Commission, with his term to be effective January 1, 2018. Motion carried by all.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS

Doug Hoskins reported that the dead tree on the Borough Hall property has been removed, and that the potholes in the crosswalks on Main Street have been filled. Doug reported that there is a street light on Parkside that has been reported as out and PPL will schedule to replace the bulb.

STATE POLICE

Dwight Frizen reviewed the State Police report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Barclay Hargreaves reported he has attended meetings with Twin Valley School District, Twin Valley Fire Department, Chester and Berks County Department of Emergency Services to review their All-Hazards Emergency and Evacuation Plans. Barclay also reported he has met with Sunoco's Emergency Preparedness Team and reviewed their latest hazard assessment of the Mariner 2 Pipeline. Barclay mentioned all information from these meetings will be used to update the Borough's Emergency Plan.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reported the as-built plans for Springfield Village have been reviewed and he has issued a review / closeout letter dated November 8, 2017. Mark mentioned that as-built plans for the Community Evangelical Free Church will be submitted upon completion of the detention basin modifications. Mark commented that although there were no issues found during his site visits of the Pipeline Construction area that require immediate attention, there are several areas that will need to be repaired at the end of the project.

SALDO UPDATE:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the plan for the remainder of the Zoning and SALDO update. Dwight announced the County will extend the deadline for the update until June 2018.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus explained the Main Street Stormwater project will require work to be done on both sides of the road. Merle reported that PennDot is currently working on a traffic plan for the project. Council Members continue to be in agreement, that they would like PennDot to complete the project within the shortest amount of time as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the existing Urban Centers Project Update List and asked Council if there are any additional projects. There were no recommendations for additional projects to be added at this time. Lori will update the status of the existing projects accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob French to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer