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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Dwight Frizen who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Matt and Collean Ferri, Residents, James Chamberlain, and Esther Prosser, Park and Recreation Committee

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Bob Clements to accept the September 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

James Chamberlain spoke to Council about a property on Brick Lane, which he is considering purchasing. Mr. Chamberlain explained that if he purchased the lot, he would like to propose construction of a pole building to be used for his wholesale, and retail antique business. Mark Stabolepszy mentioned Mr. Chamberlain could review the Borough's Zoning, Subdivision and Stormwater Ordinances to see what use is permitted, and what process is required for his proposed use. Mr. Stabolepszy mentioned that Mr. Chamberlain would need to speak to the Borough's Zoning Officer to confirm the process that is needed to accommodate his plan. Dwight Frizen commented he did not see any concerns for the proposed use that Mr. Chamberlain was considering for the property.

Matt Ferri spoke to Council regarding the water runoff onto his property on Stable Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Ferri shared pictures, and a video of their property with Council, to show a visual example of the problem with the water runoff. After discussion, Council determined that this situation would need to be resolved between property owners.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Esther Prosser explained the committee is looking at pricing for replacing signs at the parks, and borough building. Ms. Prosser explained that the committee is looking at the possibility of changing the trash at the park to carry in / carry out, however they are considering providing doggie bags. Ms. Prosser mentioned she met with Allen Heilner regarding trimming shrubs at Livingood Park, and trees behind the Borough Hall Park. Ms. Prosser also reviewed consideration for demolition work for removing the basketball courts at the Borough Hall Park. Council discussed the possibility of doing repairs to the basketball courts rather than a full demolition. Council members also discussed removing the unused lights, as the park is only opened dawn to dusk.

Ms. Prosser also mentioned the Committee discussed the possibility of having basketball courts installed at the former tennis court site at the Livingood Park, as something to consider for a future plan. Ms. Prosser discussed the requested 2019 budget for Park and Recreation. Ms. Prosser requested that Council allow the committee to determine what needs to be cleaned out of the concession stand, and where it should be disposed of. Ms. Prosser was planning to consider having the Scouts clean out and remove the old items. Council agreed that the Park and Recreation Committee can work with the Scouts to clean out and dispose of the old items in the concession stand.

TREE COMMISSION:

Bob French asked Esther Prosser about the status for resolving the concerns for tree replacement for the property on Main Street. Ms. Prosser explained that Herb Hamilton from the Tree Commission is working with the resident, and her daughter to pick out a replacement tree. Merle Stoltzfus recommended that it may be helpful to educate the community about the Tree Commission.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

George Firrantello reviewed the proposed 2019 Budget draft.

PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF TWIN VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

George Firrantello made a motion to support the Twin Valley Fire Department Fundraiser by Proclamation signed by Mayor Bob Broderick, which included the comment in regard to the deficit, seconded by Merle Stoltzfus. Motion carried by all.

STATE POLICE:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the State Police report.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed his report with Council. Mr. Stabolepszy reviewed the proposed plans that were submitted to the Planning Commission for the Twin Pines and Sproul Hill Subdivisions. Mr. Stabolepszy reported that neither of the two plans submitted were recommended to Council, as they are currently working on requested revisions. Mr. Stabolepszy explained that he has not yet looked at final items for restoration on Parkside Drive, however he has painted out an area where he has asked Sunoco to fill out and repair prior to winter so that it will not impact the snow plowing.

BUILDING, GROUNDS, STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Bob French mentioned the painter will be starting the work at Borough Hall the week of October 8th. Mr. French also mentioned he was working with the contractor on some small projects at the Borough building and Livingood Park.

Bob French asked Council if they would approve the request for a key to be distributed to the Scout Committee Chair Person, Vince Malcom. Mr. French explained the key would only allow access to the entrance, and Scout Room areas. Council agreed to authorize a key to be issued to Vince Malcom

Bob French mentioned he would like to have an additional handyman that could be available for small repairs as needed. Council will let Bob French know if they come up with any possible candidates. Mr. French requested that Council consider someone with proper insurance coverage.

Doug Hoskins reviewed the quote for the optional two year extension of the Landscaping Contract.

Jack Stewart made a motion to accept the quote for an additional two year extension of the Landscaping Contract, as submitted from Heilner Landscaping, in the amount of \$23,665, seconded by Bob Clements. Motion carried by all.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart reported on the topics from the Municipal Authority Meeting. Mr. Stewart mentioned that the proposed Ordinance for sewer inspections is ready for review by Jim Scheffey. Mr. Stewart reported that Rick Shaw's resignation has been accepted, and Lori Sifford will fill the position as Municipal Authority Board Chair Person.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bob French mentioned that the Main Street Project is on schedule. Mr. French mentioned he has gotten information on locations he can visit to look at examples of the materials which are being proposed for the crosswalks on Main Street. Mr. French said he and Doug Hoskins will be driving to Hershey to look at the crosswalk sites.

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that Sections 1109, 1110, and 1806 of the new Zoning Ordinance does appear to cover most requirements for Property Maintenance, which were included in the separate proposed Ordinance. Council agreed to review and compare the sections referred to in the Zoning, and the proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance, and discuss at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Bob Clements to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer