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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 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, Mayor Bob Broderick, and George Firrantello, Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Lisa Palser, Trails Committee, Lieutenant William Donahue, Pennsylvania State Police, Joe Sullivan, Resident

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Bob French to accept the September 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Lisa Palser, from the Trails Committee, spoke to Council regarding the VPP Grant, and requested that the letter drafted to express interest in the technical services assistance of the Chester County Planning Commission be executed by Council President Dwight Frizen, and sent to Brian O'Leary, Executive Director VPP Technical Services. Bob Clements recommended that the letter be signed and sent to Brian O'Leary to request the assistance with regard to a trail feasibility study. Council agreed to forward the signed letter to Mr. O'Leary.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by George Firrantello to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried by all.

George Firrantello reviewed the proposed 2020 Budget. Mr. Firrantello asked if Council wanted to keep the amount budgeted for the proposed work for Park Avenue. Council determined the Park Avenue work should remain in the proposed 2020 budget, and if not used, it can be carried over to the 2021 budget year.

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by George Firrantello to approve the proposed 2020 Budget and advertise after the November 5th, 2019 Borough Council Meeting. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Dwight Frizen asked Council Members to review the FCC changes to cable franchising. Council discussed the current contract with Service Electric. Bob Clements will look into what other options may be available.

Dwight Frizen reviewed the negotiation Class action suit for Opioid Negotiation Class Information. Mr. Frizen said that Jim Scheffey recommended the Borough remain in the class and not opt out. Council agreed to remain in the class.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Dwight Frizen mentioned that a Neighborhood Watch Committee Member asked if a light could be considered for the gazebos in the Livingood Park for additional security. Mr. Stoltzfus recommended that the previously broken lights be replaced inside the gazebos, with a fixture that can't be broken or easily vandalized, as part of the gazebo improvement project. Bob French will add the light replacement to the gazebo project.

Bob French reviewed the Livingood Stormwater pipe project status with Council, and said the work is scheduled for October 7th and 8th. Mr. French explained that the pipe lining has to be done during dry weather, so the schedule could change, depending on any rainfall next week.

Bob French mentioned he is in the process of getting quotes for the installation of the radar signs on Main Street, which he will continue researching as soon as the Livingood Park Stormwater Pipe repair is completed.

STATE POLICE:

Lieutenant Donahue spoke to Council regarding the incidents in the Borough during August and September. There were no incidents of high concern. George Firrantello mentioned that the Borough will be installing radar signs on Main Street, and asked Lieutenant Donahue if he would want copies of the traffic data collected once the system is in place. Lieutenant Donahue said that he would be interested in having the data from the radar signs.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy mentioned he had received a call from a PennDot Representative regarding the curb cut at the train station, and they would like to know if there is a schedule for installing a driveway. Council Members agreed that the driveway will be installed in May of 2020.

Mark Stabolepszy recommended that Council take action to approve the resolution required as part of the Blue Rock at Elverson Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to approve Resolution Number 2019-04 as part of the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Blue Rock at Elverson. Motion carried by all.

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed the status of the progress for the Blue Rock at Elverson development and Sunoco restoration in Parkside. Mr. Stabolepszy mentioned that if Sunoco approves the requested improvements to Parkside Drive, the road project as forecasted in the Capital Reserve would not be needed.

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that he and Bob Clements are working with Mark Stabolepszy on the Small Project Stormwater Ordinance. Mr. Stoltzfus asked Council Members if they would be in favor of considering the most minimal Stormwater Ordinance that is possible for small projects. Council Members agreed that they would be in favor of the most minimal ordinance as would be possible, in keeping within the guidelines of what is required. Mark Stabolepszy will look at what can be done to create the most minimal Stormwater Ordinance for small projects.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the status of the 21 S. Brick Lane property. Mr. Frizen said that Jim Scheffey will be contacting the property owner's solicitor to follow up regarding a status for the case when he returns to the office next week.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart asked Council Members if they agree with having the Borough's Zoning Officer perform the plumbing inspections for the Blue Rock at Elverson project for the final individual housing units as they are being connected. Mr. Stoltzfus commented he felt it makes sense to have the Borough's Zoning Officer perform the inspections as suggested. Council Members agreed that the Borough's Zoning Officer should be assigned to perform the final connection inspections. Mr. Stabolepszy mentioned that there would need to be a decision made in regard to escrow to cover the cost of the inspections performed by Kraft Code Services. Lori Kolb will work with MABE to coordinate how the final inspections will be escrowed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dwight Frizen reminded Council Members about the October 5th seminar.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dwight Frizen reviewed a concern presented by a resident in regard to sight distance at Park Avenue and Main Street and South Pine and Main Street. Council reviewed pictures of the intersections, and Jack Stewart said it would be looked into.

Dwight Frizen made a request for Council's approval to hold a seminar event to educate the community about how to recognize Signs, Symptoms, and other topics relative to the current drug abuse issues. Council Members approved the use of the Borough Hall for the seminar event.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer