

The Borough of Elverson 101 South Chestnut Street

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November 5, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 5, 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, Doug Hoskins, Bob Clements, George Firrantello, Mayor Bob Broderick, and Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Kolb; Absent, Council Members Merle Stoltzfus and Jack Stewart

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Chris Anderson, Rocco Anderson and Christina Pennewell, AIM

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Bob French to accept the October 1, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Chris Anderson introduced his family members and explained that they all work for his business, AIM. Mr. Anderson explained he is proposing to construct an office with storage space at 14 N. Brick Lane, for which he presented his preliminary sketch to Council Member's for consideration. Mr. Clements explained that the Planning Commission Members recommended the building be constructed with a decorative block / brick face combination to better fit into the esthetics of the town center area, and further mentioned it would eliminate the need for a retaining wall. Mr. Clements felt that the building could be described as a flex building. Council Members agreed the classification of office and storage was appropriate for the planned use of the building. Bob Clements suggested the use of vinyl siding in place of the metal that was shown on the plans for the front of the building. Mr. Anderson confirmed they do plan on including landscaping on the plans as well. Mr. Stabolepszy suggested that Mr. Anderson provide a preliminary plan for review and submission to the Planning Commission. Mr. Stabolepszy advised that the plan will need to be compliant with Section 605B of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Asper requested that Council allow him to get his building permit for 121 South Chestnut Street, as his final Stormwater review was very close to being completed, and he had already scheduled the walls to be delivered for his project. Lori Kolb explained that Joe Boulanger requested that the building permit not be released to Mr. Asper until final Stormwater approval has been issued. Mr. Stabolepszy mentioned that he is working with Council Members on a Stormwater Plan for smaller projects, such as Mr. Asper's, and he felt provided Council does plan to adopt such plan in the future, he felt Mr. Asper's building permit could be released.

Bob Clements made a motion, seconded by George Firrantello, to allow Mr. Asper's building permit to be released, with the understanding by Mr. Asper, being that the Stormwater issue is not yet resolved and will need to be resolved before the occupancy permit will be issued. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Motion was made by Bob French and seconded by Bob Clements to adopt Emergency Procurement Resolution Number 2019-05 for the purchase of goods and services from SWERP, Incorporated in the amount of \$49,447.00, for which goods and services were provided on the dates of October 7, 8 and 9, 2019. Motion carried by all.

Dwight Frizen asked if Council Members were in agreement with submitting the draft letter in support HB1459 as the recommended bill for helping to prevent first responder post-traumatic stress injury, and opposing HB432. Council Members were in agreement with support of HB1459 and to opposing HB432. Lori Kolb will forward the letter with Council's recommendation to Members of the PA House of Representatives and PSAB.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Bob French mentioned he is working on the plan for installation of the radar signs, and hopes to have an answer by the December meeting.

Dwight Frizen discussed the sight lines at intersections on Main Street in regard to the flower pots that were placed on the corners. Mark Stabolepszy said that the flower pots are not an obstruction per PennDot regulations. Council agreed the flower pots will remain where they are currently located.

STATE POLICE:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the State Police Report, there were no incidents of concern.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy suggested that Bob Clements and Merle Stoltzfus communicate with him to clarify what they would like him to proceed with in regard to the Stormwater Ordinance for small projects. Mark Stabolepszy mentioned that the purchaser of 23 East Main Street is proposing to construct a duplex on the lot located in the rear of the existing garage property. Mr. Stabolepszy said that he felt the proposed duplex would not fall under land development, however he said that Joe Boulanger seemed of the opinion land development would be applicable. Council Members agreed the proposed duplex would not fall under land development. Mr. Stabolepszy said he looked for traffic signs near the Blue Rock Development Section of Park Avenue. Mr. Stabolepszy recommended a curve sign be posted near the sharp curve, and speed limit signs be posted on both sides of Park Avenue. Mr. Stabolepszy explained he will need to look into what the posted speed limit should be for that section of Park Avenue. Council Members agreed to have Mr. Stabolepszy continue with putting together a formal letter regarding what signs, and speed limit should be posted.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the zoning report, there were no topics for discussion.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the report from the Municipal Authority. Mr. Frizen requested Councils consideration for posting the new Municipal Authority forms on the Borough's website. Council agreed that Lori will proceed with posting the new forms.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dwight Frizen requested that Council Members review the Cable Franchise Ordinance included in their packets and prepare to discuss at a future meeting.

Dwight Frizen reviewed the concerns previously mentioned for parking on South Chestnut Street, and asked Council's consideration for painting the curb to indicate no parking only in the areas approaching the corner at South Chestnut Street and Murray Drive, and at the intersection of South Chestnut and Main Street. Council determined that the curbing on South Chestnut Street should be repainted yellow near both Murray Drive and Main Street, to indicate areas where parking is not permitted. Doug Hoskins will look at those areas to determine how far from each corner the curbing should be painted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dwight Frizen asked if Council would like Lori Kolb to continue as a Notary, and renew her commission at a cost of approximately \$350. Council agreed Lori Kolb should proceed with renewing her notary commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Bob French to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer