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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 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, Jamie Ottaviano, Solicitor, Joe Boulanger, Zoning Officer, Lisa Palser and Diane Cikoski, Trails Committee, Charlotte Gehman, Municipal Authority, Jay and Louise Fetterman, Neighborhood Watch, Joe Margusity, Blue Rock Developer

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by George Firrantello to accept the January, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE:

Merle Stoltzfus spoke on behalf of Council Members, in recognition of Jay Fetterman for his 20 years of serving the Borough by leading the Neighborhood Watch Committee. Mr. Stoltzfus expressed appreciation for Jay's giving of his time, talents and life skills to help to protect the Borough's Community. Mr. Stoltzfus said there was certainly no way to repay Jay for his hours of service, but that Council wanted him to have a gift as a token to remember a big thank you on behalf of the families, the Elverson Business Community, and the entire population represented in the "Greatest Square Mile". Mayor Broderick presented Mr. Fetterman with a clock on behalf of the entire Community, in honor of his service to the Elverson Borough. Mr. Fetterman said he accepted the clock on behalf of everyone who worked in patrolling the Borough throughout the years. Mr. Fetterman said he had calculated that over the years of patrolling, with two people in a car, they had put in almost 20,000 hours, using their own vehicles, street by street during the watch. Mr. Fetterman expressed that he is hopeful someone will take over, and the Neighborhood Watch will continue.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Brian Larson and Daniel Larson, explained they are considering purchasing the property at 21 S. Brick Lane, and expressed they would like to know if information can be shared in regards to fines accumulated from the civil case. Council was unable to discuss the case due to open litigation and said they had plans to go into an executive session in regard to this property, and would let Mr. Larson know if anything could be disclosed after their discussion with the Solicitor and Zoning Officer.

Lisa Palser reviewed the trails feasibility study. George Firrantello expressed that the cost would be manageable within the Borough's budget. Bob Clements said he will represent the Planning Commission and George Firrantello said he will represent Council in the process for the feasibility study.

Bob Clements made a motion, seconded by George Firrantello to execute the trails feasibility study. Motion carried by all.

Joe Margusity, developer for Blue Rock, explained he is working with the Municipal Authority to come to a determination for the sewer system. Mr. Margusity made a request that Council agree to re-affirm the conditional final plan approval for Blue Rock at Elverson.

Merle Stoltzfus made a motion, seconded by Bob Clements to re-affirm conditional final plan approval for the Blue Rock at Elverson project, conditioned upon satisfying all comments included in the February 4, 2020 review letter from SSM Group, Inc. Motion carried by all.

Doug Hoskins made a motion, seconded by Bob Clements adjourn the regular Council Meeting to go into an executive session at 7:45 PM.

Bob Clements made a motion, seconded by Doug Hoskins to adjourn the executive session and open the regular Borough Council meeting at 8:18 PM.

Motion was made by Bob Clements, and seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to form an agreement to be signed by all parties, including the Borough of Elverson, the seller, and the buyer of 21 S. Brick Lane, Elverson, PA 19520, to waive all fines accumulated between the Borough of Elverson and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company and Ameriquest Mortgage Security (seller), contingent upon the buyer closing on the purchase of the property, reimbursing \$2500 in professional fees to the Borough of Elverson, clean-up of the property in order to comply with the Borough of Elverson's Property Maintenance Ordinance, and removing the existing trailer from the property within 45 days of settlement with the seller. Motion carried by all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Council agreed to assign Bob Clements to open the landscape bids on February 25, 2020 at 2:00 PM at Borough Hall.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Doug Hoskins reported that there was a street light out on Main Street, and Lori Kolb has reported the outage to PPL.

Bob French mentioned that he is working with a roofing contractor to get quotes for the gazebo's and pavilion at Livingood Park. Mr. French also mentioned that he will be looking into finding the leak at the concession stand at Livingood Park, so that the water can be turned on for the spring and summer season. Merle Stoltzfus offered to assist Bob French with finding the leak.

STATE POLICE:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the State Police report, there was nothing of concern.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Council reviewed the report submitted by Barclay Hargreaves. Mr. Hargreaves report included an update on the Energy Transfer First Responder Grant Project, which is expected to be secured by spring of 2020. Mr. Hargreaves report also noted that First Responder agencies are working to set up a meeting with Hollywood Casino at Penn National race Course in Grantville, PA and leaders from that area, to ask how the casino has affected their community and services. Mr. Hargreaves noted that he will advise when a meeting has been scheduled. Mr. Hargreaves report also mentioned that he is in the process of rewriting the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan and its annexes. The plan will have a heavy focus on pipeline emergencies, mass alerting/warning messaging and evacuation operations, which is expected to be completed in the fall of 2020.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed the sign study and recommendation for additional speed limit and curve signs for Park Avenue.

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Bob French to install two reverse curve signs and two 25 MPH speed limit signs on Park Avenue between North Pine Street and North Chestnut Street. Motion carried by all.

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed the proposed update to Section 106 (Exemptions) to the Borough's Stormwater Ordinance for small storm water projects. The updates included the mandated exemption for agricultural "high tunnel" structures.

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Merle Stoltzfus, to approve the update to Section 106 of the Borough's Stormwater Ordinance Number 2014-1 as presented in documents provided from SSM Group, Inc. on February 3, 2020, conditioned upon review and approval from the Borough's Solicitor. Motion carried by all.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Council reviewed the report from Kraft Code Services.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Merle Stoltzfus said that he had attended the Municipal Authority Meeting, and reported that the DEP has not yet approved the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Blue Rock at Elverson project. Mr. Stoltzfus said the developer, Mr. Margusity, attended the meeting to discuss DEP's request for the Authority to be recorded as the permittee, however no final determination was made. Mr. Stoltzfus mentioned that once a final decision has been made, the HOA documents will be revised to reflect the final responsibilities for maintenance of the system, and assurance that the HOA will be able to support the plan as agreed upon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Bob French to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer

