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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, July 7, 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, Kurtis Miller, Representative for Chrissy Houlahan, Doug and Susan Wachenfeld, Residents

MINUTES:

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Kurtis Miller, constituent advocate for Representative Chrissy Houlahan's Office reviewed the office locations and various committee's that Representative Houlahan is involved with. Mr. Miller reviewed the advocacy success Representative Houlahan has had in working with constituents. Mr. Miller also reviewed the various Acts which Representative Houlahan has voted for, including the Corona Virus Response Act, Stimulus Bills Act, Cares Act, National Public Health Act, and Hero's Act. Mr. Miller encouraged anyone who has not yet completed the Census to please take the time to do so. Mr. Miller offered time for questions from Council, and only one question was addressed.

Doug Wachenfeld, resident from Parkside Drive, expressed that he has not seen any change in the noise coming from the car wash. Merle Stoltzfus reported that he had met with the owner of the car wash, and he did turn the speaker towards the wall, however Mr. Stoltzfus did not see any significant difference in the sound level with this change. Doug Hoskins commented that the owner of the car wash had installed a muffler, and as a result, he felt there was a slight difference in the level of the sound. Mr. Stoltzfus felt it was not necessary nor reasonable that the system repeats itself during use. Mr. and Mrs. Wachenfeld expressed concerns that the car wash is open 24/7 and the noise occurs all hours of day and night. Mrs. Wachenfeld invited any Council Members to come and sit on their deck to hear the level of noise that comes from the car wash. Mr. Wachenfeld reviewed the Borough's zoning ordinance regarding noise. Mr. Stoltzfus expressed appreciation to the Wachenfeld's for their patience, and though he felt that some progress has been made, he feels more can be done. Mr. Stoltzfus said he will continue to work with the owner of the car wash to see what else can be done to improve the level of noise coming from the car wash.

TREASURERS REPORT:

George Firrantello reviewed his report for the 2020 Budget projection.

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Dwight Frizen asked Council Members if they had any ideas for reactivating the Neighborhood Watch Committee. Mr. Frizen said that he plans to contact a Borough resident who works in law enforcement to see what information they might offer. Mr. Frizen mentioned that the Home Owners Associations could be encouraged to pass along information to residents regarding the need for volunteers to reactivate the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

Dwight Frizen reported that he was looking into quotes for replacing the Borough's Laptop since it is five years old. Mr. Frizen said he will work with Lori Kolb to make a decision regarding which laptop to purchase. Mr. Frizen also mentioned a conference phone was ordered for the Scout Room, however not all of the parts to the system have arrived as yet.

Dwight Frizen said that the Park and Recreation Committee would like Council Members opinion on whether to hold the Elverson Parade this year, or to cancel due to the current pandemic situation. Council Members felt it was too soon to make the decision, however they were in favor of holding the event if it is safe to do so in October.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Bob French reported the third contractor who was requested to quote pricing for the gazebo roof replacement at Livingood Park has decided he cannot quote the work at this time. Jack Stewart said that a decision can be made to accept one of the other two quotes, since the third quote was solicited and declined.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to accept the quote from Joyland Roofing to replace the roof on the gazebo's at Livingood Park and refurbish the railings and other wood surface areas as needed. Motion carried by all.

Mr. French mentioned he plans to begin getting quotes for the for the driveway work at the train station, however he is not certain if the cost will exceed the amount that would require the work to go out for bid. Mr. French also mentioned he will be working with Merle to resolve the issue with the water leak at Livingood Park. Mr. French reported that PennDot has a pipe camera scheduled for July 30th to investigate the hole that has opened up near Rte. 82 and Main Street, and they will be inspecting all drainage pipes on Rte. 82 in the Borough. Mr. French mentioned he has gotten a rough estimate for window treatments for the Scout Room, as the room has poor acoustics, and curtains would improve the echo effect. Jack Stewart also mentioned sound boards could be installed as well to improve the acoustics. Mr. French will work with Lori Kolb to get quotes for the window treatments.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob French to approve the purchase of window treatments, conditioned upon the cost being no more than \$4,000. Motion carried by all.

Doug Hoskins reported that he has checked on the lights, and one lamp was out on Main Street. Mr. Hoskins mentioned that there were low hanging branches reported on Park Avenue, and a quote for the tree work has been received. Mark Stabolepszy said he will check the conditions recorded on the plan for the Blue Rock development, and determine if that area is the responsibility of the developer. Mr. Stabolepszy will report who is responsible for the trees, after which a determination will be made regarding how to proceed.

STATE POLICE:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the State Police report, and there were no concerns.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reported that he had attended an on-site pre-construction meeting for the project at 10 N. Brick Lane. Mr. Stabolepszy also confirmed the completion of the project at 83 S. Brick Lane. Mr. Stabolepszy mentioned he had met with the supervisor for Berks Homes regarding improvements that still need to be observed by SSM while being constructed. Mr. Stabolepszy also reported on the status of the Sunoco pavement repairs.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the report from Kraft Code Services and noted that there were several building permits issued in June.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart reported on topics from the Municipal Authority meeting. Mr. Stewart mentioned that the Municipal Authority would like to get started with the plan to update the Act 537. Mr. Stewart mentioned he felt that Mark Stabolepszy would need to take the lead on this project. Mr. Stabolepszy said he could look into the process for the update of the Act 537. Merle Stoltzfus expressed he felt that the Municipal Authority's Engineer should prepare the Act 537 update since they are most familiar with the sewer system. Mr. Stoltzfus said that the Municipal Authority's Engineer could also work with Mark Stabolepszy for the update, however he felt Council should see a quoted cost for this process first. Mr. Stewart will relay the information regarding Council's discussion to the Municipal Authority Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer