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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council Vice President, Bob French who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Lieutenant Donahue, Pennsylvania State Police, Esther Prosser, Park and Recreation

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by George Firrantello to accept the August meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried by all.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Lieutenant Donahue from the Pennsylvania State Police reviewed the Monthly Stats Report, and overall felt things were looking safe in the Borough. Mr. Firrantello and Mr. French asked if it would be possible to have a more frequent police presence along Route 23 so that drivers could be reminded to obey the radar signs at either end of town. Lieutenant Donahue indicated he could make the request for more frequent police presence. Mr. Firrantello asked how Council should advise residents who have concerns, such as disturbing the peace, and Lieutenant Donahue said for any medical emergency the call would be to 911, however other incidents can be reported via 911 or directly to the phone number at the barracks for assistance.

Esther Prosser from the Park and Recreation Committee spoke to Council regarding new proposed park signage and what that should include. Council discussed posting a notice that pets must be on a leash and to clean up after them. Council also suggested dog bag stations could be considered. Ms. Prosser said she will be looking into the replacement or refurbishing of the existing Elverson Town Signs and consideration for a similar style sign to be posted at the Borough Building as well. Ms. Prosser explained that there are some schools interested in participating in the Elverson Parade, so the committee is in the process of making a decision as to if the parade can be held. Council was in favor of holding the parade if possible. Ms. Prosser said that they plan to make a final determination regarding the parade event soon after Labor Day.

Mr. French mentioned that there are some deteriorated stumps, tree trimming and brush clean up that could be done at Livingood Park, and asked Ms. Prosser if the Park and Recreation Committee wanted to work with Heilner Landscaping to determine what needs to be done. Ms. Prosser said that Mr. French should proceed with working together with Heilner Landscaping regarding whatever trimming and landscaping he felt was needed at the park, as their committee is not currently meeting as actively due to COVID.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

George Firrantello reviewed the first draft of the proposed 2021 Budget with Council Members. Mr. Firrantello went through some questions regarding possible 2021 expenses and requested that those involved with specific items within the budget respond to him with estimated costs.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Bob French reminded Council Members that the Twin Valley Fire Department Budget meeting will be held on September 21st at 7:00. Mr. French asked if any Council Members could confirm they are able to attend to represent the Borough. Lori Kolb will check with Merle Stoltzfus to see if he is able to attend the meeting.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Bob French reported the gazebo roof work is scheduled to begin in October. Mr. French said that he has received quotes for paving the train station driveway and parking area and would like to have that project completed this year. Mr. French said that there has not yet been a response from PennDot in regard to their findings with the storm water pipes on Route 82. Mr. French reviewed the quote for sound boards for the Scout Room, and plans for looking into additional lighting fixtures. Mr. French discussed and requested Council's opinion on plans for how the Scout Room would be used for future use, and if meetings should continue to be held there. Council Members agreed the room should be equipped for future meeting use, starting with the sound boards in 2020 and then considering the window treatments for the 2021 budget.

Motion was made by Bob Clements and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the quote from Schaffer DeSouza Brown, Inc. for the purchase and installation of the sound boards only, and proceed with the installation in 2020. Motion carried by all.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Doug Hoskins to approve the quoted pricing for the extension option as recorded in the current snow plowing agreement between TriCounty Landscape Creations, LLC and the Borough of Elverson for the 2020/2021 winter season. Motion carried by all.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reported he met with the Blue Rock Developer regarding trimming of vegetation along Park Avenue for which they are responsible. Mr. Stabolepszy reported that the existing vegetation will be removed in some areas and additional trees will be planted. Mr. Stabolepszy said that there is a dead tree at the entrance to Blue Rock, for which a determination needs to be made whether it is on the development property or a neighboring property. Mr. Stabolepszy will determine what portion the Borough should have trimmed, once the developer has completed the area for which they are responsible. Mr. Stabolepszy said he is in the process of developing a scope of work outline to facilitate discussion with MABE's Engineer, for a collaborative effort to update the Act 537 Plan.

Mr. Stabilepszy commented that there could be some slight changes in the pricing for the paving work to be done at the train station, which could reduce the cost of the quote. Mr. French will work with the paving company to determine any changes in pricing and arranging to schedule the paving work to be done in 2020.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Bob French reviewed the report from Kraft Code Services and noted that there were additional building permits issued for the Blue Rock Development and a partial permit issued for the Lotharlish Project.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Jack Stewart reported that the Municipal Authority has been awarded a \$100,000 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant. Mr. Stewart said this grant will greatly assist in funding the repainting of the aeration tanks, adding dissolved oxygen meters, in addition to along other maintenance at the plant. Mr. Stewart also mentioned that MABE's engineer will be working with Mr. Stabilepszy to develop the outline for the Act 537 Plan Update. Mr. Stewart reported that the scheduled manhole repairs have been completed and it seems to be helping to reduce the inflow and infiltration, which continues to be monitored.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bob French reported that the property at 21 S. Brick Lane has been sold, however the bank that owned the property did not respond to the open litigation prior to settlement with the new owner. Mr. French asked Council Members if they felt the new owner should be contacted to determine if the title company is responsible for the oversight. Council agreed the new owner should be contacted to request review of the current title to see if the open litigation was an exception for which the buyer was responsible for reimbursing legal fees to the Borough. Lori Kolb will contact the new owner to request title information.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer