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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Dwight Frizen who led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, SSM Group, Charlotte Gehman and Lori Sifford, MABE, Herb Hamilton, Tree Commission

MINUTES:

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Lori Sifford mentioned the Municipal Authority would like to see work begin on the Act 537 Plan. Mark Stabolepszy reported that he will be working with someone internally at SSM Group to determine the scope of work and cost for the project. Bob Clements asked if it would be fair to ask for a plan to be in place by the end of the year. Mr. Stabolepszy said it would be a fair request. Charlotte Gehman reviewed the Municipal Authority's consideration for using water shut off as a process to encourage payment from sewer customers who are not paying their bills. Mrs. Gehman explained that there are a small number of customers who do not respond to any requests for payment, and it would be only those accounts for which this process would be intended. Mrs. Gehman did report that March 2021 is the soonest that this can be put in place, due to COVID, provided the date is not extended. Mrs. Gehman mentioned that the current process for delinquent accounts going to sheriff sale is very long. Bob Clements recommended that although the process for sheriff sale is long, he felt it was still the best option. Lori Sifford mentioned that the Blue Rock developer has not yet met the requirements of the Operations and Maintenance Agreement that were to occur prior to any residents taking occupancy. Mrs. Sifford reported that they have allowed four units to go to settlement and approved a request for an additional four units to settle, however there will be no additional units authorized to settle until the requirements of the agreement are satisfied.

Herb Hamilton spoke with Council regarding three trees proposed to be planted along Park Avenue in the spring of 2021. Mr. Hamilton said that once locations are determined, the Tree Commission would need to get authorization from any property owners for the locations where trees are proposed. Mark Stabolepszy briefly reviewed the Borough's Tree Commission Ordinance. Council Members agreed that the Tree Commission should proceed with making the determination for planting additional Borough trees along Park Avenue.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob French to advertise the proposed 2021 budget of the Borough of Elverson. Motion carried by all.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Dwight Frizen reviewed the Urban Centers Improvements Inventory, and requested that Council consider any project changes or additions to the report. Mr. Frizen reported that Merle Stoltzfus suggested adding Trail Construction to the report with the description of trail construction and funding for acquiring trail easements. Council agreed to proceed with adding the trails construction to the Urban Centers Improvements Inventory.

BUILDING, GROUNDS STREETS AND LIGHTS:

Bob French reported that the Gazebo roof work was delayed, and is scheduled to begin on November 9th. Mr. French mentioned that due to rainfall last week, the train station driveway work was just started yesterday and paving was completed today. Mr. French reported that the line striping, signage and bollard install work will be scheduled as the final phase of the project. Mr. French reported that curb painting on South Chestnut Street should be done this week. Mr. French reported that the soundboards for the meeting room should be ready to install in approximately two weeks, after which, a determination for what system for re-hanging pictures will need to be installed. Mr. French reported he is working with the electrician on a plan for improving lighting in the large meeting room.

Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob Clements to authorize Bob French to spend up to \$4,000 to improve the lighting in the large meeting room. Motion carried by all.

Doug Hoskins reported that the decorative light by Giovanni's is not working. Lori Kolb said this was previously reported to PPL, but will follow up as to a status. Mr. Hoskins reported that Heilner Landscaping has cleaned up leaves from clogged inlets and surrounding areas on Park Avenue, South Pine Street and Parkside Drive. Mr. Hoskins said that Heilner's will schedule a vacuum truck and crew to do a final clean up once the remaining leaves have fallen.

STATE POLICE:

Mr. Frizen reviewed the State Police report with Council Members, and there were no concerns.

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy reviewed the widened area at the corner of Park Avenue and Main Street and concerns for overnight truck parking. Mr. Stabolepszy said a resident had inquired as to what can be done within that area if the Borough does not plan to include it in the Park Avenue paving project planned for 2021. Mark Stabolepszy will determine the right of way at that corner, and report back to Council as to what can be done, if the Borough does not pave that portion of the corner.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Dwight Frizen explained that a permit was issued incorrectly for the construction of a garage. Mr. Frizen reported that Kraft Code Services is working with the resident to determine a fair amount to be reimbursed for restoration of the area disturbed prior to the permit being

rescinded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Frizen reviewed Merle Stoltzfus's suggestion for installation and funding of radar signs for South Pine Street in lieu of posting additional speed limit signs. Council discussed the options for consideration of a four way stop at Steeplechase and South Pine Street, radar signs, or two additional regulation speed limit signs. Council requested that Lori Kolb have Fas-Stripe proceed with the installation of the two additional speed limit signs as a first step.

Dwight Frizen reported that PennDot advised that they will make the repairs to the 75 feet of storm water pipe near the intersection of Main Street and Route 82, and will invoice the Borough. Mr. Frizen reported that Ed Troxell is currently advocating for Borough's regarding storm water maintenance on state roads within Borough's, however there are no guarantees of a favorable outcome. Mr. Frizen indicated this is a similar situation to what had happened on Main Street with the storm water maintenance.

Dwight Frizen reported that PennDot did not approve the request to offset the center line on South Chestnut Street. Mr. Frizen said that curb painting will be done to help create a more safe travel near the intersection of Main Street, and at the curve near the Borough office.

Dwight Frizen reported that Merle Stoltzfus would like a Council Member to consider working towards re-activating the Borough's Neighborhood Watch Committee. Mr. Frizen reported that there is still a need for this committee. Jack Stewart suggested an article be posted in the newsletter to encourage volunteers who might be willing to consider being part of neighborhood watch. Lori Kolb will forward the request to the newsletter committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Doug Hoskins and seconded by Bob Clements to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully,

Lori Kolb, Secretary Treasurer