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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Merle Stoltzfus, who led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Lord's Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Members present: Merle Stoltzfus, Roy France, Arleigh Hegarty, Cathy Daprile, Shirley Crehan, Tim McEwen, Esther Prosser, Jonathan Pershall and Lorrie Stolz, Secretary/Treasurer Absent:
Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy and John Mohl

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Campbell; Emergency Management Coordinator

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Tim McEwen and seconded by Roy France to accept minutes as submitted.
Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Roy France and seconded by Tim McEwen to accept report and pay bills as presented. *Motion carried.*

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that the borough has a CD that will mature on 10/08/2010; at this time the Borough will cash out that CD and use it towards paying the 2010 Twin Valley Fire Dept. contract.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Tim Campbell; Emergency Management Coordinator for West Nantmeal Twp., discussed his background and experience as an Emergency Management Coordinator. Tim is interested in possibly becoming the Emergency Management Coordinator for Elverson Borough.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Esther Prosser discussed the plaque ceremony that the Historical Commission held on Monday, September 20, 2010. Roy France was present at that ceremony and accepted 3 plaques on behalf of the Borough.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Tim McEwen discussed the damage to Borough Hall as a result of all the snow in February 2010. Tim has been in contact with Dave Stoltzfus to make the repairs; Tim discussed with council the extent of repairs and costs. Tim proposed that council spread out the work over 3 years to help keep costs down. A motion was made by Tim McEwen and seconded by Roy France to make the repairs to the front half of Borough Hall to the fascia board and rain spouting; restoring it back to the original era of the building using the appropriate materials to prolong the life of the building. *Motion carried.*

Tim mentioned that the handicap ramp at Borough hall needs some cement repair. Tim will fix the cracks in the ramp.

Tim suggested replacing the water fountain inside Borough Hall with a Water Cooler. The water fountain has been leaking and the refrigeration also needs to be replaced. Council decided to have the water fountain removed and at this time a water cooler wouldn't be necessary.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Cathy Daprile mentioned that Parks & Recreation are exploring the idea of whether or not they are going to have the tree lighting or carol sing this year.

STREETS & LIGHTS:

Roy France mentioned that there have been several street lights burnt out in the borough. Also, a couple of speed limit signs will need to be replaced. Roy mentioned that Penn Dot has approved to change the speed limit on S. Chestnut St. (Rt. 82). It will be changed from 45 MPH to 35 MPH.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE:

Shirley Crehan mentioned that she and Lorrie Stolz will begin working on the bid process soon for trash disposal. Eagle Disposal's contract is up in August 2011.

ZONING OFFICER:

Report is in file.

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the permit for 20 Hall Street. The property was originally a duplex; approximately 20 years ago the property was turned into a single dwelling. The current owner would like to turn it back into a duplex. Council agreed that the dwelling can be turned back into a duplex. A motion was made by Tim McEwen and seconded by Roy France to have Dennis Ranck continue the work without a conditional use hearing because the house was originally a 2 unit house; Dennis will have to have a consolidated deed. *Motion carried.*

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Nothing to report

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy discussed the Hopewell Manor subdivision. The developer is requesting an escrow release. A motion was made by Cathy Daprile and seconded by Shirley Crehan to release \$462,368.75 from the initial escrow account. *Motion carried.*

Mark discussed the Streetscape plan; paperwork has been submitted to Penn Dot. Mark believes that the borough is at the point where they can present it to the County. The Borough should be ready to start construction early next year.

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that the developer of Hopewell Manor would like to complete construction in two phases. Merle also discussed the sign that the developer of Hopewell Manor is proposing to put up along Route 23. Shirley Crehan agreed to work with the developer regarding the sign.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

John Mohl discussed the Municipal Authority's meeting which was held on September 28, 2010 at 6pm at Borough Hall.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Esther Prosser discussed the upcoming Halloween Parade; which will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 with a rain date of Thursday, October 21, 2010. The theme this year is Storybook Land.

TREE COMMISSION:

Esther Prosser mentioned that the Tree Commission met last night; Monday, October 4, 2010. The Commission is trying to come up with some ideas for the island on Route 23.

REVITALIZATION:

Mark Stabolepszy mentioned that the plans have been submitted to Penn Dot.

REVITALIZATION PLAN UPDATE:

Merle Stoltzfus discussed a letter from Planning Commission pertaining to the Revitalization Plan Update. Merle would like to see council approve the comprehensive plan and send it out to the neighboring townships. A motion was made by Shirley Crehan and seconded by Cathy Daprile to accept the Revitalization Plan Update. *Motion carried.*

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Merle Stoltzfus discussed a joint municipal meeting that he and Roy France attended on behalf of Elverson Borough, between Caernarvon Twp, East Nantmeal Twp., West Nantmeal Twp., Warwick Twp. and the Twin Valley Fire Department. The purpose of this meeting was to get all the municipalities to agree to pay their share to the Twin Valley Fire Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Nothing to report

ELVERSON FARMERS MARKET:

Esther Prosser mentioned that the Farmers Market will be looking for a new manager for next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the Chester County Tax Committee Act 32. A motion was made by Roy France and seconded by Tim McEwen to approve that council pass any and all resolutions or ordinances and do any advertising necessary for Elverson Borough to comply with the requirements of Act 32 and to appoint Keystone Collection Group as tax collector. *Motion carried.*

Roy France is currently working on the 2011 Elverson Borough Budget. He requested that all council members give him their budget numbers.

Shirley Crehan gave a power point demonstration of the new Elverson Borough website.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Roy France to adjourn. *Motion carried*
Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz
Secretary/Treasurer