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Prior to the regular Borough Council meeting, Elverson Borough held a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing was to adopt Resolution 2010-07 Elverson Borough Revitalization Plan Update. The public hearing was conducted by James D. Scheffey, Borough Solicitor and recorded by Robin Hansell, Stenographer. No one from the public attended.

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, December 7, 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: John Mohl. Also in attendance: Mark Stabolepszy, Engineer; James D. Scheffey, Borough Solicitor and Robin Hansell; Stenographer.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Tim McEwen and seconded by Roy France to accept the November Council Meeting minutes as submitted. *Motion carried.*

Motion was made by Shirley Crehan and seconded by Tim McEwen to accept the Elverson Borough Special Meeting minutes from November 16, 2010 as submitted. *Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Merle Stoltzfus discussed two letters the Borough received in regards to the Revitalization Plan Update; one from the Chester County Planning Commission, the other from the Berks County Planning Commission. Chester County agrees with the plan and fully endorses the concept of a trail overlay.

Merle Stoltzfus discussed Ordinance 2010-02 Planning Commission Ordinance to reduce the number of members on the Planning Commission from 9 members to 5 members. A motion was made by Roy France and seconded by Tim McEwen to adopt Ordinance 2010-02 reducing the members on Planning Commission from 9 members to 5 members. *Motion carried.*

Roy France discussed the 2011 Elverson Borough budget. A motion was made by Roy France and seconded by Cathy Daprile to approve the 2011 Elverson Borough budget. *Motion carried.*

Merle Stoltzfus and Jim Scheffey, Borough Solicitor discussed the Service Electric Franchise Renewal Ordinance. This Ordinance renews every 15 years. Shirley Crehan volunteered to take on researching this Ordinance along with Jim Scheffey. The current agreement will expire on October 7, 2011.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Esther Prosser mentioned that the Historical Commission is currently selling 2011 Elverson Borough Calendars. They cost \$10.00 each and are available for purchase at Elverson Borough Hall.

Esther Prosser mentioned that she and Bob Patry will be meeting with John Linton about formatting the book that the Commission is putting together.

Esther Prosser discussed that the Historical Commission is working on scheduling the 100th Year Celebration. Esther mentioned that this event could possibly be held on a Saturday in September. The Commission will be discussing the 100th Year Celebration at their next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30pm at Esther's house.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Tim McEwen mentioned that the Historical plaques have been hung at Borough Hall, the train station and the freight station.

Tim McEwen discussed the work to the roof on Borough Hall. Tim discussed the different possibilities and costs to replace the roof. Esther Prosser will see if there are any grants available to the Borough to help with this project.

Merle Stoltzfus discussed that Sunoco, Inc. is coming to the end of their remediation that they are doing in regards to the gas leak that they had at the pumping station that runs through the Parkside development.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Cathy Daprile discussed the annual Carol Sing that was held on Sunday, December 5th at the Twin Valley Fire Department. It was very well attended.

STREETS & LIGHTS:

Roy France discussed the 2010-2011 Snow Removal quote the Borough received from Randy Lammey.

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that the grate on North Pine Street is clogged. Roy will see that it gets cleaned out.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE:

Shirley Crehan discussed the cost to the borough for recycling and solid waste removal. Shirley provided the councilors with a report showing the breakdown for recycling & solid waste costs. Shirley suggested that council make a decision regarding trash removal by February 2011. Merle Stoltzfus recommended that a committee be formed to research trash removal. Cathy Daprile agreed to be on the committee along with Shirley Crehan.

ZONING OFFICER:

Report is in the folder.

Merle Stoltzfus discussed a fence issue on Main Street. The first panel of the fence was placed too close to the sidewalk and was obstructing the view of traffic. The first panel of the fence has been removed.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Nothing to report

ENGINEERING:

Mark Stabolepszy mentioned that there is nothing new to discuss on Hopewell Manor.

Mark discussed the Penn Dot review for the Revitalization Plan. SSM is working with Penn Dot to get everything done so that the Borough can move forward and go out to bid on the project. Merle suggested setting up a final meeting with the Revitalization Committee before going out to bid on the project.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Roy France discussed the Municipal Authority meeting which was continued to Wednesday, December 08, 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Nothing to report

TREE COMMISSION:

Esther Prosser mentioned that she gave all the councilors a report regarding the Tree Commissions activities for 2010. They have inventoried all the street trees in the borough and are working with the Revitalization Committee.

REVITALIZATION:

Discussed earlier by Mark Stabolepszy from SSM under Engineering

REVITALIZATION PLAN UPDATE:

Jim Scheffey discussed Resolution 2010-07 Elverson Borough Revitalization Plan Update. Jim recommends that council adopt the Resolution. A motion was made by Roy France and seconded by Cathy Daprile to adopt Resolution 2010-07 Elverson Borough Revitalization Plan Update. *Motion carried.*

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Merle Stoltzfus commented on the new Twin Valley Fire Department building.

Tim McEwen mentioned that Santa will be coming around Elverson on Sunday, December 19th starting at 5:00pm.

Tim McEwen mentioned that the borough may want to adopt an Ordinance that every commercial building within the Borough be required to have a Knox Box so the fire department can gain access to the building in case of a fire.

Tim McEwen mentioned that he received a call from a resident in Summerfield in regards to the green reflective address indicators. The resident was wondering if the reflective indicators were available in brown. Unfortunately, the reflective address indicators are only available in green.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Arleigh Hegarty mentioned a robbery that took place in the 4400 block of Main Street in Caernarvon Twp. Berks Co.(right on the Elverson border) on November 15, 2010 in the middle of the day.

ELVERSON FARMERS MARKET:

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shirley Crehan discussed the Hopewell Manor sign. Shirley supplied the councilors with an updated copy of the sign design and measurements. A motion was made by Shirley Crehan and seconded by Cathy Daprile to approve the Hopewell Manor sign. Tim McEwen abstained. *Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS:

It was decided that the Committee Update will be done at the January 3, 2011 Elverson Borough Reorganization meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Arleigh Hegarty to adjourn. *Motion carried.*
Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz
Secretary/Treasurer