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The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 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, Cathy Daprile, Tim McEwen, Esther Prosser, Jonathan Pershall and Lorrie Stolz, Secretary/Treasurer Absent: Shirley Crehan and Arleigh Hegarty. Also in attendance: Dan Coghlan (Engineer filing in for Mark Stabolepszy, who was not able to attend) and John Mohl

Also in attendance: Paula McGinness, Director of the Honey Brook Library and Trooper Atkinson from the PA State Police.

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 Esther Prosser and seconded by Cathy Daprile to accept report and pay bills as presented. *Motion carried.*

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Paula McGinness, Director of the Honey Brook Library spoke about the Chester County Library System. Elverson Borough is now in the Honey Brook Library service area. The Chester County Library System would like to see Elverson Borough give a donation to the Honey Brook Library. Paula McGinness also mentioned that the Honey Brook Library will be having their first Harmony Days event which will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Honey Brook Library which is located on Route 10.

Trooper Atkinson from the Pa State Police, Embreeville Barracks; spoke about recent police activity in Elverson Borough.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Merle Stoltzfus discussed a letter that Elverson Borough received from FEMA regarding the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Esther Prosser spoke about the plaques that the Historical Commission will be giving to historical homes within the Borough. The plaques will be free of charge. They are going to be donated to the Borough. There will be a plaque presentation at Borough Hall on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7pm. A motion was made by Tim McEwen and seconded by Cathy Daprile to have Esther Prosser accept the plaques on behalf of the Borough for the 3 historic buildings that belong to the Borough. *Motion carried.*

Esther also spoke about the 2011 Anniversary celebration. The Commission is looking to have the celebration event on the last Saturday in July 2011.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Tim McEwen mentioned that he fixed the swale at Borough Hall. Tim replaced the Plexiglas on the sign at Livingood Park. He is still waiting on estimates on painting Borough Hall.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Nothing new to report

STREETS & LIGHTS:

Roy France mentioned that there have been 3 street lights that have needed to be replaced in the borough.

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that he has placed orange traffic cones at each bump out in the Borough.

Jonathan Pershall asked about the island on Main Street and who maintains it. Esther mentioned possibly having the Tree Commission take that project on.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE:

Nothing to report

ZONING OFFICER:

Report is in the folder.

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the old Firehouse sign and the new sign at the site of Hopewell Manor. Merle met with the developer regarding the signs. Merle mentioned that if the developer would put up a sign that the Borough could advertise events on would benefit both Hopewell Manor and the Borough. Merle mentioned that this could possibly be incorporated into the Revitalization project.

Merle also mentioned a concern the developer had with the mailbox clusters going in at Hopewell Manor.

Merle discussed the fence at Hopewell Manor; the new homeowners told the developer it is OK to remove the fence; the developer has removed the fence.

The developer mentioned to Merle that they are considering finishing the project in 2 phases. The front half of the building that faces route 23 and the community room would be completed in the first phase.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Nothing to report

ENGINEERING:

Report in the folder

Dan Coghlan mentioned that Dennis Brightbill from SSM has been on site at Hopewell Manor.

Dan also mentioned that they are working on the Penn Dot comments pertaining to the Streetscape project.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

John Mohl mentioned that the Municipal Authority met on August 31st at 6:00pm. The Municipal Authority changed their meeting time to 6:00pm from 7:00 pm. Their meeting is still held on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

John mentioned that the MABE is still waiting on TVSD for sewer line dedication and also that Artisan is no longer operating in Pennsylvania as of August 31, 2010. John also discussed that the MABE Treasurer is working on the 2011 budget, as soon as John has the approved budget he will give a copy to the Borough.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Esther Prosser discussed the Elverson Halloween Parade. The Parade date is Wednesday, October 20th at 7pm. The theme this year is Storybook Land.

Esther also mentioned the Elverson Farmers Market Fall Festival, which will be held on Saturday, September 18th from 9am to 1pm at Livingood Park.

TREE COMMISSION:

Nothing to report

REVITALIZATION:

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the hold up with Penn Dot regarding the plans for the revitalization project.

REVITALIZATION PLAN UPDATE:

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the Elverson Borough Revitalization Plan Update. Merle was able to have the plan extended. The Planning Commission approved the plan with some comments; Merle has not received written comments from the Planning Commission yet. Merle would like to take official action at the October 5th Borough Council Meeting.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Tim McEwen stated that Tim Campbell, EMC, could not make the meeting tonight; he is on the agenda for October 5th.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Nothing to report

ELVERSON FARMERS MARKET:

Esther Prosser mentioned that the market will need a new manager for the 2011 season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Merle discussed the new Borough website

Dave Malman, Borough Solicitor is still working on the John Granahan letter of credit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Merle Stoltzfus discussed the 2011 Elverson Borough Budget.

Merle Stoltzfus also discussed the Twin Valley Fire Department 2011 Budget. Merle has asked the 6 municipalities that the TVFD covers to attend a meeting regarding the TVFD 2011 Budget. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 7:00pm at Elverson Borough Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to have all the municipalities understand the TVFD budget and agree to pay their share.

Merle discussed the Airport Zoning Act. Per Penn Dot, Elverson Borough is within the zoning area of the Morgantown Airport. Merle has been in contact with Jim Scheffey, Borough Solicitor regarding this issue.

Merle discussed the Chester County Tax Committee – Act 32. The Tax Committee has decided to hire Keystone Collections Group to be the Tax Collector (for EIT & LST) effective January 1, 2011.

Tim McEwen mentioned that Boy Scout Troop 37 contacted him about using the basement at Borough hall for storage. Motion made by Tim McEwen and seconded by Roy France for Boy Scout Troop 37 to use the cabinetry and the space from the door back to the furnace for storage. *Motion carried.*

ADJOURNMENT:

Merle Stoltzfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz
Secretary/Treasurer