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September 6, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Merle Stoltzfus, who led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Lord's Prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in attendance: Dave Gey, Bill Walsh and Bob Broderick all residents

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Tim McEwen and seconded by Roy France to accept the 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.*

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Bill Walsh a resident of the Summerfield Development discussed concerns that he and several of his neighbors have regarding the size of the proposed 96 gallon trash tote. He has a very small garage and is concerned that a tote will not fit in his garage. Bill mentioned that he doesn't know the best solution for the borough, but he would prefer if the borough would continue with trash bags.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council received a letter from Neighborhood Health Agencies, Inc. requesting a donation. Merle Stoltzfus asked that this issue be added to the October Agenda, so that Council Members had a chance to review the request.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

John Mohl discussed the Municipal Authority's meeting which was held on August 30, 2011. Their next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that an easement agreement needs to be signed by the MABE for the cluster box that will be added to their property as part of the Revitalization Project. MABE has requested that the Borough also sign an agreement stating that the Borough will maintain the area that the cluster box will be on. Motion was made by Roy France and seconded by Tim McEwen to sign the MABE agreement. Shirley Crehan opposed.

HISTORIC COMMISSION:

No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Tim McEwen discussed the proposals from Heilner; proposal #2011-113 to prune the tree branches along the walking trail at Livingood Park and also a proposal #2011-114 to remove 2 Norway Maples at the entrance to Livingood Park. Motion was made by Tim McEwen and seconded by Cathy Daprile to have

all the trees trimmed along the walking trail in Livingood Park and to also have 2 Maple Trees at the entrance of Livingood Park removed for the amount of \$1,110.00. *Motion carried.*

Merle Stoltzfus discussed proposal #2011-117 from Heilner to prune a tree at the entrance to Borough Hall and also to trim trees located at 12 & 14 Parkside Drive. Motion was made by Esther Prosser and seconded by Shirley Crehan to have Tim McEwen look at the trees in Parkside before having Alan Heilner trim them. *Motion carried.*

PARKS & RECREATION:

No report

STREETS & LIGHTS:

Roy France mentioned that a tree came down on Park Avenue.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE:

Shirley Crehan mentioned that at the August 2, 2011 Borough Council Meeting council rejected all the trash/ recycling bids. Shirley is currently working with Jim Scheffey to rewrite the bid specs. Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that according to Borough Code, the Borough is required to designate a trash hauler. Each homeowner will be required to contact the designated hauler for their trash removal. Council decided that it may be best to go with a smaller size tote, possibly a 54 gallon tote. Shirley mentioned that she will contact Eagle Disposal and AJ Blosenski to see if they can give her an estimate of what a 54 gallon tote would cost versus a 65 gallon tote or 96 gallon tote. Motion made by Roy France and seconded by Jonathan Pershall that the trash bid be based on 50 gallon size tote. *Motion carried.*

ZONING OFFICER:

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PLANNING COMMISSION:

No report

ENGINEERING:

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Merle Stoltzfus discussed the walking trail at Hopewell Manor. Merle mentioned that the County, at some point in the future, is planning on maintaining and owning the trail.

Mark Stabolepszy discussed the Hopewell Manor Project Close-Out. Mark mentioned that some of the items on this list have been fulfilled.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Esther Prosser mentioned that the Elverson Halloween Parade will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. The rain date for this event will be Thursday, October 20, 2011.

TREE COMMISSION:

Esther Prosser discussed 2 proposals from Alan Heilner; proposal #2011-106 is in reference to overgrown trees along Park Avenue. Council decided not to remove the trees along Park Avenue at this time. The other proposal #2011-107 is for weed control along Main St. from S. Pine St. to the bank on the south side of the road. Council agreed not to do weed control along Main St.

REVITALIZATION:

Merle Stoltzfus mentioned that the plans are at Penn Dot. Merle and Mark Stabolepszy are having a meeting next Tuesday, September 13, 2011 with Penn Dot to discuss why the traffic signal at Rt. 82 & 23 has been removed from the plans. Merle invited all the council members to attend the meeting if they would like to.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Tim McEwen mentioned that Medic 93 has signed a contract with the Twin Valley Fire Department to be housed at the fire department; that transition should take place in October 2011.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

No report

ELVERSON FARMERS MARKET:

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Roy France discussed the Service Electric Cable Franchise contract. The borough's current contract expires in October 2011. Motion made by Roy France and seconded by Cathy Daprile to continue the current franchise fee at 3%. *Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Roy France to adjourn. *Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz
Secretary/Treasurer