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December 4, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday December 4, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Thomas Hess, Council President, who led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Lord's Prayer.

ATTENDANCE: Tom Hess, Gil Bielefeld, Paul McEwen, Merle Stoltzfus, Arleigh Hegarty, Melissa Griesser, Esther Prosser, Fred McMullen, Peggy Kandle, Mark Stabolepszy and John Mohl. Also in attendance: Newly elected council members Cathy Daprile and Roy France

GUESTS: Tpr. Matt Carr, Lt. Bryan Naylor (Community Rep) from the State Police – Tpr. Carr gave report of the year's activities and made suggestions to help prevent crime and mischief. He will attend the January Neighborhood Watch meeting. Arleigh Hegarty mentioned the current radar traffic study and will discuss with State Police when completed.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Jay Fetterman gave update on the patrols. Cameras in Livingood Park have helped in preventing incidents. He presented proposal for adding security at Borough Hall. (\$75/motion-detector light plus installation) and suggested placing a chain across the back parking area to keep that area safer. The group is still seeking block captains. We have about 25, but still need more as some streets still have none.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Paul McEwen and seconded by Gil Bielefeld to accept minutes as submitted. *Motion carried*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Esther Prosser and seconded by Paul McEwen to accept report and pay bills as presented with understanding that Esther will resolve invoice questions with LTL before paying their invoice. *Motion carried.* Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Melissa Griesser to pay all remaining invoices prior to year end. *Motion carried.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

Tom Hess read invitation letter to join Historic Preservation Network. It was suggested we wait for action until next year. *Council agreed.*
Council has received request from TVFD to send letter to Warwick and E. Nantmeal to encourage them to participate. Tom Hess has also requested that Rep. Hennessey to assist. Merle Stoltzfus made motion seconded by Fred McMullen, for Tom Hess, Peggy Kandle and Gil Bielefeld to write letter. *Motion carried.*

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Tom Hess reported that there is anti-graffiti application to prevent graffiti from sticking to the surface. Melissa Griesser suggested that we look into it.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Esther Prosser presented proposal signs at Livingood Park. They would have removable letters that are locked. After discussion of possibility of sign also on Main Street, under the car wash sign, motion was made by Melissa Griesser to get price for 2 signs and bulletin board, seconded by Paul McEwen. *Motion carried.* Paul McEwen indicated he will talk with Rick Frey about

lights and sign.

Motion made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Gil Bielefeld to approve the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and submit to county for reimbursement of Phase I grant funds. *Motion carried.*

Mark Stabolepszy gave report on trees at Livingood Park, Phase II. Contractor has agreed to extend warranty.

STREETS & LIGHTS:

Parking on W. Main St. – Esther Prosser composed letter, read aloud by Tom Hess, to be sent to residents regarding location of mail boxes due to parking problems. Council would probably need to pay for the approximate \$1500 cost of the cluster box. Esther reported that the Postmaster indicated that the Elverson Borough is obligated to provide place for mail delivery, but is not required to provide it directly in front of their house.

RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE: Bulk pickup date was discussed. Discussion of recycling used motor oil. Fred McMullen reported that residents can take it to G&G Automotive.

ZONING OFFICER: New LTL representative, replacing is Errol Kring.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Council received a letter from Stoltzfus Enterprises regarding Parkside, requesting release of escrow and the three party security agreement, because retention pond can't be completed until spring. They would like to dedicate Parkside Drive. Council felt that, since we know Stoltzfus Enterprises, there would be no problem, even though the engineer did not recommend it. Motion was made by Melissa Griesser and seconded by Paul McEwen to grant request. *Motion carried.*

Stoltzfus Enterprises submitted letter regarding Equestrienne, extending plan review deadline for six months, due to ongoing issues with PennDOT. Motion by Paul McEwen, seconded by Fred McMullen to accept the change. *Motion carried.*

Tom Hess reported on meeting with Ron Bailey and Jason Duckworth regarding Bryn Eyre in New Morgan which would impact traffic in Elverson, with thousands of homes planned.

Mark Stabolepszy updated on Quaker Homes. DEP and Conservation District have agreed the site is now in compliance.

Parkside, Phase 2 trees next to sidewalk. Trees were planted in the wrong place according to the approved plans. (They should be planted in yard, rather than along street). Discussion tabled.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: John Mohl gave update on deposition. He reported that his term ends 12/31/07. MABE decided to raise rates to 5.3%. Their meeting date has been changed to week before Christmas. He gave further update on CAP. Fred McMullen asked why customer is hooked up to sewer but not paying fees after 8 months. John will work on it and report back.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - Fred McMullen gave update on cleanup of his property, but no deadline date has been set.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Merle and seconded by Paul McEwen to adopt 2008 budget as advertised. *Motion carried.*

Paul McEwen will check into putting wreaths on light poles.

Gill Bielefeld and Roy France will attend the training for newly elected officials.

Paul McEwen made motion seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to Tom and Fred for their years of service and dedication. *Motion carried.*

The reorganization meeting and swearing in of newly elected members will be January 7th at 6:30 PM followed by the regular council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret H. Kandle
Secretary/Treasurer