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The regular meeting of the Elverson Borough Council was held on Tuesday February 5, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Gilbert Bielefeld, President who led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Lord's Prayer.

**ATTENDANCE:** Gil Bielefeld, , Merle Stoltzfus, Arleigh Hegarty, Melissa Griesser, Cathy Daprile, Esther Prosser Also in attendance: Peggy Kandle –Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Stabolepszy-Borough Engineer and John Mohl- Municipal Authority Chairman, Darrell Gible – Planning Commission Absent: Roy France, Paul McEwen

Motion by Melissa Griesser and seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to re-appoint John Mohl as chairman of the Municipal Authority. *Motion carried.*

**MINUTES:** Motion was made by Cathy Daprile and seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to accept minutes as corrected. *Motion carried.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Esther Prosser to accept report and pay bills as presented. *Motion carried.*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Gil Bielefeld read the text of a letter from Berks Homes regarding PennDOT requirements for the McMullen property. *“Two parking spaces in the westbound lane in front of the McMullen Property are required to be eliminated to allow for proper site distance at the entrance to the proposed development. The two spaces are further defined as the two paces east of the current McMullen entrance, in the westbound lane and are located entirely in the frontage of the McMullen property.”*

Gil Bielefeld read a letter from the County Assessment Office granting our appeal of property tax on Livingood Park.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

Rick Frey: Proposed addition to car wash. 34 x 34 addition is proposed for drive thru quick lube and pet wash. Discussion included zoning ordinance. Rick pointed out that parking overnight would not be on a regular basis. Merle offered to assist Rick with the paperwork. Conditional use and land development plan is reviewed by the Planning Commission and then Council holds the conditional use hearing. Mark Stabolepszy further explained the process to Rick and council. He also presented car wash certificates to be used by the Neighborhood Watch patrols.

George Neimy: Parkside A&M Committee regarding open burning. They have a concern about health issue created with burning trash and leaves. Requested council enforce current ordinance. He stated the HOA would want more leaf & yard pickup (2-3 times per month). Biodegradable bags were discussed. After lengthy discussion, Gil stated that council will work to get ordinance updated and to consider not permitting burning.

Bob Schultz spoke regarding Elverson traffic calming, thanking council for its initial phase. He suggested more speed indication signs and supports lowering our speed to 25. Regarding snow removal, he requested a reminder of snow removal on sidewalks.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Selection of committee members was discussed and pertinent details are included in the related committee reports. The chart of committees is attached for ease of reference.

Motion was made by Melissa Griesser and seconded by Cathy Daprile to approve Merle's committee lists (Tom Hess, Doug Mountz, Jim McGlone, Mike Popow, Robert Watts, Peggy Kandle, Robert Schultz and Merle Stoltzfus) for Revitalization Committee, Comprehensive Plan Update Committee & Zoning Committee. *Motion carried.*

Discussion of Jack McEwen's term expiration on Planning Commission. Darrell Gible, chairman of Planning Commission, participated in the discussion. Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Melissa Griesser, to appoint Peggy Kandle as secretary of Planning Commission (4 year term), since she was already acting as Recording Secretary. *Motion carried.*

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Merle Stoltzfus offered to have potential snow removal contractors see him for location of Borough-owned sidewalks that require snow removal.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

There was discussion of committee members and it was determined that anyone wishing to serve on this committee or suggest a specific activity for the park, should contact Cathy Daprile at [boro@elverson.org](mailto:boro@elverson.org) or by calling Borough Hall.

Discussion of proposed event signs in Livingood Park. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Mark Stabolepszy reported that the replacement trees are in and the trees straightened. Hidden Springs Landscape will guarantee the trees and the plant material that was replaced this fall until November 30, 2008. Motion was made by Cathy Daprile and seconded by Merle Stoltzfus to approve \$4670.30 final payment of Phase 2 for Hidden Springs Landscaping. *Motion carried.*

Discussion of maintenance of trees along Parkside, keeping in mind that mowing contractor could take care of them.

**STREETS & LIGHTS:** Gil Bielefeld reported, in Roy France's absence, that Tom Hess has agreed to serve on this committee. Discussion of requesting another street light on S. Pine Street.

**RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE:**

Ascot HOA cleans up the trash on Rt. 401. Merle Stoltzfus recommended council provide bags to John Horst of Ascot Homeowners Association. Motion by Melissa Griesser and seconded by Cathy Daprile to provide trash bags to John Horst for the purpose of road cleanup. *Motion Carried.*

Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Melissa Griesser to select Gil Bielefeld as chairman of the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee. *Motion carried.*

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** – There was discussion of term lengths, and the possibility of meeting with the members. Peggy Kandle will research the terms.

**ZONING OFFICER** Report Included in packet

Merle suggested having pre-council meeting with zoning and residents wishing to ask questions.. Motion to have the zoning officer available for residents with questions, prior to council meetings from 6:30 to 7:00, was made by Melissa Griesser and seconded by Cathy Daprile. *Motion carried.*

Esther Prosser presented report of permits processed and the costs. She pointed out that our costs are greater than our receipts overall. There was further discussion on West Main Street property and possible code violations.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mark Stabolepszy proposed attending all 12 regular meetings at a fee of \$900 billed twice. Motion by Melissa Griesser and seconded by Cathy Daprile to accept the increase in fee. *Motion carried.*

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Revised plan from Springfield has been received and reviewed. Discussion of Conservation District and recommendations relative to the project. Infiltration testing was explained by Mark.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:** Litigation still unsettled. Sewer rate will increase 5.3% effective immediately. Meeting with DEP on 2/15. New Chapter 94 report will allow the moratorium to be lifted by April 15<sup>th</sup>. MABE will advertise the increase in the Tri-County and the Elverson Newsletter.

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Esther Prosser stated that the Elverson Newsletter is being more widely accepted for information important to Borough residents.

**REVITALIZATION:** Merle Stoltzfus indicated that we will be making application for another grant to complete the project.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** Arleigh Hegarty, Council representative for this committee, reported that Jay Fetterman is chairman of the committee and things are working well. Motion was made by Merle Stoltzfus and seconded by Melissa Griesser to donate \$250.00 to the Neighborhood Watch to help defray their operation costs. *Motion Carried.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chain – Peggy Kandle will get prices for installing chain behind Borough Hall.  
Jack McEwen records – It was recommended that Jim Scheffey write a letter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gil Bielefeld reported on meeting with FEMA. He indicated that all residents in the Borough are eligible for flood insurance.

Gil reported on the new Sunshine Law restrictions that were discussed at the training session.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret H. Kandle  
Secretary/Treasurer