ELIZABETHVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES October 10, 2022

The Elizabethville Borough Council met October 10, 2022 at Elizabethville Borough Building 68 South Moore Street, Elizabethville Pa 17023. President James Facinelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Roll call taken with the following present: Kenneth Strine, James Facinelli, Patrick Welker, Kyle Groff, Elizabeth Groff and Michael Crosby. Doug Charles (absent)

Also present: Mayor Jamie Margerum; Matt Schaffner, Maintenance Supervisor; Denise Spickler, Secretary; Linus Fenicle, Solicitor; Don Shutt, EMC and Barry Jones, Code Enforcement Officer.

Guests: Dennis Henninger, Resident; Tammy Keisling, Resident; John Miller, Resident; Shirley McAllister, Resident; Gerri Deppen, Resident.

<u>Approval of Minutes-</u> Motion made by Kyle Groff, seconded by Michael Crosby to approve the September 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

Guests-Dennis Henninger addressed Council on a call received by the Reliance Hose Company #1 at a residence in the Borough, this apartment building has no handicap access to this residence. The fire company asked if the Borough could send a letter to the property owner to have a ramp constructed for easy access to the apartment.

Shirley McAllister expressed several concerns. She posed the questions on the following: Fall clean-up was not advertised, this was a communication problem on behalf of the Borough, Why the Borough does not create a news letter twice a year to be sent out to all the residents. A huge concern for Shirley was the donation made to the fire company and why an officer with the Reliance Hose Co. #1 was able to vote. The response from the solicitor was that he does not believe that Patrick Welker is an officer.

Gerri Deppen spoke of the turn on Market street and how her car was wrecked into due to vehicles coming down the mountain too fast and if there was anything that can be done with the DOT to have vehicles slow down before the turn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Street and Maintenance: J. Facinelli- Maintenance report has been sent.

Personnel & Safety: D. Charles- Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement Officer- B. Jones report is attached.

Building, Lighting & Grounds- M. Crosby would like to look into adding more lighting to the Borough building.

Water, Sewage & Refuse- P. Welker expressed his thanks to all the volunteers and the Elizabethville Area Authority for the help at Fall Clean-up.

Planning & Development- J. Facinelli nothing to report.

Budget & Finance- K. Groff stated the budget meeting has been scheduled for October 19, at 9:00 am.

Parks & Rec- E. Groff informed Council that there are other grant options that she is looking into for the park.

Insurance- K. Strine Nothing to report.

IT- J. Margerum nothing to report.

COG- no report

Mayors Report-J. Margerum nothing to report.

Solicitor Report- L. Fenicle stated that a letter was sent to Lehigh Engineering.

EMC Report- D. Shutt addressed Council that PSAT has a training weather exercise. Also, local elected officials are the first in line when there is an emergency.

Engineer Report- Nothing to report

UNFINISHF.D BUSINESS:

<u>Trick or Treat October 31 from 6-8 pm.-</u> Motion made by Michael Crosby, seconded by Patrick Welker to hold Trick-or-Treat on October 31 from 6 pm. till 8 pm. **Motion carried.**

Parking on Grass Ordinance- Pushed back until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Lot Consolidation</u>- Motion made by Michael Crosby, seconded by Kenneth Strine to have James Facinelli sign the lot consolidation for Mr. Shrawder. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Rehab invoice balance- Motion made by Michael Crosby, seconded by Patrick Welker to pay the balance of the Mr. Rehab invoice. Motion carried.

Letter from BIU- A letter was sent to the Borough pertaining to BIU not providing service for Elizabethville Borough. They would like that the Borough Council members stop talking to property owners when they are involved in a permitting issue.

Reallocate ARPA funds- This will be revisited.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion made by Kyle Groff, seconded by Kenneth Strine to accept the financial report as presented. **Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL: J. Facinelli (yes); P. Welker (yes); E. Groff(yes); K. Strine (yes); K. Groff(yes); M. Crosby (yes).

TOTAL REVENUE \$10,264.22 TOTAL EXPEDITURES \$32,935.43

Adjourn- Motion made by Kyle Groff, seconded by Michael Crosby to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Denise M. Spickler Borough Secretary