

East Prospect Borough Council Meeting
Fire Station 42, East Prospect, PA
December 9, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., the East Prospect Borough Council was called to order by President Don Barshinger, and opened with the pledge to the American flag.

Present: Mick Regel, Jerry Hanson, Ed Gobat & Don Barshinger. Absent: Victor Dodson & Treasurer Marian Hunter. Others in attendance: Mayor Matt Mann, Secretary Mindy Barshinger, and Atty. Dave Jones.

Minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion made by Jerry Hanson, seconded by Ed Gobat. Motion carried.

Payment of bills: Motion by Ed Gobat, seconded by Mick Regel, to pay the general account bills and accept the treasurer's report as presented, with the following correction: balance in Highway Aid Account as of November 30, 2020 is \$ 1,001.07 (\$82,123.89 was paid to E.K. Services for street work 11/09/20 and \$ 0.37 interest was earned in November). Motion carried.

Zoning Officer report – (1) permit was issued & payment was received

Patrons – Steve Olkowski (only to observe)

Old Business – Christmas decorating contest & Santa riding through town, on the snorkel, will take place December 19th at 6:00 p.m.

State grant – after much discussion, Council agreed that grant money should be requested for sidewalks on the east side of South Main Street, where there are none, down to Riverview Drive, sidewalks on both sides of Riverview Drive, and new handicap ramps throughout town. Dave Lipinski will be notified of these requests, so he can start the paperwork for the grant. The street committee is to take Dave around to show him where the new sidewalks are to be placed.

Renewal of SPCA agreement – Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to enter into an agreement with York County SPCA for 2021 – cost \$ 466.59. Motion carried.

Atty. Jones presented the police contract to Council....he said he is okay with everything in the contract and LWT agreed to all our changes...Jerry Hanson made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to accept the police contract with Lower Windsor Township. Motion carried. All fine money collected will be turned over to LWT on a monthly basis. Sande Cunningham must be contacted, FIRST, before any meeting(s) are set up with the police. Payment for the police coverage are to be made on the following dates: January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th, each payment being \$ 15,000.00.

Jerry Hanson made a motion, seconded by Ed Gobat, to authorize Atty. Jones to have the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance (2.27 mils) and 2021 budget advertised. Motion carried.

He said the ads would be in Friday's paper, and must be advertised for (10) days before we can adopt both; therefore, tonight's Council meeting will be continued until Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. so Council can adopt the budget and the ordinance.

Atty. Jones suggested that we show off-sets, as revenue, in our 2022 budget; which is money received from developers, etc. for services rendered, by our attorney or engineer, for which they reimbursed the Borough.

Sub-division plan for Winter's Automotive – Atty. Jones will contact Chad Winters' engineer to see if they would be willing to do a 'quick claim deed', so that this matter can be resolved. The Borough would have to sign the 'deed', giving Mr. Winters full ownership.

Atty. Jones also said that Stock & Leader will make a monetary donation to the East Prospect Fire Company, on behalf of East Prospect Borough.

Mayor's Report – Matt issued a notice to the property owner(s) of the barking/chasing dogs. He also said he received a complaint from the resident of 15 West Maple Street regarding vehicle(s), turning into the alley, damaging his property (railroad ties).

Mindy will contact Chris Eaton to ask him to renew the Borough's disaster declaration for COVID-19 and email it for Matt to sign.

Matt will meet with Don to get the results of the police survey, so he can post the results. Don told Matt that if any unhappy residents come to Council meeting and have any questions, Matt is to handle the complaintants.

Committee Reports:

Hall Committee - Regel fixed the heaters & the bracket(s). Only (1) more activity scheduled to be in the hall.

Street Committee – speed sign info passed out... Winters' Automotive is going to check out the truck because there is a fuse out.

Park & Recreation Committee – Ed Gobat is the new president of the Playground Committee. The jiffy-johns, at the ball diamond, have been removed.

Ordinance Committee - nothing

Community Pride Committee – Christmas tree lighting was a huge success...Mick thanked everyone involved...Mick said that the committee is going to give a food box for a family in need.

Human Resource Committee - nothing

Other Business - the Little Free Library arrived....Matt will contact Mrs. Dvorak to see where she wants it set up. There were concerns voiced that maybe the library not be put up until spring, due to the COVID-19....The Playground Committee will donate \$ 259.00, Community Pride will donate \$ 259.00, and Matt Mann will donate \$ 100.00, to cover the cost of the library.

Ed Gobat thanked all who served on the police committee for their hard work with the contract.

Chair's Report - Don said that the committees will remain the same for 2021....he also asked that Council be wise with regard to spending money.

Speed sign information will be forwarded to LWTPD when Matt and Don meet with Chief Arnold, only after contacting Sande Cunningham first. If meetings are held thereafter, Don asked if Mick would accompany Matt, only after Sande Cunningham is first contacted.

Don also said that someone asked him if he knew of any needy family in the area. If anyone knows of a family, please email Don.

Don also thanked Jerry Hanson for his (4) years of service as Fire Chief....Jerry is turning the position of chief over to someone else.

Secretary's Report - Jerry Hanson made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to approve the 2021 appointments. (see attached) Motion carried.

*The recessed meeting will be reconvened on Tuesday, December 22, 2020
at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy K. Barshinger
Boro Secretary