

**Community Hall, East Prospect, PA
July 7, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.**

On Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 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, Don Barshinger, Jerry Hanson & Ed Gobat. Others in attendance: Mayor Matt Mann, Secretary Mindy Barshinger, and Atty. Dave Jones. Absent: Victor Dodson and Treasurer Marian Hunter.

Minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

Payment of bills: Motion by Mick Regel, seconded by Jerry Hanson, to pay the general account bills and accept the treasurer's report as presented. Question by Ed – why did we pay Kocman \$ 660.00 for fireworks coverage? Mindy will call to find out. Motion carried.

Patrons: Chad & Lisa Winters, Ronnie & Anne Gillespie, Atty. Stacy McNeal, Anita Ream, Gary Dedrick, Heather Feeser, Chief Arnold, David Bubb, Atty. Katelyn Rohrbaugh, and John Walker.

Meeting was turned over to Atty. Jones for the re-zoning hearing. Atty. Rohrbaugh was asked to give a brief synopsis as to the reason for the hearing: Chad & Lisa Winters are current owners of (2) two parcels of land in East Prospect Borough. The parcels are zoned 'Residential', as are parcels owned by adjacent property owner Daniel & Christina Smith, Larose Hoover (property adjacent to the Smith's), and Herbert & Patricia Garner (property is adjacent to Ms. Hoover). All (3) three of these properties are zoned 'residential'. The Winters are requesting that the Borough amend the Borough's zoning map by rezoning these properties from 'residential' to 'village,' so that the Winters can expand their current commercial business in the Borough.

Atty. Jones asked if there were any questions.....Heather Feeser asked if trees could be planted at the edge of the Winters' property so they don't have to look at trailers when they are outside. Why do they want to rezone the property to village? Are more trailers going to be put on the property, creating an eyesore for those whose property adjoins the Winters?

The Winters stated a pole building is going to be erected behind the current structure, which is only thing they will be doing and are not going to expand anything that is currently being used.

John Walker commented that there needs to be restrictions on how big a business can be in the Borough.

Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to adopt Ordinance # 2021-1 – 'An Ordinance Amending the East Prospect Borough Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification of Four (4) Parcels of Land from Residential to Village.' Motion carried.

The reclassification hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

Atty. Jones addressed what the Gillespie's needed to do in order for their business to be in compliance with the Borough's zoning ordinance. They have to submit an application for a zoning board hearing so that a special exception can be given to them.

Council meeting was recessed at 6:36 p.m. Council meeting resumed a 6:40 p.m.

Chief Arnold distributed the June incident reports to Council. He reported that he read to the children on June 29h and showed the children the police car. He also said that all the officers are using body cameras. National Night Out is August 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Atty. Jones commented on George Harman, 47 West Maple Street.....this is the address used....his taxes were paid.....he still is no where to be found....Atty. Jones suggested the Borough put together a 'notice' and have a constable try to serve the notice to Mr. Harman. If constable is unsuccessful, get affidavits from the constable, neighbors, and police stating Mr. Harman has not been living at 47 West Maple Street, for years, and the property is in an unlivable state. Then, the Borough can go to Court, with the affidavits, and the Court can issue paperwork, to be placed on the door of the property. This process could take up to a year....eventually, the Borough will end up placing a lien on the property. Jerry Hanson made a motion, seconded by Ed Gobat, authorizing Atty. Jones to start the process against George Harman. Motion carried. Don and Atty. Jones are going to set up a meeting, with the couple who live in the house adjoined to Mr. Harman's house, to let them know what the Borough is planning to do.

Atty. Jones said he will be working on the ordinance regarding throwing grass on the road/alleyways.....He also said that Stock & Leader will be sending out a newsletter concerning changes to the Sunshine Law.

Old Business – Stones for retention pond – Don trying to get ahold of Denny Woods to see if he would be willing to haul the stones and dump them.

Street sweeping – nothing done to those areas not swept
(Riverview Drive)

Street signs – Don, temporarily, fixed the sign at the bank....
Council needs to see what signs need to be ordered and get them installed.....

Zoning Officer: money received for permits

Mayor's Report - newsletter will soon be out....Pizza with the Police was a success....
Possibly hold another one in the fall.

Report of Committees:

Hall Committee – nothing new

Street Committee – Jerry said the drains on Hedgewick Lane are collapsing...Mick will take a look.

Park & Recreation Committee - Ed reported that the new scoreboard is up...one more piece is needed to complete...Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Jerry Hanson, to have the basketball court resealed by Mukie's Sealcoating at the cost of \$ 775.00. Motion carried. Ed reported that 48 games have been played at the ballfield so far...Kudos given to Russ Whitecomb, who runs the scoreboard and attends every home game.

Ordinance Committee – see above

Community Pride Committee – Movie night – July 17th ...money was made on Father's Day with the food trucks....possibly having something on Labor Day week-end.

Human Resource Committee – nothing

Other Business: Story Time at the playground – Don said that everyone involved with this activity should have clearances....

Jerry Hanson asked how much the Borough pays for workman's comp for the fire company and how much is paid for insurance on the building....Mindy will call Kocman to find out.

Mick asked if a permit was issued for a shed at 37 North Main Street....Mindy will check...

Mick mentioned that a tree needs cut back on the property previously owned by Todd White (West Maple Street)....you can't see to pull out of the alley onto West Maple Street....

Chair's Report - Don commented that, when events are held by organizations/committees, those in charge are to make sure everything is planned out, **especially those who will be cleaning up.**

Secretary's Report – Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Don Barshinger, to enter into a 'cable system franchise agreement' with Comcast. Motion carried.

Motion by Jerry Hanson, seconded by Don Barshinger, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned a 7:35 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 4, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy K. Barshinger
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