

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

On Wednesday, October 6, 2021, the East Prospect Borough Council was called to order by President Don Barshinger & opened with the pledge to the American flag.

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

Minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion made by Jerry Hanson, seconded by Victor Dodson. Motion carried.

Payment of bills: Motion by Victor Dodson, seconded by Jerry Hanson pay the general account bills and accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Patrons: Steve Olkowski – only to observe

Kurvin Schrum – only to observe – stated that the building at 22 South Main Street has been moved..no longer abutted to his property

David Bubb – only to observe

Atty. Nathan Saxton & Enos Yoder

Chief Arnold – passed out September 2021 incident report

Pastor Jim Lewis – introduced himself to Council & said that he would help with any community programs.

Old Business – Auditor – Mindy emailed Fink & Co. to see if 2020 audit done...no response....Donnie called and spoke to Dean Fink....said they did not start our audit yet.....discussion was held on possibly finding another auditor.....Donnie will call Dean, again, and ask him, in the future, to have our audit back no later than September.

Grant for sidewalks - \$ 95,000 was awarded to East Prospect Borough for sidewalks on South Main Street....also, a grant to do the sidewalks on West Maple Street was also awarded.....Nothing has been heard from Dave Lipinski (having medical problems).....Don will call Holley & Associates to find out what is going on...

Grass/weeds - due to the fact that Mayor Mann does not have time/conflict in schedule to check yards for high grass/weeds, the secretary & president will issue warnings/fines for those residences which are not in compliance with the weed/grass ordinance.

Zoning Officer: 2 new permits issued....due to the high costs of SPCC, other municipalities will be contacted to see who they have as their zoning officer. Don will also contact Code Administrators & ask to set up a meeting.

Mayor's Report - see attached report

New Business – Atty. Jones introduced Atty. Nathan Saxton & Enos Yoder to Council..... Mr. Yoder is the owner of 11 Riverview Drive, which consists of 2 two lots...Mr. Yoder wants to sell one of the lots...Mr. Yoder is asking Council to remove a note, which is on the original plan, stating that these (2) two lots are to be joined together & not sold without approval of the Boro. Jerry Hanson made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, giving approval to remove the note, which is on the original plan, so that Mr. Yoder can sell one of the lots. Motion carried.

Atty. Jones also addressed the concerns about the flag(s), in the Boro, which have offensive language on them. The persons flying these flags are protected under the Constitution (free speech/political speech).....Stock & Leader will be sending out a blog concerning this matter...Atty. Jones also reiterated that political officers should not be on facebook.

Atty. Jones suggested that Council hold off on adopting the ordinance regarding grass being thrown, when mowing, on the roads/alleys until February 2022, when the MS4 Community Program comes around. Consensus of Council was to hold off on adopting the ordinance.

Report of Committees:

Hall Committee – basketball rentals coming in

Street Committee – speed sign information passed out and given to Chief Arnold. Mick contacted Keith Flaharty about the cinders/salt for this winter & asked him if he could help plow, if the Boro needed him....Keith is okay with both.....Mick thanked Don for painting the crosswalks.

Park & Recreation Committee - with consensus of Council, permission was given to install a gate, in the fence, by the third base/grandstand side of the field. Any help for the turkey supper October 9th would be greatly appreciated.

Ordinance Committee – nothing

Community Pride Committee – up-coming events – October 23 – truck or treat – 5-7 p.m. October 31 – trick or treat night – 6-8 p.m..... no date set yet for Christmas decorating contest. Breakfast with Santa is still up in the air, depending on covid.....Chili cook-off has been cancelled. Memorial Day week-end 2022 – possible carnival, car show, parade, fireworks, band, food trucks. Don said that he needs to know if the carnival/car show is a go for Memorial Day week-end by the beginning of March.

Human Resource Committee – nothing

Chair's Report – Don suggested that, if someone is offended by the flags with offensive language, they should talk to that person, with the flag(s), and express your feelings.....we need to take pride in our community.

Secretary's Report - Liquid fuels money to be received March 2022 - \$ 24,241.46

Jerry Hanson made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to renew the contract with Klugh Animal Control Services for 2022. Motion carried.

A complaint was received about the brick sidewalk at 32 North Main Street....said there is moss and mud in between the bricks, and when it rains, the bricks are very slippery....the residents at 32 North Main Street were asked, some years ago, if they wanted to remove the brick sidewalk and replace it with concrete, since new sidewalks were being laid.....they did not want a concrete sidewalk.....then, sometime later, the residents contacted the Boro and asked if the Boro could put a concrete sidewalk where the brick sidewalk is.....replacing the sidewalk is the owner's responsibility.....

Email received from our web page technician, Rick Naylor, that he was recently diagnosed with spinal cancer.....he said he doesn't know how much longer he can continue to put/delete items on the web page....he said he does have someone who would take over for him, if needed, and charges \$ 100.00 per month.....Don told Council that someone has volunteered to take Rick's place, if Rick becomes too ill to continue.

Motion by Victor Dodson, seconded by Jerry Hanson, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned a 7:32 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 3, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy K. Barshinger