

**Community Hall, East Prospect, PA  
November 3, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.**

On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, the East Prospect Borough Council was called to order by President Don Barshinger, and opened with the pledge to the American flag. Present: Victor Dodson, Mick Regel, Don Barshinger, and Ed Gobat. Absent: Jerry Hanson. Others in attendance: Mayor Matt Mann, Secretary Mindy Barshinger, and Treasurer Marian Hunter

Minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

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

**Patrons: Chief Arnold (LWTPD) – handed out October's incident report. He reported that 'Coffee with a Cop' was well attended. He also commented on the motorcycle incident-the defendant was charged with DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, fleeing/attempting to elude police, duties at stop sign. Next township meeting is Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**Kurvin Schrum, David Bubb, and Steve Olkowski – only to observe**

**Old Business -Auditor – 2020 audit is still not finished.....a post card, from DCED, was received stating that if they do not receive their report by December 31<sup>st</sup>, the Borough will be in non-compliance. Don will contact Dean to see what is going on.**

**Grant money for sidewalks - a contract must be signed, with YCPC, by December 31<sup>st</sup>.....the money has not yet been received from the government. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grant we applied for is not yet finalized.**

**Safety grant - Mick Regel made a motion, seconded by Ed Gobat, to authorize Dave Lipinski to apply for this grant to fix the square. Motion carried. Dave Lipinski told Don that our chances for getting this grant are slim to none, but Council can keep reapplying for the grant each year. It will cost the Borough a couple hundred dollars to fill out the paperwork for the grant.**

**Zoning officer – Don contacted Jason Stevens at Code Administrators and told him the Borough would like to have Code Administrators as our zoning officer(s) again. Jason told Don he would have to check with the other owners to see if they would be willing to take us again....as of today, Don has not received an answer.....**

**Zoning Officer: no report**

**Mayor's Report :** no more trouble with dogs on West Ridge Avenue...Matt spoke to the parents of the teenagers, hanging out at the playground, making noise.

## **Report of Committees:**

Hall Committee - Blaine Godfrey is going to replace the fluorescent lights with LEDs. Basketball will be starting soon.

Street Committee – Speed sign information passed out and a copy given to Chief Arnold. ...the snow plow needs to be put on the truck. Mick is to make a list of storm drains that need to be repaired.

Park & Recreation Committee – Ed reported that (4) make-up games are to be played at the ball diamond; the concession stand is closed for the year.....Don will call to have the jiffy john removed from the ball diamond.

Ordinance Committee – at December’s meeting, the 2022 Tax Levy Ordinance will be adopted.

Community Pride Committee – Breakfast with Santa – still up in the air.....suggestion was made to incorporate this event with the tree lighting, which will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. Gifts, to be handed out to the children, will be purchased and a search for someone to play Santa will begin.....Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Ed Gobat, to give Community Pride \$ 500.00 to purchase the gifts for the children. Motion carried. Christmas decorating contest is Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> ....Don volunteered to get a judge and drive them around.....

Human Resource Committee – nothing

**Other Business:** Don reported that Valerie Kneisley, the judge of elections, told him the voting machines must be kept under lock & key at all times. Since there is no place to lock up the machines, in the hall, Don contacted Mark Knaub, at Community Life Team, and Mark told him the election(s) could be held at the ambulance club....Valerie must write a letter, to the Election Board, requesting permission to change the venue for election(s) from the Community Hall to the Ambulance Club.

Don reported that there is a sink hole, at least (6) feet deep, at the retention pond. Mick will put yellow tape around the hole and Don will put a piece of metal over the hole. Don is waiting for an answer, from Dave Lipinski, about putting expanding foam in the hole.

**Chair's Report** – Don reported that Tim Lehman is taking over the mowing, of properties in the Borough, that Bob Manganello was mowing.

Something to think about – if the Borough buys a new mower, can the Borough give the Cemetery Association the old mower, since theirs is shot?

**Secretary’s Report** - the 2022 meeting dates were distributed, and Mindy will send to the newspaper for publishing....

The proposed 2022 budget was discussed...Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Ed Gobat, to temporarily give approval of the budget. Motion carried. At December’s meeting, Council will formally adopt the 2022 budget.

Motion by Don Barshinger, seconded by Victor Dodson, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy K. Barshinger