

East Prospect Borough Council Meeting

**Community Hall, East Prospect, PA  
February 2, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

On Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 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, Mickey Regel, Don Barshinger & Ed Gobat. Others in attendance: Mayor David Bubb, Secretary Mindy Barshinger, Treasurer Marian Hunter, and Atty. David Jones.

Minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

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

**Patrons: Kurvin Schrum (only to observe), Matt Fauth (EP Fire Company), Mick Rupp, Matt Mann, Adam Hand, Sgt. Jim Thomas (LWTPD), and Kim Godfrey.**

**Appointment of new Council person:**

The (4) persons who are interested in taking Jerry Hanson's place on Council are: Kim Godfrey, Mick Rupp, Andrew Spencer, and Matt Mann. Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to appoint Kim Godfrey. Roll call vote was taken: Victor Dodson-yes; Mick Regel-no; Ed Gobat-yes; Don Barshinger-yes. Mayor Bubb swore in Kimberly Godfrey as the Borough's new Council person. Atty. Jones will draft a resolution concerning this appointment.

Since Adam Hand won the election for constable, by write-in votes, he appeared before Council asking if the Borough could help cover the costs of basic and firearms training courses....total cost \$ 2,600....Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to reimburse Mr. Hand upon completion of the courses....Mr. Hand is to present paperwork to Council stating he passed the courses before any reimbursement is made.

Sgt. Jim Thomas (LWTP) passed out the year-end totals, the December 2021 ,and January 2022 incident reports...the numbers for December & January are down, due to staff shortages.....he said they responded to 271 calls in the Borough in 2021....Sgt. Thomas will speak to Chief Arnold & Sande Cunningham about possibly moving the tractor-trailer restriction signs further away from town.

**Old Business: Vacancy board – Motion made by Don Barshinger, seconded by Ed Gobat, to appoint Kurvin (Buddy) Schrum as the Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Motion carried.**

Community hall door quotes – nothing

**New webmaster – Motion made by Ed Gobat, seconded by Mick Regel, to appoint Dustin Boyd as the Borough’s webmaster....email – [d@dandbbroadband.com](mailto:d@dandbbroadband.com)... Motion carried. Council thanked Rick Naylor for his years of service with the Borough and wishes him the best....**

**Storm drains & retention pond – Mick handed out a quote from Bookmyer Excavating, LLC, to excavate & fill in the sink hole (\$ 3,200.00) and to remove rocks & debris from storm pipe outfalls & install new rock ( \$ 2,300.00). Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Ed Gobat, to accept the bid. Motion carried.**

**Casey Smith is to send quote to re-grout some of the storm sewers, which are in need of repair.**

**Zoning Officer: nothing**

**Mayor’s Report** -see attached – Mayor Bubb is requesting a job description, outlining his duties as mayor.

### **Report of Committees:**

Hall Committee – soup sale successful....rentals still coming in

Street Committee – Mick thanked Don for plowing & cindering...adding more salt to the cinders is working out well

Park & Recreation Committee – Ed reported that the committee is looking to purchase a new tractor to drag the baseball field.....baseball starts in March.....

Ordinance Committee – nothing

Community Pride Committee – plans for a carnival to be held Memorial Day week-end are still on a ‘wait & see’ basis....Memorial Day Committee set a rain date for the parade – Sunday, June 19th...

Human Resource Committee – nothing

### Other Business:

Don spoke to the Good family, whose house is attached to George Harman’s on West Maple Street....they asked the Borough to start legal proceedings....Atty. Jones explained what will happen: notice will be sent to George Harman to fix his property...if mail is returned, a court order, for publication in the newspaper, must be issued...if no response after that, the property becomes condemned.....the whole process will take some time....

Atty. Jones told Council that the government changed the restrictions for which the American Relief Program funds can be used.....he said the first 10 million dollars can be used for whatever is needed but it must be documented.....the funds must be spent before the end of 2026.....the Borough should receive the next installment in June or July....

Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to give Dave Lipinski authorization to get bids for the sidewalk project on South Main Street. Motion carried.

President Barshinger called for an executive session at 7:26 p.m.

The executive session ended at 7:32 p.m. The monthly meeting continued...

**Chair's Report** – Don asked everyone to think about how to spend the ARP funds....we have to be careful what we use it for....

Don gave 'kudos' to Victor Dodson for all his hard work to clean-up the EYARC program. The program is doing very well....low-cost day care is offered to anyone in the school district.

Kim Godfrey's name was added to the Recreation & Street Committees.....Mick Regel, Don Barshinger, and Dave Bubb are on the Human Relations Committee.

**Secretary's Report** - Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to accept/concur with the provisions of the Emergency Operations Plan...Motion carried. Don will sign the paperwork.....

Mick Regel made a motion, seconded by Don Barshinger, to approve the 2022 Borough appointments, pending the additions. Motion carried.

Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to approve the additions & deletions to the 2021 budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Barshinger, seconded by Mick Regel, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

***The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 2, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.***