

Community Hall, East Prospect, PA
January 5, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., the East Prospect Borough Council was called to order by Mayor David Bubb and opened with the pledge to the American flag.

Present: Victor Dodson, Mick Regel, Don Barshinger, Secretary Mindy Barshinger, Treasurer Marian Hunter, and Atty. Dave Jones.

Mayor Bubb entertained nominations for council president. Ed Gobat nominated Mick Regel, seconded by Victor Dodson. Victor Dodson nominated Don Barshinger, seconded by Ed Gobat. Don Barshinger made a motion to close the nominations for council president. Vote was taken, by raising of hands, Don Barshinger received (3) votes; therefore, he retains his presidency of Borough council.

Nominations for vice-president of Council were entertained. The only nomination was Mick Regel, made by Victor Dodson, seconded by Ed Gobat; therefore, Mick Regel retains his vice-presidency of Borough council.

President Don Barshinger took over the meeting.

Minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

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

Patrons- Buddy Schrum – only to observe

Matt Mann – questioned recent power outages-Council had no info

Steve Olkowski – asked if a permit/variance was needed to erect a fence between Red Lion Salvage property & Anita & Gary Dedrick's properties.

Atty. Jones will look into this and get back to Don with answer.

Atty. Jones said that the Borough should appoint a citizen-at-large to be chairperson of a 'vacancy board'. This board would only come into play if Council does not fill a council vacancy within 30 days of the vacancy. Then, the board would have an additional 15 days to fill the vacancy. This matter will be settled at February's meeting.

February 24th (current set date) – Municipal 101 session at Stock & Leader.

Don questioned Atty. Jones about where the Borough can spend the American Recovery Relief money we received. Atty. Jones said the money could be used to put air conditioning in the community building, but justification must be written up for using the money for this. It cannot be used for improvements at the playground. If we can show that the Borough lost revenue due to Covid, then we can use the money for anything.

Zoning officer: received bills for August, September, October & November 2021.

Old Business: Auditor – all Council members agreed to re-appoint Fink & Company as our auditor for 2022.

Storm drains/sink hole at retention pond – Engineer Dave Lipinski suggested that the sink hole be back filled. He also suggested that the head walls, at the storm drains, be re-grouted. To bring equipment in to put foam in the storm drains would cost approximately \$ 10,000.00, just for the equipment.....Council agreed to try re-grouting the head walls before using the foam. Mick will call a meeting within the next week or two to get the 'ball rolling' for this project. (see attached letter from Dave Lipinski).

Mayor's Report – nothing

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Hall Committee – Council agreed to charge the organizations \$ 125.00 for use of the hall for the turkey suppers. Don will get prices for replacing the doors at the rear of the building. All (3) organizations are going together to hold a soup sale sometime this month.

Street Committee – Mick said that the truck is ready to go for winter. Don said he spoke to Keith Flaharty about increasing the salt in the cinder mixture

Park & Recreation Committee – Ed said that the base rate for the use of the ball field is now \$ 75.00. New gates are to be installed next to the home-side bleachers.

Ordinance Committee - nothing

Community Pride Committee – Father's Day is a possible date for the car show. Waiting to hear back from the ride people for the carnival.

Human Resource's Committee - nothing

Chair's Report – The signed YCPC block grant contract was received...the Borough will receive \$ 95,000 for sidewalks on South Main Street. Don will contact Dave Lipinski about getting bids out to do the work. Don said the Borough is still on the short-list for sidewalks on West Maple Street, but nothing has been approved yet.

The 'town' plaques located at the edge of town on West Maple Street & South Main Street need repainted. The mayor showed interest in painting them.

Don reported that meat trays, chips, etc. were delivered to the fire company, ambulance club, and police department New Year's Eve.

Don read a letter, from Gerald (Jerry) Hanson, submitting his resignation as a Borough Councilman, effective December 31, 2021. Jerry is moving south to be near his family. Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to accept Jerry's resignation. Motion carried.

The following residents have voiced their interest in filling Jerry's spot on Council: Kim Godfrey, Mick Rupp, Andrew Spencer, and Matt Mann. A notice will also be put up in the post office stating there is a vacancy and anyone interested should contact the Boro office. These persons will be asked to come to February's council meeting and asked why they want to be on Borough council; Council will then make a decision as to whom to appoint to fill the vacancy.

Secretary's report – a letter was received, from Stock & Leader, saying that they are sending a donation to the fire company in recognition of Stock & Leader's relationship with us.

Victor Dodson & Ed Gobat volunteered to be the YATB's representative & alternate for 2022.

Correspondence was received from Rick Naylor, webmaster for the Borough, stating that, due to health reasons, he is ending our service agreement effective January 31, 2022. He included the name of Dustin Boyd, who is willing to service our account immediately. His phone number is #717-668-4111 – email d@dandbbroadband.com. Mindy will call him to see what his rate is.... Mayor Bubb also expressed interest in becoming our webmaster. A decision will be made at February's meeting.

Bidding thresholds for 2022:

Purchases and contracts below \$ 11,800 require no formal bidding or written quotations.

Purchases and contracts between \$ 11,800 and \$ 21,900 require (3) three written/telephonic quotations.

Purchases and contracts over \$ 21,900 require formal bidding.

Letter received from Dallastown Borough asking the Borough fire police to help cover events, scheduled for 2022. Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Ed Gobat, to give approval for the fire police to help cover Dallastown's 2022 events. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Barshinger, seconded by Mick Regel, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.