

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

On Wednesday, November 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, Kim Godfrey, Don Barshinger & Ed Gobat. Others in attendance: Mayor David Bubb, Secretary Mindy Barshinger, Treasurer Marian Hunter, and Atty. Dave Jones.

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

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

**Patrons: Kurvin Schrum (only to observe), Valerie Kneisley, and Chief James Tomas (LWTPD).**

**Valerie Kneisley said she has some concerns: the owner of 5 West Maple Street (Todd White) has been fixing up the porch and parks at the end of the alley, using his van as a work bench. This is creating a hazard.....also, in the alley behind 14 North Main Street, there are a number cinder blocks piled up adjacent to the alley; when (2) cars are coming up and down the alley, there is no room to move over so the other car can pass. Don B. volunteered to speak to the person at 14 North Main Street, and ask him to remove the cinder blocks.....**

**Chief Thomas (LWTPD) passed out the October incident report....speeding all through town is a big concern....Chief Thomas said the department will work on this problem.**

**Old Business – Soundproofing – One bid has been submitted, but Atty. Jones said that, due to the cost, Council must get (2) more written bids, or (3) phone bids. Council members are to submit any known companies' names, who do soundproofing, to either Don B. or Victor D.**

**Air conditioning – work to begin tomorrow, November 3rd...Abe Service Co. and Blaine Godfrey are doing the work.**

**Water to new building – good to go.....York Water Company installed the water meter today.**

**Zoning officer - after much discussion, Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to stay with South Penn Code Consultants for another year. Motion carried. Kevin Hertzog is the new building code inspector for South Penn.....**

**2023 budget & 2023 tax levy ordinance – Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to authorize Atty. Jones to advertise these (2) items.....Council can, then, adopt the budget and tax levy ordinance at December's meeting.**

**Mayor's Report** - see attached.....Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to give the costs, not to exceed \$ 500.00, for the Community Art Project...money will be used to purchase paints/supplies. Motion carried.

Atty. Jones advised David Bubb that he can check with the Borough's Association and the DCED for further information on the role of the mayor.

Atty. Jones commented that his office has run out of options to locate George Harman, whose property is 47 West Maple Street; therefore, Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to give Atty. Jones authorization to begin the process of whatever needs to be done regarding 47 West Maple Street...Atty. Jones said the cost could be \$ 1,500.00 or higher.....this process will take some time to complete.....

Atty. Jones also commented that the church property and the Fields of East Prospect are both in the residential zone; therefore, only duplexes/single homes are allowed to be built; no townhouses, according to our zoning ordinance. Atty. Jones asked if Council wanted to change the ordinance to allow townhouses; per consensus of all Council members – No Townhouses – only duplexes or single homes can be built on these two properties. If the builder(s) request a variance hearing to build townhouses, Atty. Jones will represent the Borough at the meeting.

Side note – back in 2004, Council approved plans for Keith Good (Fields of East Prospect) to build townhouses in the residential zone.....However, that plan is now dead...no longer valid.

New convenience store does not need a Certificate of Occupancy; but, they do need a safety inspection, before they can open.....South Penn posted a notice, on the door of the building, instructing the owner to cease and desist any further work until the safety inspection is done. Atty. Jones said that, if the paper is pulled off the door, that is a misdemeanor violation....

### **Report of Committees:**

Hall Committee - the new front doors will be installed the third week of November

Street Committee – speed sign info passed out....Mick will contact Keith Flaharty to see if he would be willing to help plow, if need be...also for cinders/salt.....snow plow is to be put on the truck and see if everything works.

Park & Recreation Committee – baseball is done for the year.....a new bench, in honor of Sparky Reisinger, has been installed...two new trees were planted at the playground area....still getting quotes for a new pavilion at the playground...if need be, maybe pour a concrete base and put a picnic table on it.

Ordinance Committee – see above old business

Community Pride Committee – Veteran's Day breakfast – November 12th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
Christmas tree lighting at church parking lot – December 2nd....Breakfast with Santa – December 10th.....Christmas decorating contest – date to be determined

Human Resource Committee – Ed Gobat made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to appoint Matt Stewart as a new member, replacing Kathy Miller, to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried.

**Chair's Report** – Don reported that he contacted YCPC about up-dating the Borough's Comprehensive Plan...he was told that there is no more money available, for a grant, till 2023.... YCPC will sent us a pamphlet in February or March instructing how to apply for the grant to up-date our plan.

**Secretary's Report** - Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to authorize Mindy to publish the 2023 Borough Council meeting dates. Motion carried.

Due to the \$ 2.00 per ton increase of the disposal rate at the incinerator, Penn Waste has notified the Borough that the quarterly rates for 2023 will be \$ 84.09.

Motion by Don Barshinger, seconded by Victor Dodson, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

***The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 7, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.***