

***East Prospect Borough Council Meeting***  
**Community Hall, East Prospect, PA**  
**October 4, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.**

On Wednesday, October 4, 2023, the East Prospect Borough Council was called to order by President Don Barshinger & opened with the pledge to the American flag.

Present: Mick Regel, Don Barshinger, Kim Godfrey, & Kathy Schrum. Others in attendance: Mayor Stephen Paduhovich, Secretary Mindy Barshinger, and Treasurer Marian Hunter,  
Absent: Victor Dodson.

Minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

Payment of bills: Motion by Don Barshinger, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to pay the general account bills and accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Patrons: Chief Thomas (LWTPD), Tina Paduhovich (only to observe), Kurvin Schrum (only to observe), Karen Royer (only to observe), Matt & Linda Fauth (EPFC)**

**Chief Thomas passed out September's incident report...said they are still down (2) officers...responded to 30 calls in the Borough.**

**Linda Fauth said the fire company is looking to change insurance for their equipment..she gave brochures from the company they are looking at (Tartan Insurance) ...asked if the Borough would meet with a representative from the proposed company to compare numbers to see if Tartan Insurance is cheaper than Kocman. Mindy will contact Patti Webb to set up a meeting.**

**Old Business: Beautification project - Victor working on a sign**

**Air conditioning – the quote for the air conditioning was \$ 35,787 plus \$ 3,940 for the electrical work. Since the total amount is around \$ 39,000, the Borough must get (3) formal bids....Kim Godfrey made a motion, seconded by Kathy Schrum, to ask Dave Jones to advertise for bids for the air conditioning. Motion carried.**

**Sound-soak – no bids received from the people Don contacted.**

**Zoning Officer: permit money is coming in – there is an issue between Commonwealth Code and South Penn – South Penn is not getting the permits, from Commonwealth, so that South Penn can issue the building permit. Mindy did ask Peter Schilling (Commonwealth Code) to send their permits directly to South Penn.**

**Mayor's Report - Stephen Paduhovich was sworn in, as mayor, September 26, 2023.**

## Report of Committees:

Hall Committee – rentals coming in – Fire Company turkey supper – October 14<sup>th</sup> – Lions Club turkey supper – October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Street Committee – speed sign information passed out – the storm water drain boxes, on Hedgewick Lane, were fixed.....there is a sink hole, in the bank, at the retention pond..... Sean Bookmyer will fill the hole with flowable concrete..... some of the alleys/streets need crack sealed – soon time to get the truck ready for winter – Don got the oil changed and had the truck inspected.

Park & Recreation Committee – the playground committee is in need of new members... Ed Gobat resigned as president... the only members now are: Don Barshinger, Mick Regel, Victor Dodson, and Mark Toomey. Don presented a check for \$ 2,000 to the Borough, as a donation for gas & mowing at the ball field & playground area.

Yarnell Security checked out the camera at the ball field, and said it is unfixable....Mick has a meeting, on Friday, with someone from Yarnell, to get a quote for a new camera, using the old system, and a quote for a new camera with a new system.

Don said if both new developments are built, the Borough will receive a substantial amount of money (Rec fees).....can be used to make the pad bigger at the pavilion, putting up more swings, adding more playground equipment.....

Ordinance Committee – Vacancy Board Resolution # 2023-1 – A Resolution of the Vacancy Board of East Prospect Borough appointing a Resident and Registered Elector of the Borough to fill the Office of Mayor of East Prospect as a Result of the Resignation of the Previous Mayor. The Resolution was adopted September 19, 2023, by the Vacancy Board of East Prospect.

Community Pride Committee – Trunk of Treat – October 28th

Human Resource Committee – nothing

**Other Business:** Trick or Treat night – October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm

Atty. Jones will be asked to attend November's meeting to give Council an up-date on what is happening with Harman's house on West Maple Street.

Dean Fink completed the 2022 audit (all council members received a copy)..... Dean commented to Don, Mindy & Marian that he wants to get out of doing municipal audits.... too time consuming... Dean suggested the firm of Hamilton & Musser, 176 Cumberland Parkway, Mechanicsburg, PA He said some of his other clients are using them, and are very pleased..... Dean said he will act as a consultant, on our behalf, to Hamilton & Musser.... Fink & Company will still do the payroll..... Mindy will continue to take all records to Dean, he will prepare them, and give them to Hamilton & Musser to do the audit..... Mick Regel made a motion, seconded by Kathy Schrum, to hire Hamilton & Musser as our new auditor for 2024. Motion carried.... Dean did mention that the fee for the audit could be as much as \$ 10,000 to \$ 12,000....

**Chair's Report** - Don reported that he gave a handicap sign and pole to a resident who lives on Creekside Drive...Don told the resident that he would have to install it since the Borough is not adopting the street...the HOA chairman called Don to verify that he gave the resident the sign.....

Don held a meeting with a few residents of Livia Lane about the placing of the trees, when Inch and Company build the development.....the residents suggested that (16) or even (28) more trees be added.....one of the residents suggested naming the main road, in the development, Danny Drive, instead of Dallas Drive.....

Don also met with the fire company about the turning radius in the development...Don contacted Sam (Inch & Company) with their concerns.....Don did mention that Inch & Company are complying with several of the voiced concerns...Don threw out a question – should the development be bonded?

Nothing has been heard back from Mark Wills (Fields of East Prospect)...he has paid all the invoices that were sent.

**Secretary's Report** - Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Kathy Schrum, to 'opt out' of paying the solvency fee for 2024. Motion carried.

Kim Godfrey made a motion, seconded by Kathy Schrum, to enter into a 'retainer contract' with Klugh Animal Control Services for 2024, at the cost of \$ 100.00. Motion carried.

Since the Borough has approximately \$ 350,000, total of all funds, which can be used at any time, Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to increase the Borough Treasurer's bond to \$ 350,000...the cost would be \$ 630.00 a year, beginning 2024...Motion carried.

Motion by Don Barshinger, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

*The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy K. Barshinger  
Boro Secretary