

East Prospect Borough Council Meeting
Community Hall, East Prospect, PA
November 1, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, November 1, 2023, the East Prospect Borough Council was called to order by President Don Barshinger & opened with the pledge to the American flag.

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

Minutes of the October 4, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

Payment of bills: Motion by Victor Dodson, 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), Tina Paduhovich (only to observe), Linda Fauth (EPFD) Don asked Linda to thank the fire company and fire police for being at the square for 'trick or treat' night , and Chief Thomas (LWTPD).

Old Business – Beautification project – Victor received (2) designs for the sign.. Cost – \$ 360 for one sign....he will bring the designs to December's meeting.

Air Conditioning – on hold till Atty. Jones runs the request for bids...due to the price Abe Service quoted, prevailing wage comes into effect.

Zoning Officer: permit money received.....Mindy requested that Keith's bills be submitted the beginning of December....

Mayor's Report - nothing

New Business:

Chief Thomas passed out October's incident reports...police responded to 22 calls and 3 accidents.....

Kim Godfrey said she called (2) companies with regard to soundproofing.....she did not receive any call backs....she will contact Home Depot to see if they carry soundproofing material.

Don reported that Creekside/Riverview Drive is getting ready to be paved....Boro still holds the bond....even though the Boro voted not to adopt the streets, the bond is not relinquished.....per Atty. Jones, if sometime down the road, the residents who live on Creekside/Riverview, come to the Boro with problems, the Boro cannot

help them...Council is not liable to fix problems....the development is its own entity. As far as Don knows, Scott Naylor is still the head of the HOA for the development.

Don also reported that Inch & Company pulled back all their permits for the land behind the bank; therefore, the land is up for sale again.

Nothing heard from Mark Wills (Fields of East Prospect).

Report of Committees:

Hall Committee - bookings still coming in....Don told Council that some of the residential stoves, in the kitchen, need replaced.. Don asked if Council would consider purchasing new stoves. Kim Godfrey volunteered to check with Home Depot/Lowe's to get a quote for (5) new/discontinued models/scratch and dent residential gas stoves (basic model)....Possibly use ARP money to pay for the stoves.....

Street Committee - Mick reported that (2) sink holes were filled in with concrete at the retention pond. Keith Flaharty was contacted about cinders/salt; good to go this year....Keith also said that he will help with plowing/cindering, if significant snow fall...truck has to be made ready for winter... Bucket is on the skid steer....Mick Regel made a motion, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to give Victor permission to purchase a jumper box/cables. Motion carried.

Park & Recreation Committee - Don reported that the playground committee took Russ Whitecomb, Allen Reichard, and Nathan Barshinger out for dinner to thank them for all their work at the ball diamond/refreshment stand.....Russ kept score for 146 games this season....

Mick reported that the security camera, at the ball diamond, is shot...new camera would cost \$ 4,910. Waiting on a quote for a whole new security system, with (8) cameras..... Don suggested that the main camera be put in the garage (out of the weather). This was tabled for the time being.

Ordinance Committee – Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Kathy Schrum, to keep the tax millage at 2.27 for 2024. Motion carried. Mindy will contact Atty. Jones about advertising the tax levy ordinance, along with the budget for 2024, so that they both can be adopted in December.

Community Pride Committee – Veterans's Day breakfast – November 11th....the committee will be supplying a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family. Tree lighting is December 2nd and Breakfast with Santa is December 9th.....next committee meeting is November 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Human Resource Committee – nothing

Other Business: Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Kathy Schrum, to give a 3% raise to the school crossing guard, the Boro secretary & the Boro treasurer. Motion carried.

Chair's Report - Don reported that Keith Hunnings is not happy with the HOA agreement for Creekside/Riverview development... he has concerns about some of SALDO's items not being addressed... Keith is requesting that Atty. Jones draw up an agreement, with the HOA, stating that when everything is finalized at the development, the HOA takes over everything.

Don was told, by Dave Lipinski, that the Boro is eligible for some other CDBG grants....the Boro is in the top 10 that can use grants again.....possibly use grant money to put sidewalk at the Keller's (where sidewalk is brick) or erect another pavilion at the playground... Don also said that Dave is asking for more money for the South Main & West Maple sidewalk projects....Dave would fill out the application for a new grant for the Boro.

Don said that, in January or February 2024, the street committee should look at the alleys/East Maple Street, for sealing/crack coating, where needed....Mick was asked to contact Dave Lipinski with regard to paving the Boro's portion of Riverview Drive.

Atty. Jones told Don that nothing has been done with regard to condemning 47 West Maple Street (George Harman's property).

Secretary's Report - the 2024 budget was passed out for Council's perusal.... Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to raise the Boro's 2024 contribution to the fire company to \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

Kim Godfrey made a motion, seconded by Kathy Schrum, giving temporary approval of the 2024 budget, pending publication...the budget will be approved at December's meeting.

Motion by Victor Dodson, seconded by Kathy Schrum, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy K. Barshinger
Boro Secretary