

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

On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. the East Prospect Borough Council was called to order by President Don Barshinger & opened with the pledge to the American flag. Present: Don Barshinger, Victor Dodson, Kathy Schrum, Kim Godfrey, and Mick Regel Others in attendance: Mayor Steve Paduhovich, Treasurer Marian Hunter, Secretary Mindy Barshinger, and Atty. Jason Sabol (Stock & Leader).

Minutes of the November 1, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion made by Victor Dodson, seconded by Kathy Schrum. Motion carried..

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

**Patrons: Linda Fauth (only to observe), Kurvin Schrum (only to observe), Tina Paduhovich (only to observe), Karen Royer (only to observe), George Dvorak (only to observe), Ed & Jeanne Peashey, and Keith Hunnings.**

**Ed reiterated that he came to Council a few months ago and said that CVAC was going to give the Borough any remaining funds after CVAC was completely dissolved. Therefore, a resolution has to be written and adopted stating that East Prospect Borough will accept any remaining funds of Canadochly Valley Ambulance Club upon dissolution of said corporation. All funds are to be ear-marked for use solely for the provision & support of ambulance service to East Prospect Borough & surrounding areas. Mick Regel made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to authorize Atty. Jones (Stock & Leader) to write the resolution. Motion carried.**

**Mick Regel also made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to authorize Atty. Jones (Stock & Leader) to contact & collaborate with Atty. D. Michael Craley to prepare an agreement, acceptable to the office of the attorney general, without which, CVAC is unlikely to secure court approval for the proposed dissolution plan. Motion carried.**

**Old Business: Air conditioning – every spec has to be listed before bids can go out.. Mick, Don, and Atty. Jones will work on this.**

**Sound soak for hall – Mayor Steve is going to check with his school, where he used to teach, and ask what they did/or who to contact, because the school put something on the walls and ceiling, of the cafeteria, to muffle the sound.**

**Stoves for hall – Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to purchase (5) five basic white Hotpoint stoves, from Lowe's, at the approximate cost of \$ 420 (maybe less) each. Motion carried. The stoves have to be ordered.**

**Zoning Officer:** Keith Hunnings told Council that the Borough has (2) two zoning districts-residential & village.....Gillespie Transmissions is, now, in a non-conforming district... the business is now in a residential district.. ....they want to expand their business, but our current zoning ordinance is keeping the Gillespie's from expanding; therefore, their attorney, Stacy McNeal is asking Council to change our current zoning ordinance to include commercial, along with residential & village..... Keith said that the process to change the zoning ordinance is very expensive & time consuming.....Council agreed to have Keith ask Atty. McNeal to put together a draft of what she feels a new zoning ordinance should look like and submit it to Council. Keith also said that before a new zoning ordinance can be adopted, YCPC has to review/make any comments/recommendations to approve or disapprove and a public hearing has to be held...if a new zoning ordinance is enacted to include commercial, all the businesses/residences on West Maple Street would be classified commercial; therefore, all the residences would become non-conforming...

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Steve received correspondence from Suzanne Heikes (Susquehanna Senior Center) asking if the Borough could make a donation to replace the sign, at the Center, which is beyond repair....question – how much would a new sign cost? This matter was tabled till January.

### **Report of Committees:**

Hall Committee – Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Kathy Schrum, to raise the hall rent to \$ 150.00 beginning January 2024. Motion carried.

Street Committee – Snow plow & spreader need to be put on the truck... Mick will contact Dave Lipinski about getting bids for paving the Borough's portion of Riverview Drive. Don asked if the street sign, on the corner of Main & Maple Streets, could be moved back at least (2) two feet. Mick said he would take care of moving it.

Playground Committee – Don reported that signs were taken off the fence at the ball field..also portable toilet removed at the ball field....the toilet at the playground will stay (Modern Landfill pays for this)... Don also reported that the Playground Committee is paying \$ 2,500 to have (2) two wider gates installed at the ball field.....

Ordinance Committee – Kim Godfrey made a motion, seconded by Kathy Schrum, to adopt Ordinance # 2023-3 – Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024 for East Prospect Borough, York County, Pennsylvania. Motion carried.

Community Pride Committee – Breakfast with Santa – December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

Human Resource's Committee – Personnel problem was reported

**Other Business:** Mick submitted the proposal, from Yarnell Security Systems, for a new camera system (8 cameras) for the ball field/playground...cost \$ 29,504.10....Council decided to get another quote from another company.

Kim Godfrey made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to NOT renew the satellite coverage of the (2) two solar speed signs. Motion carried.

Kim Godfrey asked if a notice could be given to 23 North Main Street (Kyle Stettenbauer) to clean up all the debris/garbage in his yard. Mindy will issue a (3) three day notice.

Question was asked if anything heard from Fields of East Prospect (Mark Wills)...nothing to date...

George Harman property? - Atty. Sabol told Council that Atty. Jones is still trying to get the building inspector to condemn the property.

**Chair's Report** – Don commented that Dave Lipinski will be asking for more money to put new sidewalks at the Keller property on North Main Street...the walk is currently all bricks..

Also, paperwork was signed and forwarded to YCPC for a time extension to do the sidewalks, for which we have a grant.

Don commented that all scheduling requests, to use the hall, must go through the office. The event calendar will no longer be available.

Don mentioned that he received a letter from Lower Windsor Township, which he has forwarded to Atty. Jones, about possibly merging with Lower Windsor Township. Atty. Jones should be at January's council meeting to answer questions about this.

Wishing everyone and their family a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**Secretary's Report** - naming a representative and alternate to the York County Tax Bureau has been tabled till January 2024.

Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to adopt the 2024 budget. Motion carried.

Kim Godfrey made a motion, seconded by Kathy Schrum, to donate \$ 100.00 to the York County Quick Response Team. Motion carried.

Mindy commented that she sent a certified letter to Inch & Co.informing them that they still owe the Borough over \$3,000.00 for engineering fees. The letter was mailed in October and stated that they had (30) thirty days to pay the bills. The certified letter was signed for October 15, 2023..nothing has been received... a copy of the bills and the letter was given to Atty. Sabol...he said Stock & Leader will re-send Inch & Co. a letter to see if they respond to them.

Motion by Victor Dodson, seconded by Don Barshinger, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

*The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday January 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy K. Barshinger  
Boro Secretary