

East Prospect Borough Council Meeting

Community Hall, East Prospect, PA

February 7, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. the East Prospect Borough Council was called to order by President Don Barshinger and opened with the pledge to the American flag.

Present: Don Barshinger, Mick Regel, George Dvorak, Victor Dodson, and Kim Godfrey. Others in attendance: Mayor Stephen Paduovich, Treasurer Marian Hunter, Secretary Mindy Barshinger, Chief Jim Thomas (LWTPD), and Engineer David Lipinski.

Minutes of the January 3, 2024 meeting were approved as read.

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: Kurvin & Kathy Schrum (only to observe), Tina Paduhovich (only to observe)

Chief Thomas passed out the January 2024 incident report, along with the year end report for 2023...also stated that the police department is, now, fully staffed. Told Council that (3) more searches were conducted for Kadin Black, but nothing turned up.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Steve voiced concerns about the outrageous speeds the out-of town fire companies are going....Chief Thomas said that if the vehicle has 'blue lights' on, they must adhere to the speed limit...if the vehicle has 'red lights' on and the siren on, they are allowed to exceed the speed limit...it all depends on the status of the

call...Don asked Mayor Steve to contact Chief Thomas and ask him to send letters to Yorkana, Wrightsville, and Craley fire departments concerning their speeds coming into & going out of the Borough.

Engineer David Lipinski stated that (5) companies submitted bids for the sidewalk/ADA ramps construction...he also said that the Borough is going to receive \$190,000 in grant money from the County....Dave recommended that Council award the bid to the lowest bid submitted, which is Matthews Construction LLC for \$182,414.05, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork/documents. Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to award the bid to Matthews Construction LLC for \$182,414.05 pending receipt of all necessary paperwork/documents. Motion carried.

Dave also commented on the paving of Riverview Drive...since he doesn't know what is under the current paving, he is going to meet with a geo-technical firm to take a look at the road (because of the cracks).....a saw cut of (3) feet has to be made in the road, a 4 x 4 hole has to be dug, after which time core samples will be taken from the dirt, the samples will be sent away to be analyzed; after that, the hole is to be filled with 2a stones and cold patch put on top....after the dirt is analyzed, the geo-technical firm will compile a report.....in order to save the Borough some money, Mick will contact Sean Bookmyer and George Dvorak will contact a person he knows, to get a quote for the saw cut, hole digging, and filling in the hole.....the quote(s) are to be sent to Dave ASAP.....Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Mick Regel, to allocate \$4,000 for the geo-technical sample testing & compiling the report. Motion carried. The allocated \$4,000 does not include the work for saw cutting, digging, etc. Don asked Mick to head-up this project.

Dave also make application for another grant for 2024-2025-2026 for approximately \$150,000 to replace the brick sidewalk at the Keller's, on North Main Street, with cement...he said the application was accepted, but not sure we would get the grant. Dave mentioned that there is hundreds of thousands of grant money available through the state and county.....the deadline for application with the county is October; deadline for application with the state is November....The grant money comes from gambling funds

and must be used for things that benefit the community.....Council will come up with projects, and ask Dave for help with the application(s).

Old Business:

The (5) new gas kitchen stoves are installed and hooked up

Solar speed signs were picked up & waiting to be installed...Mick is getting with Chief Thomas to see where the best places are to put the signs.

Security cameras are installed.....the Wifi is hooked into the EYARC computer.

Sound soak – proposal was received from Smucker's...gave us quotes for soundsoak & tectum....prices are for doing half of the gym area....furring strips would be put up, then fiberglass, and then the soundsoak or tectum.....soundsoak quote is \$15,100...tectum quote is \$17,000....Don will try to get another quote or two for March's meeting....he already contacted (2) others, by phone, but never received any call backs....this matter was tabled until March.

Report of Committees:

Hall Committee – turkey suppers – February 24th (Lions Club), March 9th (Fire Company), March 23rd (Playground)

Street Committee – speed sign info passed out...Mick set the displays on all the speed signs to go blank once the speed hits 50....he also purchased all the hardware to put up the (2) new speed signs.....Borough has free ICloud for one year with the signs.....

Parks & Recreation Committee – the 2023 Playground Financial Report was passed out....requests for use of the ball field are coming in...meeting to be held next week.

Ordinance Committee – nothing

Community Pride – Christmas tree needs to be chopped up and disposed of

Human Resource's Committee – Mayor Steve, Mick, and Don met with regard to (2) members of the fire company, who still have violations on their records....Don received confirmation that phone calls & letters were mailed to the (2) individuals informing them that they are released from the fire company until their records are clear/cleaned up.

Other Business - 2024 Borough committee lists were handed out....Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Kim Godfrey, to accept the list of 2024 Borough appointments. Motion carried.

Chair's Report - Don spoke to Keith Hunnings regarding a few zoning violations in the Borough....Keith sent letters to the offenders; if they do not comply, they will be fined.

Gillespie's – nothing new happening....Keith will be asked to attend March's meeting with any up-dates.

George Harman property (47 West Maple Street) - Commonwealth Code Inspectors went to see the property.....no report as of yet.....

Don attended Lower Windsor Township's meeting last week,,,,,Mark Wills (Fields of East Prospect) submitted new plans....LWT did not act/approve anything...Mark Wills told Don he wants to attend a Council meeting to revisit the building plans for the Borough.

Mindy will get the paperwork to Mayor Steve with regard to applying, to Penndot, for street closures for Memorial Day parade.

Secretary's Report - Our new auditors were in the office last week....was told that the DCED report should be completed by June 2024.....had a few suggestions for Council to

consider implementing – preparing a 2024 budget for Liquid Fuels account; have all submitted time sheets, for payment, be signed and dated by council president or vice-president.....Nick said that the ARP money has to be used by December 31, 2024, or ear-marked for a project, which would put December 31, 2026 as the date the ARP money to be used.....Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to accept the Municipal Emergency Operations Plan, as written. Motion carried.

Motion by George Dvorak, seconded by Victor Dodson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy K. Barshinger