

East Prospect Borough Council Meeting
Community Hall, East Prospect, PA
May 5, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 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, Mick Regel, Don Barshinger & Jerry Hanson. Others in attendance: Mayor Matt Mann, Secretary Mindy Barshinger, Treasurer Marian Hunter, and Atty. David Jones.
Absent: Ed Gobat

Minutes of the April 7, 2021 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

Steve Olkowski – Red Lion Salvage – asked if Council heard anything from South Penn about his shed permit request. Mindy will email Keith Hunnngs tomorrow and asked im what is going on with the permit.

Chad & Lisa Winters, Katelyn Rohrbaugh (Barley Snyder), and Stacy MacNeal (Barley Snyder) – Ms. Rohrbaugh presented a rezoning petition, on behalf of Chad Winters, for (3) three lots, which Mr. Winters owns, to be rezoned to village, instead of residential. Mick Regel made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to change the zoning map, so that the (3) three properties which Chad Winters owns, would be zoned village. Motion carried. Atty. Jones said that a public hearing will be held July 7th at 6:00 p.m. so that any concerns about the rezoning can be voiced. Atty. MacNeal will draft the notice and send it to Atty. Jones, who will then, forward it the YC Planning Commission. Expenses incurred (postage and publishing ads) will be paid by Chad Winters.

Sgt. James Thomas (LWTPD) distributed the incident reports for April 2021. He also said that (2) officers completed Criminal Incident Training, (6) six officers have been vaccinated, and all officers are using body cams, on a trial basis, for 60-90 days. Sgt. Thomas also said that he did 10 to 15 foot patrols throughout the Borough.

Old Business - stones for retention pond – nothing done yet

street sweeping – must be done by Memorial Day.....since the state's street sweeper is out of commission, Mick and/or Don will do the state streets also.....residents are to be notified to have their vehicles moved...

the parade permit, from PennDot, has been approved and received..

**mailboxes in sidewalks? As of this meeting, this is a dead issue...
East Prospect has an ordinance prohibiting putting mailboxes/buckets on the sidewalk.**

Zoning Officer: nothing to report

Mayor's Report - see attached report

Report of Committees:

Hall Committee - a meeting will be held with all the organizations about having sit-down turkey suppers in the fall, since the restrictions have been lifted.

Street Committee – speed sign info passed out & given to LWTPD

Park & Recreation Committee - a few new banners have been purchased & hung up on the fence. Also, a sign has been placed on the fence commemorating that 2021 is the 95th year that the Playground Association has been operating. Don said that someone approached him about installing more benches around the walking path. This matter was tabled for the time being.

Ordinance Committee – nothing

Community Pride Committee – nothing to report

Human Resource Committee – Don reported that Ryan Duke is helping with the mowing at the playground.

Other Business:

Additional flags will be ordered and put in all yards of East Prospect residents.

Mick reported that the information for the Memorial Day book will soon go to the printers.

Memorial Day Committee - as of now, (10) ten food trucks are lined up..... the jiffy johns are being donated by Waste Management.

Atty. Jones said he will check to see if the Borough will be receiving any money from the American Rescue Plan. If so, we can only spend the money certain ways.

Jerry Hanson told Council that East Prospect Fire Company & Yorkanna Fire Company have entered into talks about possibly merging.

A letter was received from Kocman Insurance saying that our insurance carrier is requesting a Hold Harmless Agreement with Schaefer Fireworks. Atty. Jones will draft such an agreement for Schaefer Fireworks to sign.

Mick asked if Council was going to put an advertisement in the Community Courier for all

the Memorial Day events (chicken BBQ, community yard sale, parade, fireworks).
All agreed just to put a post on facebook, on our web-site, and on the East Prospect Community page.....

Marian said she spoke with Dean Fink about the \$ 12,000 overage in the zoning part of the 2021 budget....Dean gave her (3) suggestions:

1. go back to 2020 and redo everything – Council said NO
2. go through the state and redo the 2021 budget – Council said NO
3. bite the bullet...if Keith Hunnings sends us another large bill for the year, we don't pay it in 2021....we wait till 2022 to pay.. Keith has been asked to send quarterly bills instead of a bill for the year.

All Council agreed to 'bite the bullet'.....maybe we can find money, at the end of the year, to cover the \$ 12,000 overage.

Chair's Report – Don said that Prolawn will be spraying the weeds at the curbs and sidewalks May 17th, at the cost of \$ 600.00.

Don also said that, due to trying to keep our spending at a minimum, volunteers are going to be asked to take the flags around town.

Secretary's Report - Mindy said that she wants to stay with BB&T (Truist) after the bank here in town closes in July. She said to transfer to another bank would be very time consuming and difficult, due to the fact that we receive several payments using 'automatic transfer'. Council said that, since Mindy is the one who does the deposits, it is up to her.....

Motion by Jerry Hanson, seconded by Victor Dodson, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy K. Barshinger