

December 6, 2010

The regular meeting of the Prospect Borough Council was called to order by President James Harmon with a Salute to the Flag. The following Council Members were present, James Harmon, Robert Boice, Dave Stellfox, Gus Guenther, Ed Robinson, Glen Gitzen, Jon Hiser and Mayor Butler. James Harmon thanked everyone for their prayers, help and thoughts as he is getting through his problems from his accident. The Council had a moment of silent prayer for Jim Harmon.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made that Minutes from the last meeting stand as approved with the correction that Mark Dublin's refund for sewage will be looked into.

Visitors: Nick Vaccarello asked about the time line on the Wilson Road Storm Drainage Project, also asked if there was a Corrective Action Plan sent to the DEP about overflows on Wilson Road manhole #223.

Mary Ann Mahan presented to Council literature and a copy of Pittsburgh's Ban on drilling into Marcellus Shale for natural gas, no action was taken.

Sewage: Per Christine Nagy, the Borough will receive a fine of \$1000.00 for the overflow from the last heavy rain. A motion was made by Dave Stellfox and seconded by Jon Hiser to pay the fine and all present voted yes.

Many Borough Residents were present to question why there was an increase in their monthly sewage bills. It was explained that the Borough needs additional funds for repairing the sewage system. The Residents were not happy about the raise. Ed Robinson explained to them about the shortage of funds. Mayor Butler explained that it was because of the Borough size and that the system was never fixed especially I&I. It is also possible that the rates will be raised again. In the past money was paid to the Engineers without results. It was also noted that Grants for the system are not feasible because what is charged to apply for the Grants. A suggestion was made that the Borough give a discount to anyone that pays their sewage bill yearly or quarterly. Council stated that they will look into the discount for residents who pay early.

A H2O Grant was suggested by Dan Bickel; Ed Robinson will look into it for possible funds. The new sewage rate will be put into a resolution and will be in affect January of 2011. Motion was made by Gus Guenther and seconded by Bob Boice to raise the rate to \$50.00 per EDU and all present voted yes except for Ed Robinson who voted no.

Ed Robinson and Chris Eddy will be going to Meadville to meet with Dave Balog and Christine Nagy about redoing the EQ Tank. Motion was made by Dave Stellfox and seconded by Jon Hiser to have this meeting and all present voted yes.

Motion was made by Bob Boice and seconded by Dave Stellfox to have Edgar Electric fix the electric seals on the Wilson Rd Pump Station in the amount of \$1864.78 and all present voted yes.

Parks: Nothing to Report.

Streets: Mayor Butler informed Council that Curfman Engineering is doing a proposal for the work on Wilson but it is not completed. It will be further discussed at the Sewage Meeting. Motion was made by Gus Guenther and seconded by Jon Hiser to have Curfman to apply for the permit and all voted yes except for Ed Robinson who abstained. Mayor Butler will contact Curfman Engineering to go ahead with the permit and bring the drawings to Council.

Police: The Police Report was presented by Mayor Butler with 1 complaint of Criminal mischief. Total hours worked 18.5 for Chief Tatton and 13.0 for Officer Ellenberger with 128 miles patrolled. There was a complaint that there is a speed problem at Kennedy Rd by a Mustang and Camaro. Also Slippery Rock School District would like to have the black and white signs at Moraine Elementary changed because the times on them are incorrect. Route 488 West needs patrolled more often.

Personnel: Nothing to Report.

Maintenance of Facility: Nothing to Report.

Library: A copy of the Stats for October was presented to Council. It was noted that the current Librarian Jean Sarnese will be retiring. Also the Library would like some ideas on how to get more funding for the Library.

Planning Commission: Nothing to Report.

Old Business: Mayor Butler reported that Judy Raisley will continue to collect 2011 Earned Income Tax.

The Borough needs a signed Agreement with the Fire Department for storing the antique fire truck in the Borough garage and we need proof that they have insurance on the truck. Ed Robinson is going to check into it.

The 2011 Sewage Budget was approved by Council; motion was made by Gus Guenther and seconded by Dave Stellfox, all present voted yes except for Ed Robinson who voted no. The 2011 General Fund Budget was approved by Council; motion was made by Bob Boice and seconded by Ed Robinson and all present voted yes.

Communications: Borough needs a letter from the Boroughs Association on who can run for office.

New Business: Nothing to Report.

Pay Bills: Motion was made by Ed Robinson and seconded by Jon Hiser to pay the bills from the General Fund and all present voted yes. Motion was made by Ed Robinson and seconded by Dave Stellfox to pay the bills from the Sewage Funds and to include one from Pioneer Microsystems for \$3100.00 and all present voted yes.

No further business at hand motion was made to adjourn.

The next meeting will be January 3, 2011 and the next sewage meeting is December 8, 2010.

Marion Cannon,
Borough Secretary