



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2016 @7:00 PM
159 MONROE STREET
PROSPECT, PA 16052

CALL TO ORDER: President Bill Marciniak called the regular meeting of the Prospect Borough Council to order @7:00PM. There was a prayer given by Ms. Mary Harmon and then a salute to the flag. Mr. Marciniak thanked all the visitors who were in attendance; as there were many. The following Council members were present: Sam Wagner, Mary Harmon, Bob Boice, Chad Green, Eric Hilliard, Glen Gitzen and Mayor Jim Butler. GTN Solicitor; Anthony Colangelo and KLH Engineer; Shawn Rosensteel were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no changes to the January 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Boice made motion to approve the January 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Mr. Hilliard 2nd. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Jim Reich, George Wagner, Nick Vaccarello plus more residents of Prospect Borough (see attached sign-in sheet).

Jim Reich; Prospect Pizza Shop owner, told Council he was not against the water as the product does sell itself but why mandate it. He said he is all for clear water. He just does not believe that the first 205 people to receive this water should have to be told that they have to take it and his concern does not stop at those people. Mr. Marciniak thanked him for his comments.

George Wagner said he agreed with what Jim Reich stated. He did not think we should put an ordinance out there whether to mandate or not. PA American came to us and wants to take over our sewer authority. PA American and the Park want to solve their problems; therefore, by solving the sewer problem in conjunction with the water problem. He strongly asks how can the Council mandate this as you should be negotiating with PA American to take sewage. "Negotiate is a good solid plan". Mr. Marciniak thanked him for his comments.

Nick Vaccarello said that in the last meeting he attended in the executive session the Council made a deal with Robinson which we gave them ten (10) taps which are worth \$2,250.00 a piece plus an additional \$5,000.00 which totals \$27,000.00. Mr. Vaccarello stated that the Borough did not have to pay Ms. Robinson as the Borough has the right to maintain fifty (50) feet on either side of the pipe. Mr. Marciniak thanked him for his comments.

Dave Stellfox; former councilman, said that the well drillers are using our water and we should have an ordinance that puts a tariff on the water. Our residents are on a limited income and they cannot afford the \$1,500.00 to \$5,000.00 to tap in to their homes. He said that all Council should vote on all matters that relate to the Borough as they got elected by the residents to vote.

There were many residents who spoke up and consensus was mostly that it did not matter whether they wanted the water or not; it just should not be made mandatory by the Council.

Mr. Marciniak said that first of all we had the Town Hall Meeting so the residents could hear exactly what was proposed from PA American. He said that we had asked PA American to look at the whole Borough and they came up with a cost of \$9,000.00 for each resident. Mr. Marciniak could not stress enough that the Council did not vote, had no outside help and no one from the council knew about the water coming in to the Borough. We do have the "right to diligence". We have contacted our attorney and have sent numerous questions and have received answers back but no decision has been made. PA American's deadline is in March; not ours. Mr. Marciniak said if wanted to see more details on the water to go to our webpage.

More residents were heard; some for the water and some not. They wanted to know why the water was coming in Route 488 and not Route 422; because it is economic for the water company and DCNR. The high sewage rates were mentioned and they were told the increase was based upon some residents being delinquent and also the repaying of the PennVest loan. The residents seem to think we are pushing to fast and should proceed cautiously. They also feel we are in a position to negotiate.

LIBRARY: Glen gave Council a copy of the Library Report and noted this will always be a month behind.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Ms. Harmon said there was a committee meeting held on January 27th. There will be another meeting on February 17th with some experts to discuss safety issues. She will update us more at the next meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Alan Vagasky had nothing to report.

PARKS and RECREATION: Mr. Gitzen had nothing to report. The Prospect Park reservations are being conducted by the Moraine Elementary School; we no longer play a part in this.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND STREETS: Mr. Boice had nothing to report for Stormwater Management.

Peoples Natural Gas wanted to know if we would be fixing any roads by March 31st, since we are not doing any road work he said we would ignore. If PA American does come in to the Borough they will be responsible to contact them.

There's a Free Workshop in Oil City for Traffic Signs on February 18th. Mr. Boice made motion to send George Simcic, himself and possible Mr. Marciniak to the Free Workshop; Mr. Green 2nd. Motion carried.

BUILDING & GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE & FACILITY: Mr. Wagner is still looking for prices for a building across the driveway.

Mr. Wagner said that the Maintenance Department came up with a way to use a sprayer with the brine to clean our sidewalks when it snows.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Gitzen wanted everyone to welcome Joshua Sheppeck who officially started last week.

Mr. Marciniak attended the Council of Government Meeting who works with the Boroughs and Townships for an intern program. He gave this information to Mr. Green to pursue or not to.

MAYOR: Mayor Butler had nothing to report.

POLICE: Mayor Butler went over the police report.

He said that Joshua Sheppeck was shadowing Matt Wagner this month and going over updates with Chuck Tatton.

He said that Tammy Boice; TJB Consulting, was able to resolve many of their problems with the computer system. They still need a memory upgrade which will cost \$70.00 and also need the newer version of windows installed. Mr. Hilliard made motion to purchase the \$70.00 memory upgrade for windows and internet explorer; Mr. Green 2nd. Motion carried.

Mayor Butler said the installation for the Dodge car is still on hold.

Matt Wagner has offered the Borough a set of cameras (audio) for a surveillance system. Mr. Green made motion to accept these cameras and the Borough will install them and supply a letter to Mr. Wagner for tax purposes; Ms. Harmon 2nd. Motion carried.

SEWAGE: Mr. Wagner said that Robert Hixson (Higgy) would like to replace the seals with a silicone seal on all three (3) pumps at the Wilson Pump Station at a cost of \$955.00 per seal; approximately \$2865.00. Mr. Wagner said they keep getting water in the chamber and the silicone seals should prevent this as we are using a carbon seal now. Mr. Hilliard asked if he could investigate this further as he has some knowledge of pumps. This is tabled till next month.

Mr. Wagner said they have heard nothing about the pinch valve.

Mr. Wagner had a quote from U.S. Municipal for a push camera at a cost of \$10,975.00 plus \$435 for the skid; total \$11,410.00. He would like this approved to purchase. Mr. Colangelo asked if he had 3 quotes as this was needed. This will be tabled till next month.

Shawn Rosensteel went over the Consulting Engineer's report. KLH met with AUMA's pump/valve technical specialist on January 8th. At this meeting, AUMA requested specific information on pump, pressure and system data to assist in their analysis of the valve operation. KLH provided the requested information and they are awaiting the results of their evaluation. It is still the intent of AUMA to schedule a field meeting to access valve operation.

The second quarterly report as required by the DEP as part of the Corrective Action Plan for the Wilson Road Pump Station has been submitted. Mr. Rosensteel to have Eric Tissue send us a copy.

WATER: Ms. Harmon said she has sent our solicitor an ordinance and he has sent back one for us to review.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Marciniak said that we received a letter back from Mr. Angelucci; superintendent of the Slippery Rock School District, regarding our concerns for the parking situations and the safety of children at the school's events. He is to get together with the school principle to have this resolved.

Ms. Harmon made motion to have Nathan Burtner who volunteered to make a better and clearer map available on our webpage; Mr. Boice 2nd. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Boice made motion for Ms. Marzullo to purchase a roll of stamps for \$49.00; Mr. Green 2nd. Motion carried.

Ms. Harmon made motion to appoint Mayor Butler to attend the Butler County Tax Collection Meetings and Mr. Boice to be the alternate; Mr. Wagner 2nd. Motion carried.

Mr. Hilliard made motion for Mr. Marciniak to sign the COG agreement contingent on who is being named; Mr. Gitzen 2nd. Motion carried.

Mr. Gitzen made motion to pay George Simcic \$50.00 every month towards his cell phone as he uses this phone for the Mission calls; Mr. Boice 2nd. Motion carried.

Mayor Butler said he is getting new prices on flags and should have more information at next month's meeting.

Mr. Marciniak told Council that the Butler Fair Agreement would be getting signed at their meeting this month; the rate of \$500 per month remained the same.

A resident said that the maintenance department is doing a great job keeping the roads cleaned; appreciated it! Kudos to Higgy and George!!

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:05pm

RESUMED: 8:32PM

Motion made by Mr. Wagner to allow Solicitor to accept service of the Ogorchuck Petition for Judicial Sale and to consent to said free and clear of liens; Mr. Hilliard 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Green to take three (3) additional sewage delinquencies to the local magistrate to recoup our monies; Mr. Boice 2nd. Motion carried.

Mr. Hilliard asked where the directive came from for the maintenance department. Mr. Boice said there is a board in the office that are jobs that need completed throughout the Borough and they prioritize it. The Sewage, Building and Grounds Committee also direct them.

Mr. Marciniak brought up Dressler's property of conditional use of "man camps". Letters will need to go out and a meeting from the Planning Commission must take place within 60 days of their original Zoning Application which was January 20th. The solicitor and Ms. Marzullo will get together Thursday to discuss the situation as this meeting will need advertised. A separate certified letter will be sent to Chuck Smith and Jake Dressler.

Mr. Gitzen mentioned if the Shadrack's tax monies were all sent to the Borough. Mr. Marciniak said that the last check is due by the 10th of this month; which entails only three (3) days.

PAY BILLS: Motion made by Mr. Gitzen to pay the General Fund Bills for \$4,404.80; Mr. Wagner 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Boice to pay the Sewage Fund Bills for \$17,222.79; Mr. Gitzen 2nd. Mr. Hilliard said "No". Roll call: Mr. Gitzen; yes, Mr. Hilliard; no, Mr. Green; no, Mr. Wagner; yes, Mr. Boice; yes, Ms. Harmon; yes, and chair; yes. Motion carried. Mr. Hilliard was concerned about the surcharge on the 4th quarter DCNR invoice.

Motion made by Mr. Wagner to pay the Highway Aid Fund Bills for \$2,251.72; Mr. Hilliard 2nd. Motion carried.

Round Table:

Mr. Gitzen Want to thank Mr. Marciniak for a good meeting tonight; not easy sitting there. Kudos to Bill!!

Mr. Hilliard	He thought this was very interesting. This shows just how powerful the media is; Newspaper, Facebook, etc., just goes to show how misinformed social media is. He is not for or against the water but we have received misinterpreted information. We need to negotiate. He would like to see Prospect Borough grow a little bit. He would like to see 25-30 taps available to expand; more tax space.
Mr. Green	No additional comments.
Mr. Wagner	No additional comments.
Ms. Marzullo	No additional comments.
Mr. Rosensteel	No additional comments.
Mr. Colangelo	No additional comments.
Mr. Boice	He read the letters in the Newspaper and people assumed they knew how we were going to vote. Next year we need to petition people as we will have several openings in the Borough Council.
Ms. Harmon	She asked the reporter if he had any questions for us. They would talk after the meeting was completed. She did ask about the editorial articles.
Mayor Butler	He obviously agreed with Eric's remarks. The water is an important step for us for long term growth; short term sewage. We cannot grow without our sewage right now. There are no monies in the plant for expansion. We are just stuck on how much we can grow.
Mr. Marciniak	Residents had a lot of good points. The Council has not made any decisions at this time. The Town Hall Meeting was an informational meeting; did not have all the facts yet. Everyone wants the most bang for the buck. PA American chose this path.

ADJOURN: 9:10PM. No further business at hand, motion made by Mr. Hilliard to adjourn; Mr. Wagner 2nd. Motion carried.