



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 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 Pastor Steve Cort and then a salute to the flag. 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 February 8, 2016 Special Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Boice made motion to approve the February 8, 2016 Special Council Meeting Minutes; Mr. Hilliard 2nd. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Jared Kline, Greg Schiller, Nick Vaccarello plus more residents of Prospect Borough (see attached sign-in sheet).

Jared Kline has concerns about the sewage and future water problems. He is planning on building a home and is trying to obtain a sewer tap and now with the water he is being mandated to tap into the water system. He does not like a product forced upon citizens and this should not be a mandate. He feels that the borough is not looking out for the people as the people should be able to vote, levy or refuse this water. He also stated the borough has had sewage problems since day one. Mr. Marciniak thanked him for his comments.

Greg Schiller is in favor of the water. He says with the fire hydrants this will generate a reduction in his home owner's insurance; several hundred per year. He said that the electricity would be cheaper also. Mr. Schiller said that we have had a 10% reduction in rainfall this year which could arise problems with the wells. He said that to put in a new well costs the resident \$5,000.00 - \$10,000.00. Lastly he said that we do have acidity in our well water. Mr. Marciniak thanked him for his comments.

Nick Vaccarello is in favor of water but the residents are not just getting their answers. He said we have twenty (20) senior citizens on this water route and they do not have the money to pay for this expense. There are families that have spring water and this water is good water. Mr. Vaccarello mentioned that the borough has given out too many taps versus the EDU's allowed. Mr. Marciniak thanked him for his comments.

There were many residents who spoke up and the 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. One of the residents wanted to know if we had enough money to fight a law suit. Mr. Colangelo responded to the article in the Butler eagle as the State Borough Code allows the borough council to require any owner of property to connect into the water system. There was talk of the Butler Eagle articles being negative against the water as they were reporting speculation not facts. Mayor Butler explained that the route through the borough was picked by PA American as it was based on feasibility to run throughout the borough; the best route to get to the park; by density for the number of users. Ms. Harmon said that the residents will have help through grants and she has all information. She said that having the water coming into the borough was an opportunity not available since 1968-1970. Some of the residents were upset that the number of people speaking out against the water were not even on the map to get water. If we do not do this now in possibly a few years we will have to take it and pay for all of it. Mr. Wagner conducted a survey with Chad Green and it was 48% for water and 52% not. One resident spoke up and said without water we will not be able to build anything bigger than a duplex; no businesses will be able to come into the borough as businesses are required to have a sprinkler system.

LIBRARY: Glen Gitzen had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFTEY: Ms. Harmon said that they cancelled the February 17th meeting. She has made calls into the Reverse 911 through Evans City and waiting for response.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Alan Vagasky said that they have been reviewing developments and sub developments for the future at the regular meetings. Mr. Vagasky said that they did have a special meeting with Jake Dressler; Mark IV Farms, regarding his "Man Camp" to use for drill workers. Mr. Dressler never talked to DEP to get approval for his sewage system. This request was tabled as they did not have enough information. Dave Hazlet, code enforcement officer, has already sent him a cease and desist letter. Mr. Colangelo and Eric Tissue, KLH Engineer, have contacted DEP to get procedures. Mr. Tissue then will develop a procedure. Mr. Marciniak read the letter from Dave Hazlet regarding the situation at Mark IV Farms. Ms. Harmon made motion to have Dave Hazlet

contact our magistrate, William S. O'Donnell, for citations and to shut the trailers down till Mr. Dressler can be in compliance; Mr. Gitzen 2nd. Motion carried. Ms. Marzullo will send a letter to Mr. Hazlet to proceed.

PARKS and RECREATION: Mr. Gitzen had nothing to report.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE & FACILITY: Mr. Boice would like to have the wall removed between the two meeting rooms and received an estimate of \$2,300.00. Mr. Boice and Mr. Wagner believe that our employees can do this for us. Ms. Marzullo will contact Mark Grill to see if we need any permit first before proceeding.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Green discussed that he decided after talking to Ms. Marzullo to not use the Internship Program this summer.

MAYOR: Mayor Butler had a couple of announcements; Blood Screening Program, Pancake Breakfast and Elvis at the Atrium; see attached

Mayor Butler did get pricing on the flags; \$23.00 per flag plus shipping. Since we do not need them till the parade he will table this till May's Meeting.

POLICE: Mayor Butler went over the police report.

Joshua Sheppeck has worked with Matt Wagner a whole month for training and is now able to work on his own.

Mayor Butler said that the radio was installed and programmed in the Dodge police car.

Mayor Butler said we need LED lights for the Dodge car. He is looking into something better that the lights last longer.

The camera system that Matt Wagner donated to the borough is missing power sources, adapters, etc. which would cost the borough \$60.00 to \$100.00 to purchase. Mr. Boice made motion to have these items purchased at a cost of \$60.00 to \$100.00; Ms. Harmon 2nd. Motion carried.

Mayor Butler said that the hearing they had on the junk car on Franklin Street; the complainant did not show. A certified letter was sent and the letter came back as unclaimed. Mr. Colangelo will check this out as now he may have to face a constable.

Mayor Butler said that they need to look for a new vendor to install the light bar.

SEWAGE: Mr. Wagner stated that we are still waiting on the signed Fair Agreement; hopefully will be signed at the March meeting.

Mr. Wagner made motion to purchase a push camera from U.S. Municipal at a cost of \$10,975.00 plus \$435 for the skid; total \$11,410.00; \$7,518.32 is being paid from the 2015 Impact Fees monies; Mr. Green 2nd. Motion carried. The engineer has agreed this is a good product.

Auma was in regarding the pinch valve at the EQ Tank; they suggested a special grinder that is like a “muffin monster”.

Mr. Wagner mentioned that Mr. Robinson had a backup in his lines a week or so ago and his costs was \$500.00 to clean the lines and would like reimbursed. Mr. Wagner said that in the past backups produced only water when cleaned. Mr. Marciniak said that the Robinson’s had a choice of what man hole to use. Mr. Robinson asked who was liable for this backup. Mr. Marciniak said that they would discuss this under the executive session.

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 decided to try one (1) seal first to see how it worked. Mr. Rosensteel said that rags are coming in and is not sure if the seals will eliminate the problem. Mr. Hilliard made motion to purchase one (1) seal for \$955.00; Mr. Wagner 2nd. Motion carried. Mr. Rosensteel said that the grinder they are looking at may prevent this from happening. Will hold off till next month.

Mr. Rosensteel said that the Wasteload Management Report was submitted this month.

WATER: Ms. Harmon asked if PA American would like to clarify any information further. Mr. Hilliard asked if Rex Energy was coming through DCNR and Dustin Drew said “No”. Mr. Boice asked what the size was of the lines as previous comments were misconstrued. Keith Gabage said it will be an eight inch (8”) line with a 1-1/2” meter.

Ms. Harmon made motion to advertise 2016-01 Street Ordinance; Mr. Marciniak 2nd. Motion carried. As ordinances need to be advertised and not adopted for thirty (30) days after advertised, this Ordinance 2016-01 will not be motioned to adopt until May 2nd.

Ms. Harmon made motion to advertise 2016-02 Water Ordinance; Mr. Marciniak 2nd. Roll call: Mr. Gitzen; no, Mr. Hilliard; no, Mr. Green; no, Mr. Wagner; yes, Ms. Harmon; yes, Boice; no, and chair; yes. Motion not carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Boice made motion to adopt Resolution 2016-10; Pension Plan to change contribution to \$625.00 per person per quarter; Mr. Green 2nd. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner made motion to adopt Resolution 2016-11; Amended Fee Resolution; Mr. Boice 2nd. Motion carried.

Mr. Marciniak told council to have all their Prospector articles given to Ms. Marzullo before the end of this month.

Mr. Marciniak said that George Simcic needs three (3) separate Hepatitis shots; at a cost of \$90.00 each. Calls were made to get this approved by council.

Mr. Green made motion to pay the \$20.00 application fee for George Simcic for the Pension Plan (PMRS); Mr. Hilliard 2nd. Motion carried.

Mr. Vaccarello said that we have a resident on Kennedy Road that needs a Road Bond as he has trailers that are 10 Ton weight limit empty. These are hauled loaded and the dumpster is hauled loaded. Also on the same property there is two (2) businesses using one (1) sewer tap. Each business is required to have their own tap. It was determined that Mayor Butler would address the weight limit information and the Sewage Committee for the sewage issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:32PM

RESUMED: 8:55PM

Information regarding updates on our legal proceedings for the delinquent sewage customers was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Marciniak told council we received the 2016 Liquid Fuels Monies for \$37,748.47; approximately \$999.00 more than last year.

Mr. Marciniak stated we went with a crack sealer from the county council of government this year and saved \$1,400.00.

Mr. Marciniak said that the Butler County Borough Association dinner will be on April 21st at the Hardwood Café.

Mr. Marciniak said that we need to make a decision about the PennVest Audit. John Farinelli, our auditor, recommends MaherDuessel as they work with municipalities. There quote was for up to \$10,000.00 based upon two (2) weeks. The other was from O'Connor, Pagano & Associates which was not to exceed \$9,000.00. Mr. Hilliard made motion to have MaherDuessel do the PennVest Audit Mr. Boice 2nd. Motion carried. These monies will be paid from the Sewage Fund.

Mr. Wagner has talked to Greg Schiller and he first needs to speak to his employer before committing to being involved with our Emergency Management program. Mr. Hilliard said that if they needed any help he would be available; possibly an assistant.

PAY BILLS: Motion made by Mr. Hilliard to pay the General Fund Bills for \$8,115.62 (Includes \$20 PMRS Application Fee); Mr. Green 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Wagner to pay the Sewage Fund Bills for \$1,323.31; Mr. Hilliard 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Wagner to pay the Highway Aid Fund Bills for \$32.50; Mr. Hilliard 2nd. Motion carried.

Mr. Green made motion to destroy the survey papers; Mr. Hilliard 2nd. Motion carried.

Round Table:

Mr. Gitzen	No additional comments.
Mr. Hilliard	No additional comments.
Mr. Green	No additional comments.
Mr. Wagner	He hopes we do not regret the decision that was made tonight about the water.

Ms. Marzullo	We need to make sure any calls we make for motions be put on the next agenda and noted in the minutes.
Mayor Butler	Don't forget about the Pancake Breakfast and Elvis!
Ms. Harmon	No additional comments.
Mr. Boice	No additional comments.
Mr. Colangelo	No additional comments.
Mr. Rosensteel	No additional comments.

ADJOURN: 9:08PM. No further business at hand, motion made by Mr. Hilliard to adjourn; Mr. Wagner 2nd. Motion carried.