



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2018 @7:00 PM
159 MONROE STREET
PROSPECT, PA 16052

CALL TO ORDER: President Bill Katz called the regular meeting of the Prospect Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. There was a salute to the flag and a representative from Mt. Zion Baptist Church said a prayer. The following council members were present: Mary Harmon, Bill Katz, Nick Vaccarello, Gus Guenther, Eric Hilliard, Janice Boice, and Mayor Jim Butler. Stephanian & Menchyk, LLP Solicitor, Andy Menchyk and KLH Engineer, Sam Gibson, George Simcic, Judy Stoops, and Terry Beck were also in attendance. Todd Wilson was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Gus Guenther made a motion to approve the September 4, 2018 minutes as presented. 2nd motion by Nick Vaccarello. All in favor, motion carried and approved.

VISITORS: Tracy Malinski from Bear Creek Road, she passed out photos of the water pond at the front of her yard by road. She wanted to know why it was graded and who was going to fix it. She said Nick Vaccarello came out and called her and the neighbors all dumb and said her husband almost decked him. Nick admitted to calling them dumb. Nick said she needs a culvert pipe put in. After much discussion, she doesn't understand what Nick was trying to explain and why this was done.

Vicki Sliker from 111 Kennedy Road, asked can you destroy my yard, this was in regards to the grading of the road? I got my lawnmower stuck and my neighbor had to pull me out. Are my property taxes going down? Borough can do nothing, you just put it onto the resident. Nick Vaccarello tried to explain, and Eric Hilliard said the vegetation was just taken off.

LIBRARY/RECREATION: Mary Harmon made a motion to donate \$118.00 for prize money for Halloween party to the firehall. Prizes are 7 – 1st place of \$10.00, 6 – 2nd place of \$5.00, 6 – 3rd place of \$3.00. 2nd motion by Janice Boice. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY: George Simcic will order the defibrillator that was approved at June meeting.

Mary Harmon made a motion to remove Nathan Blackwood and if there was someone else from the EMA position. 2nd motion by Nick Vaccarello. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

Janice Boice made a motion to appoint Eric Hilliard as the new EMA Coordinator for Prospect Borough. 2nd motion by Nick Vaccarello. All in favor except Eric Hilliard as he abstained. Motion is carried and approved.

Eric Hilliard made a motion to purchase another lock box to hold keys for all pieces of equipment in case of emergencies. 2nd motion by Gus Guenther. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

Nick Vaccarello is meeting with Conservation District to inspect the Mark IV Farms properties.

Eric Hilliard made a motion for Robert Leach and George Simcic to attend the annual safety days training for a cost of \$10.00 each on October 10, 2018. 2nd motion by Janice Boice. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

Janice Boice made a motion for Robert Leach and George Simcic to attend the salt and snow management class on October 12. There is no charge for this. 2nd motion by Gus Gunther. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Alan Vagasky asked to change the planning commission meeting back one week. Janice Boice made a motion to change the Planning Commission Meeting from October 15 to October 22 and to advertise it in the Butler Eagle. 2nd motion by Mary Harmon. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND STREETS: Nick Vaccarello made a comment that because of all the rain this year, there have been 6 overflows of sewage onto his property and wants to know what the Borough is going to do about it?

Eric Hilliard made a motion to purchase 4 new snow tires and rims for the new Ford pick up truck. 2nd motion by Gus Guenther. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE FACILITY:

Old Business: Gus Guenther made a motion to purchase gutters for both buildings for \$1,633.50. 2nd motion by Eric Hilliard. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

New Business: Gus Guenther made a motion to accept Tri County garbage new agreement for 2019 for \$64.80 per month, up from \$60.00 from last year. 2nd motion from Eric Hilliard. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

Everest Infrastructure Partners, Inc. is offering another price on Tower Lease, but Council declined offer.

PERSONNEL: Will be gone over in executive session.

Personnel reviews were completed. Mayor said he will be finishing up with the police soon.

MAYOR & POLICE: I received a thank you from Preservation Society thanking the Borough for all their help with Rube's Run.

Thank you to George and Robert for getting fall banners up.

Thank you to Janice Boice for getting police bench made. Great job on it.

2 new cell phones – tabled until Chief Hilton and George can meet with Verizon.

New police vehicle is here and is at IBIS Tek to get all the police equipment installed on it.

Cameras were ordered today for the police car.

A violation letter will be sent out to 410 Main Street for cleanup purposes.

Chief Hilton will be attending fire arms training.

SEWAGE:

Old Business: Sam Gibson from KLH presented his report – they are continuing to develop the hydraulic model and explained about Manhole rehabilitation project and suggested that the Borough make a motion to award bid to PIM Corporation for \$56,526.00 subject to DCNR giving us a credit for

that amount. Motion by Janice Boice and 2nd by Nick Vaccarello. All in favor, motion is carried and approved. Also, Sam explained that Prospect Borough did not receive the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant this year.

New Business: George Simcic explained about the Force Main Repair at the McNaughton Pump Station and about the pump being replaced at the Wilson pump station.

After some discussion, Janice Boice made a motion for the Borough to do a dye test on Duane Leonburg property on Monroe Street to see if sewage lines were terra cotta or proper lines. 2nd motion by Gus Guenther. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

Next sewage meeting is Monday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m.

SOLICITOR Andrew Menchyk:

Grease Trap Ordinance #2018-6 – Sam from KLH gave Solicitor Menchyk some corrections. Eric Hilliard made a motion to adopt this. 2nd motion by Gus Guenther. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

Solicitor Menchyk is waiting to hear back from General Code this month to see how codification is coming along.

Solicitor Menchyk sent out letters to neighboring municipalities to see if they were interested in regional police force and the response was no one was interested at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Three Rivers Van show - \$605.89 in Amusement Tax received.

Executive Session: Was held for litigation and personnel issues. Eric Hilliard made a motion to hire Robert Leach as full time effective immediately at the rate of \$14.00 with no medical benefits at his request, and with the \$625.00 a quarter for pension. 2nd motion by Nick Vaccarello. All in favor, motion is carried and approved.

PAY BILLS: General Fund bills totaling \$2,559.00. Janice Boice motioned to pay these bills. 2nd motion by Eric Hilliard. All in favor, motion carried and approved.

Sewage Fund bills totaling \$9,299.49. Janice Boice motioned to pay these bills. 2nd motion by Eric Hilliard. All in favor, motion carried and approved.

ADJOURN: Janice Boice made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. 2nd motion by Eric Hilliard. All in favor, motion carried and approved.

Judith A. Stoops – Secretary/Assistant Treasurer
Terry L. Beck –Treasurer/Assistant Secretary