

159 Monroe Street Prospect, PA 16052 Regular Council Meeting MEETING MINUTES July 6th, 2020

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. A SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- 3. A PRAYER by Pastor Ben
- 4. ROLL CALL Nick_X__ Bill _X__ Gus_X__ Todd _X__ Eric _X__ Mary _X__ Mayor _X__ Kelly__X__ Sam ___ Solicitor __X__ George__X__
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1st Gus Guenther 2nd Eric Hilliard

The Mayor would like to thank Pastor Ben for the gift basket donation. Nick has arrived at the meeting at 7:02

6. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Bills that were paid during the month.

	Bills payed from	Checking	Savings	1st	2nd
	Checking-June	Total	Total		
General Fund	\$26,891.76	\$30,451.83	\$103,658.52		
Sewer Fund	\$22,503.99	\$68,175.03	\$12,213.27		
Vehicle Fund		\$1,284.85	\$19,266.95		
Highway Fund	\$315.06	\$39,956.97	\$27,964.47		
Act 13 Impact Fee		\$11,308.47	\$3,227.31		

Motion to hold off on the Treasures Report until the checkbook is balanced at the Finance Committee Meeting

Motion Mary Harmon 2nd Nick Vaccarello Gus Guenther Oppose

VISITORS TO BE HEARD (Each Visitor has 3 minutes limit unless Council overrides)

Rita Vaccarello

Rita spoke on the debris on the road and about the bushed/tress being trimmed. 140 Kennedy Road is a "mutilation of bushes" as she stated. It was asked of George is he sprayed poison on the hedges and plants.

Anne Coleman from Marci Mustello office

Anne spoke on behalf on her office to let the borough know of the property tax forms available on their website. She also wanted to let the people know that the unemployment link is also available, and they do take calls in the office to assist in that. They have helped 8900 people in the last few weeks.

Dawn Szymoniak

Dawn had some questions about the Quit Claim Deed for the alley that drives up to her house. If the borough decides to take this action, would it leave her without an access road if they own the road now? It was agreed to talk about it later in Executive Session. The Mayor added that two ends of the road do belong to the Borough.

Greg Schiller

Mr. Schiller asked the Council if the Borough had a Street Plan? Having one would help solve the questions with the Borough's "right of way" for the property owners rights. Greg himself volunteered to do the research for the Borough and create a Street Plan. This would help answer how far roads extend into properties.

Nick Vaccarello

Mr. Vaccarello would like to speak as a citizen. Nick is upset about his two properties where bushes were trimmed by the Borough. He is also concerned about the pesticide being sprayed onto his property. That his property is not Industrial Property and can not have those chemicals on his trees. George then told Nick the toxins were approved by DEP and the trimming of the bushes were within standard on state code.

Ratify Phone vote on Code Enforcement Officer position as Richardson Inspection Services

Motion: Janice Boice 2nd: Eric Hilliard Oppose: Nick Vaccarello

Ratify Email vote for Accepting Dawn's resignation letter

Motion: Eric Hilliard 2nd: Gus Guenther Mary Harmon Abstain

Ratify Email on the Resolution of the Borough of Prospect for Decorum of Public Meetings

Motion: Eric Hilliard 2nd: Janice Boice No Oppose

1. LIBRARY/RECREATION - Todd & Eric

Eric let the Borough know of the Passing of the Librarian who was cherished in town for her work not only at the library, but for the Boys and Girls Club. Jill Hamley will be retiring July 15th as the current Librarian; no new librarian is lined up yet.

2. INSURANCE AND FINANCE - Mary, Janice, Jim & Gus

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed to hold off on the Treasurer Report until the Finance Committee Meeting could meet on July 17th at 9am.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY - Janice, Mary, Gus & Jim

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor would like to revisit the Bunker Gear situation with a donation to the Fire Department to purchase the gear.

Motion to donate \$7,000 to the Volunteer Fire Department

Motion Gus Guenther 2nd Janice Boice Eric Hilliard Abstain

Gus would like to amend his motion and re-motion that the money donated had "no strings attached", that it will become the Fire Department monies to spend without stipulations.

Motion Gus Guenther 2nd Nick Vaccarello Mary Oppose Eric Abstain

NEW BUSINESS

4. PLANNING COMMISSION - Alan

Alan handed out his Report to the Borough Council about the Planning Commission meeting on June 15th. He spoke about three inquiries about property on:

- Subdivision on Kennedy Road- no surveyor or engineer not contacted yet
- Erecting a garage on Harmon Lane request from Jim Gallagher(?)
- Curt Krueger inquired about a possible variance for structure closer than 10 feet to a property lane

Alan extended the opportunity to help serve the Planning Commission and are looking for people who want to help.

5. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT & STREETS - Nick, Gus & Eric

OLD BUSINESS

The removal of the boulder on Acorn Lane to access the storm drain. A letter was sent out to the property owners and a follow up phone call. No response. It was recommended to send another letter or have a council member knock on the door.

NEW BUSINESS

Nick would like to see an engineer inspect and draw a conclusion that can help at Crown Hill Road to fix the complications of water runoff. George stated a mini excavator could be rented and fix the problem.

Eric will discuss with Sam the underground retention pipe on his property on Wilson Road. Property spray for Wilson Ditch/PennDOT has SOP that the Borough has adopted and will be using. Nick does not want his property sprayed; and stated any damage done to his property will be the responsibility of the Borough for restoration.

Motion to spray according the PennDOT SOP

Motion Gus Guenther 2nd Eric Hilliard Oppose Nick Vaccarello and Todd Wilson

6. BUILDING & GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE & FACILITY - Gus, Eric, Nick & Bill

OLD BUSINESS

At the last meeting, the Clean Up Days were cancelled for the year, Gus would like to have a Clean Up Day. Mary believes the cost would be too high for the borough at this time. The Mayor suggested people can pay for the service. After discussion on costs a motion was made to have a Clean Up Day in October if the costs could be worked out for the borough's residents to be satisfied.

Motion Gus Guenther 2nd Eric Hilliard Oppose Mary Harmon

George stated that on the upcoming Thursday utilities service members will be out to outline where the poles will be moved to on Monroe Street. Gas lines and utility poles for Monroe St. estimates on work with KLH contractor for widening the road will be available in the next months.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough's front garage door is rotting, and locks are separating so a motion to get a new door for \$300-\$400 to install.

Motion Gus Guenther 2nd Eric No Oppose

Kelly and Eric will be working with Richardson Inspection Services to get him to visit properties this upcoming month to begin the Code Enforcement Work.

7. PERSONNEL - Janice, Eric, Bill, Gus & Jim

OLD BUSINESS

Dawns resignation letter was accepted by the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS

Pension Plan for the two employees will need to be reviewed. The Borough needs to contribute more into the plan. At the next meeting, the council will be able to review the plans to vote.

8. MAYOR/ POLICE DEPARTMENT

OLD BUSINESS

The police department has issued 6 citations and 8 warnings over the course of the month. Combined work hours for the police is 64.5 Hours

NEW BUSINESS

9. SEWAGE - Mary, Janice, & Bill

OLD BUSINESS

Jay Dayen Permit Extension- Jay Dayen came up to address the council. He spoke on receiving the tap over a sale from Ron Lutz. Although Mr. Lutz was unable to build on his remaining property, Mr. Dayen had obtained his permit and would like to build on his separate parcel. There was a motion to extend his sewage permit under the condition he pay from December 2019 until July 2020 at cost with no late fees or charges.

Motion Eric Hilliard 2nd Gus Guenther No Oppose

Still no overflow in the "1 year with no by-pass" to release some taps

Smoke test for sewage to be done within the borough. Each address has been identified and smoke test letters will be sent out by George and Kelly to let the residents know the tests will be conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

George let the Borough know we received a PA One call 100% Response rating which is very impressive.

A letter will be sent out to David about the three grates on Dwight Boice and the Historical Society Properties need replaced. Andy will send that letter out. Eric will follow up.

SEWAGE MEETING DATE:

Meeting date scheduled for July 17th at 9am

10. SOLICITOR ANDY MENCHYK

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Marbell-Holland Quitclaim Deed will be discussed in Executive Session

Executive Session: Time Leaving: 8:55pm Time Back: 9:32

Motion to give Tim Covert a pay raise

Motion Eric Hilliard 2nd Gus Guenther No Oppose

Motion to withdraw the Quit Claim Deed of Marbell-Holland

Motion Eric Hilliard 2nd Nick Vaccarello No Oppose

PAY BILLS:

Account	Amount	1st	2nd	Oppose
General Fund	\$2,416.48	Eric Hilliard	Janice Boice	
Sewer Fund	\$766.50	Eric Hilliard	Janice Boice	

Vehicle Fund	0			
Highway Fund	\$168.41	Eric Hilliard	Janice Boice	
Act 13 Fund	0			

Motion to ADJOURN: Time: 1st Motion Eric Hilliard 2nd Motion Janice Boice