



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2017 @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 salute to the flag and a prayer given by Pastor Steve Cort. The following council members were present: Mary Harmon, Glen Gitzen, Eric Hilliard, Bill Katz, Sam Wagner, Bob Boice, and Mayor Jim Butler. Stephanian & Menchyk, LLP Solicitor, Andrew Menchyk and KLH Engineer, Shawn Rosensteel was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no changes made to the August 7, 2017, Regular council meeting. Mr. Gitzen made a motion to approve the August 7, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Mr. Katz 2nd. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Chris Callen would like to do a candy drive for Halloween. This is to get candy and give to people who can't afford to buy and hand out for Halloween. It was noted that council did not have to approve this so she was going to go ahead with this.

Nick Vaccarello stated that the survey pins were still not corrected. He also stated again about the water run-off. He said he still has a request for two (2) Right to Know items but didn't say what they were. He stated that his pole building has been broken into for the 7th time. This time they stole all the copper wire. President Marciniak thanked him and proceeded to move on.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Ms. Harmon stated that she would like the financial information she requested from the fire department before we give money out for the pagers. She was told by Mr. Menchyk that they do not have to give us that information. We do not pay their bills. We only give them a donation.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report

PLANNING: Nothing to report.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND STREETS: Mr. Boice stated that Bearcreek Road was sealed.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE FACILITY: Mr. Boice stated that the price to fix the hydraulic tank was actually \$2,123.00 instead of \$474.00. Walsh's said that first price didn't include labor. They also charged us for new hydraulic oil instead of using the old. The truck needed new tires also. A motion was made by Mr. Gitzen; Mr. Katz 2nd. Motion was carried with Mr. Boice abstaining due to his son doing the work. The truck also needs a new blower motor. Motion was made by Mr. Hilliard; Mr. Gitzen 2nd. Motion was carried with Mr. Boice abstaining due to his son doing the work.

We had people in here last month from the Corrections Office doing mowing and painting. George stated that the pad was poured for new building. George stated that the pricing was incorrect from the 1st quote for the carport. The actual cost went up to \$4,100.00, it is still cheaper than the other quotes. Mr. Hilliard stated he would call and confirm pricing. A motion was made by Mr. Hilliard; Mr. Katz 2nd, to spend up to \$4,300.00 on the new building. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Ms. Marzullo resigned on August 24, 2017. The Personnel Committee will interview applicants and for the Personnel Committee to hire replacements before the next meeting. There is a possibility we will hire two (2) part-timers. A motion was made by Mr. Boice; Mr. Katz 2nd, to hire two (2) part-timers. Ms. Harmon and Mr. Wagner said no. Roll call vote with all council members approving with exception of Ms. Harmon and Mr. Wagner. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for 2 against. Ms. Harmon also requested that applicants have background checks done and availability of bonding. Motion was made by Mr. Hilliard; Mr. Katz 2nd, for President Marciniak to put a help wanted ad in the Butler Eagle for a Secretary. Motion carried.

SEWAGE: The McNaughton Station had 2 new pumps installed with one (1) of the pumps failing. The pump was checked and found to be a manufacture problem. The equalization tank has a blower with a bad seal and is leaking oil. It is to be repaired. A motion was made by Mr. Wagner; Mr. Gitzen 2nd, for a meeting with KLH Engineers to meet with DEP for an action plan by October.

MAYOR: Mr. Butler stated that Sept. 17, 2017, the Fire Department will hold their annual car show.

POLICE: There are no recorded hours for the Police because of no secretary. Mr. Butler stated that Miss Sporrer will start training next week. The ford was taken to a repair shop because the sway bar links are starting to wear. There was no work performed but we were told to continually check it. A letter was sent for a code violation at 410 Main Street. Complaint was received because of a go-cart running up and down on Bearcreek Road. It was noted that Chief Tatton, Officer Hilton, and Officer Wagner should have a warning put in their personnel file for not accruing 20 hours work.

TRUCK COMMITTEE: Mr. Hilliard stated that we are working on some updated pricing for extra equipment on the truck.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Mr. Boice; Mr. Katz 2nd, to make Mr. Menchyk the point man for the codification of our code book since we don't have a secretary. Motion carried.

Monroe street right-of-way's were sent out to the owners who have yet to respond. We are still waiting on the right-of-way information for Harmon Lane.

A motion was made by Mr. Hilliard; Mr. Katz 2nd, to donate \$7,000.00 to the fire department for a truck.

Mr. Marciniak stated that we now own the Fehl property. A motion was made by Mr. Boice; Mr. Katz 2nd, to have Mr. Heintl brush hog the high grass at our new property for \$50.00. Mr. Hilliard voted no. Motion carried on a vote of 6 to 1.

NEW BUSINESS: It was checked at Kwik Fill and we don't pay fuel tax. American Tower again wants to renegotiate our contract on the property. All said no. A motion was made by Mr. Katz; Mr. Hilliard 2nd, to accept the resignation of Ms. Marzullo as secretary. Motion carried. Our Facebook page needs a new administrator there are no takers at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Boice; Mr. Katz 2nd, to bond our President for 3 years at a cost of \$446.00. Mr. Wagner voted no. Motion carried with a vote of 6 to 1.

Executive Session: 8:20PM ~ Legal and Personnel Matters

Resumed our meeting after the Executive Session at 8:40PM at that time a motion was made by Ms. Harmon; Mr. Katz 2nd, to counter offer on our legal matter. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Marciniak voted no. Motion carried on a vote of 5 to 2.

PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Mr. Boice, Mr. Katz 2nd, to pay \$4028.03 from the General Fund. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Harmon; Mr. Hilliard 2nd, to pay \$2,220.45 from the Sewage Fund. Motion carried.

Nothing was needed to be paid from the Highway Fund.

ROUND TABLE:

Mr. Boice stated that we need to be working with the Police Department better.

Mr. Katz stated that we need better communication and cooperation when trying to help the community improve.

Mr. Wagner nothing

Mr. Gitzen nothing

Mr. Hilliard nothing

Ms. Harmon we need to think about the new budget

Mayor Butler nothing

Solicitor Menchyk nothing

Mr. Rosensteel nothing

Officer Tatton nothing

Mr. Simic nothing

Mr. Marciniak that we are just trying to keep the borough afloat.

ADJOURN: Motion was made by Mr. Boice; Mr. Katz 2nd. Motion carried at 8:52 PM.