

November 4, 2002

The regular meeting of the Prospect Borough Council was called to order by President Davis with the Salute to the Flag. The following members were present: T. Davis, B.J. Fediaczko, B. Roth, N. Vacarello, D. Trimble, G. Dalton, president Davis and Mayor Butler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed with one addition being noted by Fediaczko. In the previous month, the secretary had investigated the possibilities of one contractor (on a bid basis) hauling all refuse and recycling for the borough. The secretary found that it just was not feasible to do it at this time. Motion was made by T. Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dalton that the minutes be approved with the correction. Motion carried by all the members present.

Dawn Szymoniak was present with a minor sub-division for Council's approval. All criteria has been met. The plan is off Harmon Lane adjoining the James Harmon property. They also requested permission to use the present sewage tap being used for the mobile home they presently live in. Motion was made by Vaccarello and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dalton that the plan be approved contingent upon payment of the \$35 fee and the approval of the Butler County Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Vaccarello yes, Davis yes, Dalton yes, Roth yes, Trimble yes, Fediaczko yes, pres Davis yes, Motion carried. James Harmon also presented a letter of request to be placed on the waiting list for a sewage connection for the one he gave up for his daughter to use.

Mr. Raisely was present to present a sub-division for Council's consideration. The plan would break off a lot from the Aljuron Mobile Home Court. The plan would eliminate the mobile home on the lot and a residential home would be built on the lot. All criteria has been met according to Prospect Planning Commission. Motion to approve was made by Vaccarello and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fediaczko contingent on the approval of the \$35 fee and the approval of the Butler County Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Vaccarello yes, Davis yes, Dalton yes, Roth yes, Trimble yes, Fediaczko yes, pres Davis yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Butler gave the Police report for the month with 593 miles traveled and 105 hours worked.

B.J. Fediaczko of the Park Committee reported that there were about 70 young children at the Halloween at the Park event. Donuts and cider were served. She has had very good reports from the event. There will be a Santa In The Park event on December 7, 2002 at 3pm. Additional activities are being planned for the 2003 summer. Estimates will be received for the park signs. The Park Committee will be looking into the possibility of purchasing some ground for a Municipal Park. There is some question as to what all can be done with the present park since it belongs to the Slippery Rock School District. Fediaczko will be checking with the school concerning the park.

The Street Committee reported that Wiest Paving will beginning the work on Bear Creek Road. It was noted that PennDot had turned down the borough's request to reduce the speed zone in the area along Route 488 from 45mph to 35mph. Secretary will have the school district send a letter to PennDot concerning the matter. Bear Creek Road will be widened to 20 feet to accommodate a school bus. The residents in the area have presented a signed petition requesting a school bus go back Bear Creek Road and Acorn Lane. The petition states that they will provide a release to travel Acorn Lane and they will provide a turn around. The petition also states that the residents will not hold the school district responsible for road damage. A letter has been received from the Slippery Rock Transportation Director stating what would have to be done for the bus to travel the road.

Prospect Borough Council had originally advertised to place binder and wearing course on the roadway. Here are the bids:

IA Construction	\$40,477.00
Winters and Fleming	\$42,519.50
Russell Std.	\$41,570.00
Shoarn Paving	\$35,538.10
Campbell's Asphalt	\$39,713.00

Motion was made in Sept meeting to accept wiest Paving as apparent responsible low bidder. Notice to proceed was not given then pending Engineer review and Slippery Rock School's letter to Council. Wiest Paving gave Council quote for the additional work needed on the roadway. The roadway was surveyed and was found to be within the rightaway. The widening will also be within the rightaway. Two or three additional tress may have to be removed adjacent to the D. Throm property and a fence will have to be removed belonging to a Mr. Berry. Vaccarello moved to accept the wiest option #2 at the Oct. Meeting.

President Davis stated that there will be a leaf pickup dumpster placed at the Borough building in the month of November.

President Davis proposed the 2003 Sewage Budget for consideration and advertisement. Motion was made by Trimble and 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Davis that proposed budget be advertised as presented. The proposed budget reflects a \$4 per month increase in the monthly sewage bill. Vaccarello stated that he felt that the increase was not enough to cover the upcoming bills. All agreed that there is an unknown quotient here in the operation of the equalization Tank. The budget also reflects that no new connections have been secured from DER as yet. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Vaccarello yes, T. Davis yes, Dalton yes, Roth yes, Trimble yes, Fediaczko yes, pres Davis yes. Motion carried for advertisement.

The secretary presented proposed ord 2002-1 to increase the monthly sewage charge from \$32 per month to \$36 per month beginning due January 2003. Motion was made by T. Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trimble that the Ord 2002-1 be advertised. Roll call vote: T. Davis yes, Trimble yes, Fediaczko yes, Vaccarello yes, Dalton yes, Roth yes, President Davis yes. Motion carried.

The secretary reported that Council has received notice of a \$10,000 grant from DCED for work on the Borough pond. The secretary had applied for a \$20,000 grant originally. D. Trimble and N. Vaccarello will be a committee to oversee the project.

A letter was received from Slippery Rock School pertaining to the Earned Income Tax Audit from McGill, Power & Gill. Motion was made by Vaccarello and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fediaczko that the Borough accepts the audit of up to \$675 but not more than that. Roll call vote: T. Davis yes, Trimble yes, Fediaczko yes, Vaccarello yes, Dalton yes, Roth yes, President Davis yes. Motion carried.

The secretary also noted that the Engineer and Attorney have been working on the formula for increasing the sewage tap in fee. It should be available soon.

A Letter has been received from American Tower requesting that they be permitted to sub-lease the tower to AT&T. No motion was passed. Council is requesting a Rep to be present at the regular meeting in Dec.

President Davis presented the 2003 Proposed General Fund Budget. No tax increases were proposed in the budget for the 2003. Motion was made by Vaccarello and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fediaczko that the budget be advertised as proposed. Roll Call vote: T. Davis yes, Trimble yes, Fediaczko yes, Vaccarello yes, Dalton yes, Roth yes, President Davis yes. Motion carried.

The secretary will advertise both proposed budgets in the Butler Eagle. They will be available for inspection at the Prospect Library during regular hours and at the home of the secretary by appointment. The budgets are set to be adopted at the regular December 2002 meeting.

J.R. Hilliard  
Secretary