

East Prospect Borough Council Meeting
Community Hall, East Prospect, PA
November 5, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., the East Prospect Borough Council was called to order by President Mick Regel and opened with the pledge to the American flag.

Present: Victor Dodson, George Dvorak, Shawn Keller, Mick Regel, & Don Barshinger. Others in attendance: Secretary Mindy Barshinger, Treasurer Marian Hunter, and Mayor Stephen Paduhovich.

Minutes of the October 1, 2025 were approved as read. Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Shawn Keller, to accept the October 15, 2025 (special meeting) minutes. Motion carried.

Payment of bills: Motion by Don Barshinger, seconded by Victor Dodson, to pay the general account bills and accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Patrons – Kathy & Buddy Schrum, David Bubb, Joann Miller, Karen Royer, Tina Paduhovich, Mark Knaub (EPFC), Denny Waltemyer (EPFC), Brian & Crystal Wasche.

Mark Knaub, treasurer of the East Prospect Fire Company, told Council that the fire company has serious financial problems; the expenses are exceeding the income. The fire company is not a sustainable venture any more; members are leaving, there is no president, only (1) trustee....Mark said that there has to be a 2/3 vote to dissolve the fire company, or file for bankruptcy, which has to go through bankruptcy court. Mark also said that the fire company will go bankrupt within the next few months.

According to the Borough Code, East Prospect Borough must have a designated fire company; therefore, Mark came up with a proposed plan – have (2) people, from Council, sit down with Craley & East Prospect Fire Companies to discuss coverage for the Borough, discuss transferring all assets to Craley FC, with exception of keeping (1) fire truck, in the Boro, discuss transferring the building to Craley FC or transfer it to the Borough, and discuss welcoming any members who want to join the Craley Fire Company; this plan would not cause any lapse of service to East Prospect. He also said that this plan would protect Craley's interests. The fire police will continue with going to other fire companies.

Mark thanked Council for everything they did for the fire company.

Chief Thomas (LWTPD) passed out October's incident report. Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to donate \$ 500.00 to 'Shop with a Cop'. Motion carried.

Denny Waltemyer (EPFC) commented that the fire company responded to (20) calls – (1) in East Prospect. Open house (fire prevention week) at the fire house was successful. The fire company covered the bonfire at the high school.

Mayor's Report – nothing

Old Business: Pot holes filled in – Shawn K. will look into look into this

Door to door survey results – don't think we will get the grant. Brian Wasche, who lives at 54 North Main Street, told Council he doesn't want a sidewalk in front of his house...People not interested in responding

Report of Committees:

Hall Committee – consensus of Council was not to collect rental fee for Sparky Reisinger's funeral luncheon.....

Street Committee - speed sign info passed out....street light outages sent to PennDot.....Mick said that the snow plow is in need of repair.....salt spreader & plow needs to be put on truck

Park & Recreation Committee – a bicycle rack, for the playground, is going to be donated.....the wire hooks at the fence(s) and grandstand need to be replaced....Don will take the mower to Hollinger's for service.

Ordinance Committee - Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Shawn Keller, to adopt Resolution # 2025-5 - Resolution of the Borough Council of East Prospect Borough Authorizing the Named Borough Council Official to Execute the Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. Motion carried. George Dvorak made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to pay the \$ 100.00 filing fee for the grant. Motion carried.

Human Resource's Committee – Shawn Keller made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to put Kurvin Schrum, on the payroll, to help with snow plowing. Motion carried.

Other Business - a letter was received, from Lower Windsor Township, stating that the board of supervisors met and approved the extension of police coverage, for the Boro, for the 2026 calendar year – cost \$ 71,840.12 (a provisional increase of 10% from 2025). Don Barshinger made a motion, seconded by Victor Dodson, to accept LWT's proposal for a (1) year police contract. Motion carried. It was mentioned that the communication with LWT is very poor.....

Since it doesn't look like we will be get the grant for the sidewalks on North Main Street extended, Dave Lipinski will be asked if the Borough could apply for the sidewalk grant to replace the sidewalks that already exist.

Chair's report – Mick reported that Dave Lipinski suggested putting 'rumble strips' before and after the painted crosswalk at the entrance to the development on South Main Street. Dave will contact PennDot for their approval to do this...

Secretary's Report - Mindy passed out the proposed 2026 budget for all to look at.... Council will pass the budget at December's meeting.

Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Shawn Keller, to NOT pay the solvency fee for 2026. Motion carried.

Victor Dodson made a motion, seconded by Shawn Keller, to pay Amanda Wompler \$ 40.00 an hour to up-date the new web-page, as needed. Motion carried. The new web-page she designed looks great. Mindy has asked Dustin Boyd, several times, to take off the old web-site, to no avail.

Meeting went into executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Executive session ended at 8:17 p.m.

George Dvorak made a motion, seconded by Shawn Keller, to appoint Don Barshinger, Mick Regel, and Victor Dodson (as an alternate) to attend the meeting with EPFC and Craley FC. Motion carried.

Motion by Victor Dodson, seconded by George Dvorak, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 3, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy K. Barshinger
Boro Secretary