

Prospect Town Council
Special Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
December 1, 2020

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Chairman Slapikas called to order the Special meeting of the Prospect Town Council @ 6:00 p.m. The meeting was a Virtual Meeting by videoconference via GoToMeeting as authorized by Executive Orders 7B and 7I. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Organizer of Virtual Meeting Present: J. Slapikas

A roll call for attendance was taken by Chairman Slapikas.

Via Online: J. Slapikas, P. Murray, R. Blanc, P. Geary, M. Patchkofsky, L. Fitzgerald, S. Pilat, S. Lusas Kolodziej T. Graveline

Council Members Absent: None

Absent: Mayor Robert J. Chatfield

There were several callers on the line.

Mayor Report: The Mayor did not attend the meeting. Chairman Slapikas gave an update as to the Mayor. The Mayor is very fatigued, but is in the office getting work done daily until 2 or 3 p.m.

Public Participation: Chairman Slapikas made a request 3 times for callers to press *6 and state their name and number to speak with the Council. No callers made the request. Public Participation was closed.

Guests: None

Chair's Report:

Bonadio Update: Chairman Slapikas commented that the Mayor signed a contract with the Bonadio Group. A two-hour conference call was held on Monday with the Office Manager, Anne Fortier, the Mayor and Chairman Slapikas attending. On Friday, the Bonadio Group will be speaking with the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector. The group will be reviewing the last 6 years of financial statements; also 20 items that were requested by the Council and the public. The group will stay in contact with Chairman Slapikas, and when not available with Stan Pilat. The group is also on track to give preliminaries by the end of year and to finish by the end of March 2021. Tim and Adam of the Bonadio Group had advised that if there are complications this could take longer than March. Chairman Slapikas asked for other questions. T. Graveline questioned how often the Chairman will be updated. Chairman Slapikas advised that the portal is updated daily and that the Chairman is given a phone call once a week with updates. Chairman Slapikas stated that any info that he receives he will pass along to the Council.

Community Wellness: A very lengthy discussion was held on Community Wellness. Chairman Slapikas advised that after discussion with the Mayor, the idea was passed along to M. Patchkofsky. M. Patchkofsky commented that she would like the Council to consider suggestions on bringing together the Community, not only during the Budget process, but all throughout the year. The Council discussed a separate sub-committee of the Council bringing together a liaison and members of civic and community organizations. P. Geary commented on the individuals that have direct contact with the community and getting their input. T. Graveline commented on getting Community awareness and involvement to the residents and businesses of Prospect through alerts and informational education, such as through Chesprocott seminars on such subjects as sun shade

canopies to protect from skin cancer and well and septic to those new homeowners that had not lived on well and septic before. Chairman Slapikas commented that he would like for the governing body of the Town to give back to the taxpayer and suggested contributing this information all year long. After discussion, Chairman Slapikas asked the Council to re-read the packet and come back to the Council with their suggestions. The Chairman advised that this topic will be on the next Agenda.

Holiday Donations from entire Council: Fuel Fund/Toy Fund/Food Fund

The Council discussed holding a Food Fund drive after the holidays as at this time the Food Bank is pretty well stocked. The Council continued with their discussion on contributing to the Fuel Fund. The Council will contribute \$50.00 each for a donated amount of \$450.00 to the Fuel Fund in the Council's name. Each Council member will make a check out to the Prospect Fuel Fund in the amount of \$50.00. Disc. A motion was made. **Motion** made by P. Geary, seconded by T. Graveline to receive on the Treasurer's report a line item listing of each balance for the Fuel Fund and the Toy Fund. Disc. The Council asked for an amended motion. **Motion** made by P. Geary, seconded by T. Graveline to amend the motion and to receive on the Treasurer's report a line item listing of each balance for the Fuel Fund and the Toy Fund and if there is a monetary balance for the Food Bank. A roll call vote was taken.

9 Approved/J. Slapikas, R. Blanc, P. Geary, M. Patchkofsky, L. Fitzgerald, S. Pilat, S. Lusas Kolodziej
T. Graveline, P. Murray **Opposed/ None Motion carries.** Chairman Slapikas advised that he had checked and the Fuel Fund balance to date was \$3,200. A motion was made for each member of the Council to write a check in the amount of \$50.00. **Motion** made by L. Fitzgerald, seconded by T. Graveline for the Council members to contribute to the fuel fund individually in the amount of \$50.00 each with a total of \$450.00 The checks will be put together and given to Chairman Slapikas to be given to the Mayor's office for the Fuel Fund. Disc. A roll call vote was taken.

9 Approved/J. Slapikas, P. Murray, T. Graveline, P. Geary, M. Patchkofsky, L. Fitzgerald, S. Pilat, S. Lusas Kolodziej, R. Blanc Opposed/ None Motion carries.

The Council advised that they would like a note to accompany the checks to advise of the contribution by the Council.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by R. Blanc, seconded by M. Patchkofsky to approve the minutes of 11/17/2020. Disc. **Motion** made by R. Blanc, seconded by M. Patchkofsky to approve as amended the minutes of 11/17/2020. A roll call vote was taken. **9 Approved/J. Slapikas, P. Murray, R. Blanc, P. Geary, M. Patchkofsky, L. Fitzgerald, S. Pilat, S. Lusas Kolodziej T. Graveline Opposed/ None Motion carries.**

New Business:

Transfers – None

Refunds – Motion made by P. Murray, seconded by R. Blanc to approve the Tax Refunds dated 12/1/2020 in the amount of \$2,510.31. A roll call vote was taken. **9 Approved/J. Slapikas, P. Murray, R. Blanc, P. Geary, M. Patchkofsky, L. Fitzgerald, S. Pilat, S. Lusas Kolodziej T. Graveline Opposed/ None Motion carries.**

Resignations – None

Appointments – None

Bids/Grants – None

Chairman Slapikas advised of the two letters he received from Tom Galvin, 27 Rockridge Terrace and dated 11/17/2020 @ 10:09 a.m. and one today dated 12/1/2020. Both letters were received by the Council. The discussion continued on the letters from T. Galvin, with Chairman Slapikas responding to today's T. Galvin letter by advising that Chairman Slapikas did more than a cursory review, which was not hasty nor undetailed and definitely not for lack of being thorough.

Correspondence:

Agenda

Minutes of 11/17/2020

T. Galvin's letter of 11/17/2020 received @ 10:09 a.m.

T. Galvin's letter of 12/1/2020

Tax Refunds dated 12/1/2020

Motion made by M. Patchkofsky, seconded by S. Pilat to place correspondence on file. **Unanimous.**

Old Business:

Chairman Slapikas commented that he had made contact with Bob LaBonne from LaBonne's (formerly Oliver's) regarding date to have a food drive in January for the Food Bank. The dates offered were 1/16/2021 and 1/23/2021; both dates are Saturdays. Disc. Motion made by L. Fitzgerald, seconded by M. Patchkofsky to approve the tentative date of Saturday, January 16, 2021 for a food drive for the Food Bank; the hours would be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Disc. A rollcall vote was taken. **9 Approved**/J. Slapikas, P. Murray, M. Patchkofsky, R. Blanc, P. Geary, T. Graveline, L. Fitzgerald, S. Pilat, S. Lusas Kolodziej **Opposed/ None Motion carries.**

Chairman Slapikas asked for further comments. P. Geary advised that the Council did not receive the monthly reports from a few departments. Chairman Slapikas advised that he had made the request known, but had not received additional information. A discussion took place on having a record of Fire Dept. calls. A discussion also took place on receiving information as to items that the Food Bank needed.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Land Use & Acquisition: None

Ordinance: None

Public Works Maintenance: None

Salary Review: No new meetings. The meetings should resume prior to the Budget process. T. Graveline advised that there are two items that the sub-committee would like: The Town Clerk's office temporary clerk's salary and the Tax Assessor's salary.

Sidewalk Task Force: A spring start; no knowledge if bid packet had been sent out. There will be a follow-up call to the Mayor's office as to when the bid packet will be going out.

Town Buildings: None; Will resume after the holidays

Pension: P. Murray commented that the monies from the old account to Nationwide had been dispersed. P. Murray continued that M. Riley will be conducting individual meetings with employees.

Chairman Slapikas asked for further comments. M. Patchkofsky questioned the Police Union Contract. Chairman Slapikas commented that due to the death of the Town Attorney's father, Vincent Farisello's dad, the meetings were cancelled. Chairman Slapikas is hopeful that a contract will be voted on by the beginning of the new year.

The Chairman continued that the next Council meeting will be a regular meeting and it will begin @ 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded by T. Graveline to adjourn the meeting @ 7:10 pm. **Unanimous.**

Jeff Slapikas
Town Council Chairman