

Prospect Town Council
Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes
March 3, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Prospect Town Council was called to order by Chairman Thomas J. Galvin @ 6:38 P.M. and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at the Prospect Town Hall, 36 Center Street. The meeting was taped.

Members Present: T. Graveline, S. Pilat, J. Slapikas, C. Graveline, D. Merriman, Al Delelle, P. Geary, Carla Perugini-Erickson and T. Galvin

Members Absent: None

Mayor's Report: Budget – Already acted upon

Mayor Robert J. Chatfield advised the Council that 3 orders for salt had been received between Friday and Tuesday, March 3, 2015. The Mayor advised that he was hoping that this was the last of the orders until next year. The Mayor stated that the cost per ton for salt was \$77.21. The Mayor requested a transfer in the amount of \$17,500.00. **Motion made by J. Slapikas and seconded by C. Graveline to approve the transfer from the Fund Balance under section 8.07 of the Prospect Town Charter**

To:	I & S Drivers	\$ 5,000.00
	I & S Contractors	\$ 5,000.00
	I & S Salt	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>
	Total	\$17,500.00

Unanimous.

T. Galvin asked the Council if anyone had questions on the Budget that was introduced at the preceding meeting. Carla Perugini-Erickson asked that time be allotted at the next Budget Workshop to discuss sidewalks and asked to have a powerpoint presentation added to the Agenda. C. Perugini-Erickson advised that she has been researching the resources that the town could use regarding grants for sidewalks. C. Perugini-Erickson advised that there is a need for sidewalks in town and it is time to address this issue. D. Merriman stated that he is in favor of better access for the center of town, but advised that there would be an added expense to the budget. C. Perugini-Erickson stated that she would like to discuss sidewalks, funding, costs and grants at the next Budget workshop.

Chair's Report: Town Charter Planning - Not acted upon
Additional Audit Steps - Not acted upon
Senior Tax Relief Ordinance – T. Galvin advised that the Ordinance Sub-committee is in the beginning stages of discussion for the Senior Tax Credit Ordinance.

Guests: None

Public Participation: Diane Lauber, Prospect Tax Collector, advised that the current Tax Refunds are taken from the account that she had established. D. Lauber stated that she will be using this account until the end of June 2015 and will begin with the suggested procedure of the Auditor that was approved through motions made at the last Town Council meeting.

Katie Blinstrubas, 24 Maple Dr., Democratic Registrar of Voters, came to the meeting to discuss the proposed bill by the Secretary of State, Denise W. Merrill, to eliminate the position of the Registrars, both Democratic and Republican, in all of the towns. Ms. Blinstrubas asked that everyone read Senate Bill 1051 and write to their Senators and Representatives, especially those of the Democratic Party. Discussion.

S. Pilat gave an update on the new K-5 Elementary School.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by D. Merriman and seconded by S. Pilat to approve the minutes of February 17, 2015. C. Graveline requested corrections to February 17, 2015 minutes. Motion made by D. Merriman and seconded by S. Pilat to approve the amended minutes of February 17, 2015. Unanimous.

Correspondence:

- Transfers dated February 27, 2015
- Tax Collector's Report December 2014
- Tax Collector's Report January 2015
- Mayor's Expenditures December 2014
- Revenue Sheet dated February 13, 2015
- Police Patrol Report dated February 2015

Motion made by J. Slapikas and seconded by P. Geary to place correspondence on file. Unanimous.

New Business: Refunds – None
Transfers – Already acted upon
Resignations – None
Appointments – None
Bids – None

Old Business:

Sub-committee Reports: T. Graveline stated that the Anti-Blight Ordinance sub-committee is in discussions to structure interviews for the Commissioners; applications are available online on the Town's website.

Also, Elderly Tax Credits and Snow Disposal Ordinances are still in discussions.

Public Participation: Matt Buonaiuto, Prospect Business Association advised that a meeting will be held on March 12, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M. at the Prospect Dairy Bar and an important subject to be discussed will be sidewalks.

Adjournment: Motion made by D. Merriman and seconded by S. Pilat to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous. The meeting adjourned @ 7:34 P.M.

Thomas J. Galvin, Chairman

Rosalyn B. Moffo, Clerk