

Prospect Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
Unapproved Minutes  
6-5-18

Chairman Jeff Slapikas called to order the regular meeting of the Prospect Town Council @ 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Prospect Town Hall, 36 Center Street and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was taped.

**Members Present:** J. Slapikas, Pat Geary, D. Merriman, M. Patchkofsky, R. Blanc, S. Pilat, C. Perugini-Erickson, L. Fitzgerald and T. Graveline

**Members Absent:** None

**Also in Attendance:** Mayor Robert J. Chatfield

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Chatfield requested a motion to remove from table – Mil Rate.

**Motion** made by S. Pilat, seconded by P. Geary to remove from table – Mil Rate. **Unanimous.** Mayor Chatfield advised of STCT cuts to Education Grant for Reg. #16, Locip and Pequot. The Mayor increased the Town's Budget to allow for a decrease to the Mil Rate of .25 from 31.25 to 31.0. Discussion.

**Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by R. Blanc to approve and set Mil Rate @ 31.0. **Unanimous.**

Mayor Chatfield asked Bill Lauber, PVFD Fire Chief to take the floor. B. Lauber advised of the bid, in the amount of \$848,870.00 that was received for the replacement of Engine 5 for the PVFD. B. Lauber advised that he previously anticipated a bid of \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. B. Lauber continued that the new pumper / tanker could hold 500 gallons more than any current PVFD fire vehicle. Council members questioned pricing of 'demo vehicles' to which B. Lauber stated was not a large market. Council members also questioned the market value that could be received from a used fire truck; B. Lauber gave an estimate that could be \$100,000, but not at all times. Mayor Chatfield is recommending a 10 year 'lease purchase'; the current loan that is in place for a Town vehicle will be completed as of October 15, 2018. B. Lauber commented on an increase to home owners' insurance rates if the Town does not approve the purchase of this new vehicle as the current vehicle is 20 years old as of 2019. The Mayor is recommending a Town Meeting on June 19, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Council members asked for more notice to the public on the date and time of the Town meeting and asked B. Lauber to post to Social Media a video presentation of the new vehicle. Also, B. Lauber was asked to advise that an increase to the residents' insurance rates could rise should the new vehicle not be purchased. T. Graveline requested that this information and the video presentation be shared on the Town's website. After discussion, **Motion** made by S. Pilat, seconded by M. Patchkofsky to approve and send to Town Meeting on June 19, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. the proposal of the PVFD's request to purchase the replacement of Engine 5. **Unanimous.**

J. Slapikas asked for a motion to set a special meeting date to approve the Resolution of the Town Council for the PVFD proposal for the replacement of Engine 5 and to hold an Executive Session for the Police Employees Union Contract: **Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to set a special meeting date of June 7, 2018 @ 4:15 p.m. for an Executive Session for the Police Employees Union Contract and to approve the Resolution for the PVFD proposal to purchase the replacement of Engine 5. **Unanimous.**

**Transfers:**

**Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by P. Geary to approve the transfer from the Fund Balance to the Capital – Non-Recurring Account for replacing telephones in the following buildings with the newest technology:

Library	\$ 7,648.59
Police Station	\$ 9,829.16
Fire House	\$ 9,897.57
Senior Center	<u>\$ 7,673.00</u>

**Total**                    **\$35,048.32**

Mayo Chatfield commented on purchasing through the State of CT bid process; the service will be through Frontier. Council members held discussion on allocating monies from the Regional School District 16 surplus for Town enhancements; J. Slapikas commented that no wrong doing was done; L. Fitzgerald commented on asking the Town’s Attorney for their input. Mayor Chatfield advised that he will consult with the Town’s Auditor on this subject. 7 Approved/2 Abstained, C. Perugini-Erickson & P. Geary. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** made by P. Geary, seconded by S. Pilat to approve the year end transfer for the 2017-2018 Budget:

From:		To:	
Probate #5090	\$ 260.05	WPCA HYD #5900-01	\$ 8,737.00
Audit #5201	\$ 350.00	Town Bldgs. #6100-4 Repairs	\$20,000.00
Public Works Overtime #7200-1	\$ 8,500.00	Town Bldgs. #6100-7 Contract Mnt	\$15,000.00
Cont. #7750-01 by Council	\$ 25,000.00	Postage #6260	\$ 2,000.00
Solid Waste #6950-06	\$ 11,626.95		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 45,737.00</b>		<b>\$45,737.00</b>

Discussion. **Unanimous.**

**Public Participation:**

Rev. Boardman Kathan, former historian of the Prospect Congregational Church gave the Council copies of a draft to be included into a new book about the Town’s in Connecticut. Rev. Kathan also gave to the Town a replica ‘Framed - American Revolution – Bicentennial Flag - 1776-1976’ – the flag is to be displayed in the large conference room of the Prospect Town Hall.

Tom Galvin, 27 Rockridge Terrace, commented on the General Fund and applying the school surplus monies to be used for Town accounts and not holding monies for Region 16, if needed at a later date. T. Galvin also commented on purchasing items through the State of CT bid pricing, which could come at a higher price than going through the Town’s own bid process.

**Chair’s Report:**

Set Meeting Date for Special Meeting – Police Union Contract: 6/7/18 @ 4:15 p.m. at the Prospect Town Hall

Discussion on Robert’s Rules of Order: Motions – votes.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** made by T. Graveline, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to approve the amended ‘red-lined’ minutes of 5/15/18 submitted by C. Perugini-Erickson. 7 Approved/2 Opposed, M. Patchkofsky & R. Blanc **Motion passes.**

**Correspondence:**

- Book Draft from Rev Boardman Kathan dated 1/24/18
- Town of Prospect Revenue Sheet as of Jan. 31, 2018
- Treasurer’s Report – April 2018
- Capital Non-Recurring Deposits & Expenditures
- Tax Refunds Dated 6/5/18
- Prospect Police Patrol Report – May 2018
- Town of Prospect One Pumper Tanker – Without Trade-In
- Town of Prospect General Fund Expenditures Compared with Budget – April 2018
- Town of Prospect Bid Notice – Sand - winter – bid date 6/11/18
- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Prospect Municipal Employees – Unit 115
- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Prospect Supervisors – Unit 116

**Motion** made by T. Graveline, seconded by P. Geary to place correspondence on file. **Unanimous.**

**Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by S. Pilat to approve the Tax Refunds dated 6/5/18 in the amount of \$2,698.79. **Unanimous.**

**New Business:**

**Refunds-** Previously Acted Upon

**Transfers-** Previously Acted Upon

**Appointments** – None

**Resignations-**None

**Bids/Grants:** Sand for Winter Use at a per yard price – opening bid June 11, 2018 @ 10 a.m. Prospect Town Hall

**Old Business:**

**Land Use & Acquisition** – will schedule for June 19th

**Ordinance** - None

**Salary Review** – In process – making headway

**Public Works Maintenance** – None

**Sidewalk Task Force** – None

**Pension** – Monday, June 18, 2018 @ 5 p.m. at Town Hall. P. Geary requested Ameri-prise Individual Contributions to Pension Plan.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by R. Blanc to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.**

Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 p.m.

*Jeff Slapikas, Chairman*