

MINUTES
FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 17, 2015

PRESENT: Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; Harrison S. Lauer, Frederick C. Leech, Ann R. Meyer, James M. Royston, Jay S. Troutman, Councilmembers; Gary J. Koehler, Manager; Joy A. Hardt, Finance Director; Dana A. Abate, Borough Secretary.

ABSENT: Andrew C. Bennett, Tom Karet, Councilmembers; A. Bruce Bowden, Solicitor.

Mr. Troutman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Borough Council meeting held July 20, 2015 were approved as submitted.

PURCHASE

Riding Mower

It was moved by Mr. Leech to approve the purchase of either a Ventrac AWD tractor at a cost of \$25,421.00 or a Steiner AWD tractor at a cost of \$21,894.60, both finish and brush mowers, through CoStars contracts depending on staff evaluation. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The following application was reviewed by the EAC at its August 10, 2015 meeting:

Application No. 15-03: M/M Roland Keating
1 Edgewood Road
Demolition/Construction of a Single-Family Dwelling

Application No. 15-04: M/M Inderpal Sarkaria
604 Twin Pine Road
Swimming Pool/3-Car Garage/Mud Room

It was moved by Mrs. Meyer that Application Nos. 15-03 and 15-04 be approved subject to all conditions imposed by the EAC. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

MS4

Mr. Troutman asked for comments/questions regarding MS4. Mr. Koehler indicated that the Borough continues to educate its residents on MS4 through its newsletter and website. DEP will inspect the Borough's progress on September 15.

FINANCIAL

Approval of Bills

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It was moved by Mrs. Meyer that the payment of bills for July 2015 be approved per the check registry that is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Healthcare Providers

Council was informed that the Borough received notice that its insurance provider for healthcare, Municipal Benefits Services, will offer UPMC health insurance as well as the current provider, Highmark, beginning 2016. In anticipation of some Borough employees requesting UPMC insurance during the fall enrollment period, Mr. Koehler and Mrs. Hardt spoke with the Borough's Labor Counsel regarding the current Public Works and Police collective bargaining agreements who then prepared agreements to allow the employees to utilize the UPMC network. It was recommended that Council allow UPMC network as an option in accordance with the agreements prepared.

Accordingly, it was moved Mr. Royston that the UPMC network be offered as an additional insurance option in 2016 and that the collective bargaining agreements for the Public Works and Police Departments allowing same be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Municipal Benefits Services (MBS) Joinder Agreement

Council was informed that due to the MBS name change, formerly MEIT, a new joinder agreement between MBS and Borough was required. No other changes were made to the existing agreement.

Accordingly, it was moved by Mrs. Meyer that the new Joinder Agreement with Municipal Benefits Services (MBS), formerly MEIT be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Municibid

It was moved by Mr. Royston that the use of the on-line government auction site, Municibid, be approved as a way to sell Borough assets. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote. It was noted that advertising in a local newspaper is still required.

Pension

It was moved by Mr. Leech that the lump sum rollover pension distribution payout in the amount of \$21,649.06 to Debbie Stitt be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Fox Chapel Land Trust

Council acknowledged the letter from the Land Trust regarding the challenge of its tax-exempt status by Allegheny County. Mr. Koehler indicated that Mr. Bowden has had discussions with members of the Trust and will continue to update Council on the matter.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

DANA A. ABATE
Borough Secretary