

MINUTES
FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 21, 2015

PRESENT: Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; Andrew C. Bennett, President; Frederick C. Leech, Ann R. Meyer, James M. Royston, Jay S. Troutman, Councilmembers; A. Bruce Bowden, Solicitor; Gary J. Koehler, Borough Manager; Joy A. Hardt, Treasurer; David M. Laux, Police Chief; Dana A. Abate, Borough Secretary.

ABSENT: Thomas A. Karet, Harrison S. Lauer, Councilmembers.

Mr. Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Borough Council meeting held November 16, 2015 were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL

Approval of Bills

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

2016 Budget

Council briefly reviewed the proposed 2016 Budget. No millage increase is proposed. Council decided to retain the K-9 program but changed the way in which Officer Katich is compensated for care and training of the dog. Currently, Officer Katich receives 12 comp days per year plus \$4,557. Beginning January 1, 2016, all compensation will be in the form of wages amounting to \$5,493.92/year. This change was made to reduce overtime costs in the Police Department.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Troutman that the 2016 Budget be approved as presented. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Real Estate Millage/Ordinance No. 699

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Ordinance No. 699 establishing the 2016 real estate millage rate at 2.5 mills be enacted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 698

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Ordinance No. 698 which passes along the ALCOSAN sewer rate increase be enacted subject to review/minor amendments by the Solicitor. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Library Appointment

It was moved by Mr. Royston that Naomi Cooper-Siegel be appointed to a 3-year term on the Library Board, said term expiring 12/31/18. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Siegel will replace Verne Koch on the Board. Council thanked Mr. Koch who has served on the Library Board for many years and was a driving force behind the Cooper-Siegel Community Library. His tireless efforts are greatly appreciated.

K-9 Fund

Council was informed that there are Borough residents willing to donate to the K-9 program and in order to do so a K-9 fund needs to be created. Accordingly, it was moved by Mr. Troutman that the creation of the Borough of Fox Chapel K-9 Fund at PNC Bank be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

DANA A. ABATE
Borough Secretary