

MINUTES
FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 16, 2016

PRESENT: Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; Andrew C. Bennett, President; Thomas Karet, Frederick C. Leech, James M. Royston, Jay S. Troutman, Councilmembers; A. Bruce Bowden, Esq., Solicitor; Kevin A. Brett, Borough Engineer; Gary J. Koehler, Borough Manager; Joy A. Hardt, Finance Director, David M. Laux, Police Chief; Dana A. Abate, Borough Secretary.

ABSENT: Harrison S. Lauer; Ann R. Meyer, Councilmembers.

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

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Overflow Parking – Beechwood Farms/Fire Station

Brian Shema of Beechwood appeared before Council and presented background information on the current parking situation at Beechwood Farms and what is planned. He stated that in 2017 the Audubon Society proposes, among other things, to improve upon the parking area located adjacent to the fire house to provide improved overflow parking for its operations as well as trailhead parking for Old Squaw Trail, part of the Borough's park system. The grassy area, owned in part by Borough of Fox Chapel and in part by Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, is used periodically by Audubon for staff or volunteer parking. As part of its capital campaign to greatly improve the visitor experience and aesthetics at Beechwood, Audubon proposes to create a natural surface, 4-season parking area in the existing space. Mr. Shema stated that he is asking for permission to improve the area as well as seek financial support from the Borough since it also serves the park. Council reacted favorably to the project and noted that it would consider a contribution, possibly in the form of manpower. Council asked the Solicitor to consider the form of agreement to be executed between the Borough and the Audubon Society for use of the property.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Road Paving

This contract was bid to include the municipalities of Fox Chapel, O'Hara, Blawnox and Sharpsburg. It is recommended to award the contract to the low bidder, A. Liberoni, Inc., at the base bid of \$1,430,789.50 subject to obtaining the required insurance certificates and bonds from Liberoni. The Borough's portion of the contract amount is \$759,870.00. In addition, Gary and Dempsey would like to add milling and paving a section of Wildberry Road for approximately \$40,000.00. The 2016 Paving Budget contains \$873,968.00.

It was moved by Mr. Royston that the 2016 Paving Contract be awarded to A. Liberoni, Inc., at a cost of \$759,870.00 including paving the section of Wildberry Road at a cost of approximately \$40,000, subject to the condition noted above. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Hardt informed Council of a wage tax collection error she found resulting in \$55,000 owed the Borough, erroneously sent to O'Hara Township. She indicated that she will continue to look for discrepancies and is hoping to meet with the wage tax collector regarding the matter. Mrs. Hardt briefly reviewed the new Engineering Cost Report. Mr. Brett stated that he will write a memo detailing the engineering expenses over the past few years comparing what would have been incurred if the work performed by Borough crews had been contracted out. He will then meet with Council to explain. Lastly, Mrs. Hardt briefly reviewed the 2015 Audit and pointed out what was new relative GASB 67 and 68.

Resolution No. 606

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Resolution No. 606 approving the transfer of assets in the Fox Chapel Deferred Compensation Plan from MetLife to ICMA-RC be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Payment of Bills

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that the payment of bills for April 2016 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Parker Memorialization

At the request of Council, the Library Board was asked its plans to honor the late Nate Parker. The Board recommended a plaque in the Scott Family Reading Room with Nate's picture and tribute to his involvement with the library. The Board thinks that a plaque in the library along with the road sign (named in his honor) are appropriate ways to reflect Nate's efforts for seeing the library to fruition. Council agreed on this form of tribute to Nate. The library will be notified of the decision.

At 6:55, PM, Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

At 8:16 PM, the regular meeting reconvened. There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

DANA A. ABATE
Borough Secretary