

MINUTES
FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 21, 2017

PRESENT: Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; Andrew C. Bennett, Harrison S. Lauer, Frederick C. Leech, Ann R. Meyer, Jay S. Troutman, Councilmembers; John Heyl, P.E., Borough Engineer; Gary J. Koehler, Manager; Dana A. Abate, Borough Secretary.

ABSENT: Tom Karet, James M. Royston, Councilmembers.

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

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Borough Council meeting held June 19, 2017 were approved as submitted.

VISITORS

Allegheny County Councilman Ed Kress appeared before Council to discuss the opioid epidemic.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Bennett called the Public Hearing to order at 6:20 PM and asked for questions from the audience regarding Conditional Use Application 17-03. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:20 PM.

Mr. Lauer reported that the Planning Commission met before the Council meeting to review Conditional Use Application 17-03 to install solar panels on an existing home at 104 Tree Farm Road.

Mr. Lauer stated that the Planning Commission reviewed Application 17-03 and found that it met the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, §43.8A through G. and I., and recommended approval. Accordingly, it was moved by Mr. Lauer that Conditional Use Application 17-03 be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Rockwood Drive Bridge

This project was bid twice in 2015 with no bids received. Per Trade and Commerce, Pennsylvania Statutes and Consolidated Statutes Title 73 P.S. Trade and Commerce, §1641(a), the Borough is permitted to award a contract without the bid process if this occurs. It is recommended by the Borough Engineer to award the contract to Stefanik's at a total cost of \$142,481.00.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Leech to award the Rockwood Drive bridge contract to Stefanik's at a cost of \$142,481.00. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Leaf Vacuum

It was moved by Mr. Troutman to award the purchase of a Titan Leaf Pro Plus leaf vacuum machine to Golden Equipment Company at a cost up to \$51,555.00 via COSTARS Contract 25-039. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Guiderail

It was moved by Mr. Leech to award Contract No 17-R02 – 2017 Roadside Improvements - Guiderail to Green Acres Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$49,575.00. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The following land disturbance application was reviewed by the EAC at its August 14, 2017 meeting:

Application No. 17-07: Dr. James & Christine Luketich
30 Sweet Water Lane
Additions & Improvements

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Land Disturbance Application No. 17-07 be approved subject to any conditions imposed by the EAC. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL

Approval of Bills

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that the payment of bills for June and July 2017 (General Fund Vouchers 22276-22488 - \$1,582,859.20) be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Contract

Mr. Lauer gave an overview of the pending Police Contract with Council. Following review, it was moved by Mr. Lauer that the Police Contract for years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 be ratified. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Leech applauded Mr. Lauer's efforts in spearheading the police negotiation process. Council concurred and also thanked Messrs. Leech, Royston and Koehler for their efforts as well.

Act 172 – Tax Credits for Volunteer Fire Departments/EMS

Council discussed Act 172 which allows for local tax credits or alternatives for fire & EMS volunteers. Council indicated that it did not favor the local tax credit option due to the cumbersome work involved for all parties. It was decided to consider other options and asked the Mayor and Borough Manager to meet with Chief Humes and President Hoffman to discuss.

Reappointment

It was moved by Mr. Lauer to reappoint David B. Mitchell to a 6 year term on the Civil Service Commission, said term expiring 8/9/12. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Audit Approval

It was moved by Mr. Leech that the 3-year contract with Maher Duessel for audit services be approved subject to Mrs. Hardt's satisfaction of the audit cost. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

DANA A. ABATE
Borough Secretary