

MINUTES
FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2017

PRESENT: Andrew C. Bennett, Jr., President; Frederick C. Leech, Harrison S. Lauer, Ann R. Meyer, James M. Royston, Jay S. Troutman, Councilmembers; A Bruce Bowden, Solicitor; Gary J. Koehler, Manager; Joy A. Hardt, Treasurer; David M. Laux, Police Chief; Paul R. Bell, Code Enforcement Officer.

ABSENT: Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; Thomas A. Karet, Councilmember.

ALSO

PRESENT: Harper P. Bennett.

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

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the December 19, 2016 Council meeting were approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT/RESOLUTION NO. 609

It was moved by Mr. Bennett that Resolution No. 609 authorizing participation in the PA State Association of Boroughs Junior Council Person Program be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Mr. Bennett that Harper P. Bennett be appointed Junior Council Person for Fox Chapel Borough. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Bennett administered the pledge to Ms. Bennett.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The following land disturbance applications were reviewed by the EAC at its January 9, 2017 and February 13, 2017 meetings:

Application No. 17-01: Beechwood Farms
614 Dorseyville Road
Demolition/Construction Several Buildings
Replace Existing Parking Area
Expand Trail System

Application No. 17-02: Infinity Homes
2 Fieldvue Lane
Single-Family Dwelling

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Application Numbers 17-01 and 17-02 be approved subject to any and all conditions imposed by the EAC. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Laux and Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the recent burglaries in the Borough. It was decided that an article be placed in the next newsletter authored by the Mayor and Police Chief encouraging residents to be diligent in immediately reporting suspicious activity to police. Residents will be reminded to keep their home secured and alarm set at all times and cars parked outside should be locked and all valuables removed.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Siren

Members of the Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department were in attendance to discuss alternatives to the audible fire siren at the Borough Building and Dorseyville Road stations. The Borough continues to receive requests for relief from nearby property owners.

Members of the Fire Department presented a case for the need to keep the audible siren. Mr. Troutman requested that a white paper be developed from the presentation in order to inform residents of the need for the siren. The members agreed to draft such a document which will be included in the next newsletter. The members also agreed to discuss options to reduce the hours of operation for the siren with the entire department.

FINANCIAL

Payment of Bills

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that the payment of bills for December 2016 (General Fund Vouchers 21663-21753) and January 2017 (General Fund Vouchers 21754-21872) be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Contribution

It was noted that the EMS Committee met and agreed that the 2017 Foxwall contribution should be increased to \$25,000 with the desire of the committee to meet with the Foxwall Board to discuss ways to endow a permanent funding stream.

Accordingly, it was moved by Mr. Royston that the 2017 Foxwall contribution be increased to \$25,000. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

Resolution No. 608

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Paul R. Bell be appointed Building Code Official for Fox Chapel Borough. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Guyaux/Fox Chapel Borough Subdivision

Council was informed that the 90-day recording period for the above subdivision has expired and needs reapproved. There are no changes to the plan.

Accordingly, it was moved by Mr. Lauer that the Guyaux/Fox Chapel Borough Plan be reapproved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Sewer Agreement

This Agreement between the Borough and O'Hara Township swaps sewage flows in the Crofton Road/Highland Road areas. Council adopted Resolution 607 in November authorizing submission of a grant application for this project.

It was moved by Mr. Leech that the Sewer Agreement between the Borough and O'Hara Township be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 610

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Resolution No. 610 which exonerates real estate taxes for the Fox Chapel Land Fund be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

There being no other business before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

DANA A. ABATE
Borough Secretary