

MINUTES
FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 16, 2017

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

ABSENT: Thomas A. Karet, James M. Royston, Jay S. Troutman, Councilmembers.

Mr. Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Upon a motion, duly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the minutes of the Borough Council meeting held September 18, 2017 were approved.

VISITOR

Bryant Mitchell appeared before Council to give the Board an update on the library's operation, performance and future plans for the library. He stated that the library will be asking the Borough to increase its funding to the library by \$10,000. Mr. Mitchell suggested that the Borough's increased donation could be contingent upon other member municipalities increasing their donations. Following discussion, Council thanked Mr. Mitchell for the information.

SALE OF PROPERTY

407 Fox Chapel Road

The Borough advertised and received one bid in the amount of \$450,000 for the sale of the above property. Council discussed whether it should accept or reject the bid.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Leech to accept the bid of \$450,000 from Michael D. Miller, LLC, for the purchase of property located at 407 Fox Chapel Road with an effort to amend the offer asking for hand money of 3 percent. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The following applications were reviewed by the EAC at its October 9, 2017 meeting:

Application No. 17-09

Pittsburgh Field Club – Request to remove 14 trees.

Application No. 17-10

Fox Chapel Golf Club – Appeal of Tree Committee denial of the removal of two oak trees.

It was moved by Mrs. Meyer that the above Applications be approved subject to any and all conditions imposed by the EAC. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Hardt stated that earned income tax collection is up, both pension plans are doing well and that the Liquid Fuels Audit was completed.

Council agreed to meet before the November Council meeting at 4 PM to review the 2018 Budget.

Approval of Bills

It was moved by Mr. Leech that the payment of bills for September 2017 (General Fund Vouchers 22582-22707 - \$432,033.21) be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 614

It was moved by Mrs. Meyer that Resolution No. 614 providing for the expansion of permitted investments per Act 10 of 2016 be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Woodland Farms Road – Storm Sewer Extension

It was moved by Mr. Leech that the storm sewer extension on Woodland Farms Road per the Secomandi Settlement Agreement be accepted, including the right-of-way agreement, per the recommendations of the Borough Engineer. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Pyramid Network Services, LLC & Verizon

The Borough received a request from Pyramid Network Services, LLC and Verizon to modify the existing telecommunication facility at 384 Fox Chapel Road (Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church). Borough staff reviewed the information and determined that the added antennae did not change the physical dimensions of the existing tower or base station thereby eliminating the need to go through the conditional use process. This process has been approved in the past.

Accordingly, it was moved by Mr. Lauer that the modification to the existing tower at 384 Fox Chapel Road be approved, including waiver of the requirement that a formal conditional use application be filed. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

DANA A. ABATE
Borough Secretary