

MINUTES

FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2018

PRESENT: Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; Andrew C. Bennett, Jr., President; Frederick C. Leech, Harrison S. Lauer, James M. Royston, Councilmembers; Gary J. Koehler, Manager; Joy A. Hardt, Treasurer; David M. Laux, Police Chief; Dana A. Abate, Borough Secretary.

ABSENT: Thomas A. Karet, Ann R. Meyer, Jay S. Troutman, Councilmembers; A Bruce Bowden, Solicitor.

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

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Council meeting were approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

VISITORS

Mandy Steele-O'Hara, 476 Old Mill Road, appeared before Council to discuss the fate of four large properties in the Borough, three on Old Mill Road and the Heinz estate, and how she would like the Borough to consider purchasing the properties for parks. Council informed her that the Borough did not have the money to purchase the properties and has other more pressing needs such as the replacement of public works garages that are 50+ years old that will require borrowing money. She indicated that she has been in touch with the Fox Chapel Land Trust, Audubon Society, Allegheny Land Trust and the Western PA Conservancy about purchasing the properties. Council indicated that she should continue on that path regarding open space acquisitions.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Police Vehicles

It was moved by Mr. Leech that a contract with Tri-Star Motors for the purchase of two, 2018 Ford AWD Utility Vehicles (\$28,560/ea.) and one, 2018 Ford AWD K9 Utility Vehicle (\$29,170) through SHACOG be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

PWD Truck

It was moved by Mr. Royston that a contract with Day Fleet for the purchase of one, 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD, 4WD, at a price of \$30,700 through CoStars Contract #025-180 be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

It was reported to Council that Alex, Jay, Paul and Gary met with the DLC foresters to discuss tree pruning in the Borough. All agreed that the work performed was consistent with forestry practices. A list of recommended trees for planting under power lines was provided and an article will be placed in the Borough newsletter that the list will be available on the Borough's website.

NEW HIRE

Mr. Koehler reported Bill Abt was hired as a Utility Person in the Public Works Department effective February 12, 2018.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Laux reported that at the request of the Mayor, he attended a meeting regarding police consolidation spearheaded by the Mayor of Sharpsburg. Chief Laux stated that in the future, the Borough could consider a merger with an abutting department but feels that this effort does not best serve the residents of the Borough. He noted that there is another meeting this week in which he will be asked if the Borough is willing to participate in the consolidation study. He recommended that the Borough indicate that it is not interested. Council concurred.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Rockwood Drive Bridge

As a result of a PennDOT inspection, the scope of the work for the Rockwood Drive Bridge has changed. It is recommended that the contract be revised to include painting the bridge deck and structure (Change Order #1B - \$22,700) and concrete repair to one abutment (Change Order #2 - \$6,300).

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Royston that Change Orders #1B and #2 be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Hardt reviewed the final 2017 Treasurer's Report.

Payment of Bills

It was moved by Mr. Leech that the payment of bills for January 2018 (General Fund Vouchers 22977-23079 - \$762,810.89) be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

Resolution No. 619

It was moved by Mr. Leech that Resolution No. 619 establishing the Tax Collector's bond at \$732,000 for 2018-2021 be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 620

It was moved by Mr. Royston that Resolution No. 620 establishing the Tax Collector's salary for 2018-2021 be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

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Resolution No. 621

It was moved by Mr. Leech that Resolution No. 621 approving the Allegheny Valley Joint Sewage Authority Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update which revises the Borough's Official Sewage Plan be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 622

It was moved by Mr. Lauer that Resolution No. 622 approving the termination of the Library Authority be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Water Authority Appointment

It was moved by Mr. Lauer that Roseanne Saunders be appointed to the Fox Chapel Authority replacing Bernie Newman who has resigned, said term expires 12/31/18. The Borough will send a letter thanking Mr. Newman for his many years of dedicated service on the Board.

Library Appointment

It was moved by Mr. Royston that Jenny Ellermeyer be appointed to a 3-year term on the Cooper-Siegel Community Library Board. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Redistricting Map

Mr. Lauer reported that there will be people attending the March Council meeting who are part of a coalition called Fair Districts Pennsylvania asking Council's support of redistricting reform by adopting a resolution for a constitutional amendment.

There being no other business before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

DANA A. ABATE
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID

January 2018

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS 22977 - 23079 \$ 762,810.79

MOTION TO APPROVE BY

Frederick Leech

SECONDED BY

Harrison Lauer

DATE

2-19-18

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Jay S. Troutman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ann Meyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Karet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Harrison Lauer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Royston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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