

MINUTES
FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 21, 2018

PRESENT: Andrew C. Bennett, President; Harrison S. Lauer, Ann R. Meyer, James M. Royston, Jay S. Troutman, Councilmembers; Gary J. Koehler, Borough Manager; Joy A. Hardt, Finance Director, David M. Laux, Police Chief; Dana A. Abate, Borough Secretary.

ABSENT: Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; Thomas Karet, Frederick C. Leech, Councilmembers; A. Bruce Bowden, Esq., Solicitor.

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

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Crack Sealing

It was moved by Mrs. Meyer that the Crack Sealing Contract be awarded to Russell Standard at a cost of \$39,950. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Leaf Loader

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that a contract to purchase a Titan Leaf Pro Plus be awarded to Golden Equipment Company at a cost of \$52,000 via CoStars Contract 25-039. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

VISITORS

Fracking

Diane Clark, West Chapel Ridge Road, and Rajani Vaidyanathan, 941 Field Club Road, appeared before Council to express their concerns regarding fracking near parks and schools and would like to see the Borough establish new protocol for the submission of all fracking applications. They would like to see a 2-step submission/review process utilized by the PA DEP which they explained. They also requested that the Borough review its current ordinance to reflect two PA Supreme Court cases specific to oil and gas development.

Mr. Bennett asked them to submit their information to the Borough who will then pass along to the Borough Solicitor for review.

Mandy Steele

Mandy Steele again appeared before Council asking that it consider a millage increase to purchase property along Old Mill Road in the Borough for open space. Mr. Bennett indicated that the Borough has a large expense approaching with the replacement of the public works garages and Council may need to increase millage for the project. He also stated that he does not know if the residents would support an increase in taxes for the purchase of property. He and Council felt that a survey of the residents would not be an accurate reflection because people have

OLD BUSINESS

Redistricting

Mr. Bennett stated that at last month's meeting, the Fair Districts PA organization appeared before Council asking that it consider a resolution for the purpose of ending partisan gerrymandering in PA. Members of Council indicated that they have not heard from constituents to support the passing of the resolution and felt they were not in a position to speak on behalf of them. Therefore, no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 623

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Resolution No. 623 requesting a Green Revitalization of our Waterways (GROW) grant from ALCOSAN be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Letter of Resignation

It was moved by Mr. Troutman to accept the irrevocable letter of resignation from Edward J. Ziegler from regular employment with the Fox Chapel Police Department effective July 16, 2021 who has elected to enter into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Crown Castle & AT&T

The Borough received a request from Crown Castle/AT&T to modify the existing telecommunication facility at the Pittsburgh Field Club, 121 Field Club Road. 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 121 Field Club Road be approved, including waiver of the requirement that a formal conditional use application be filed, subject to replacing the camouflaging on the facility to meet the requirements of the original approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

At 7:25, PM, Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss police negotiations and sale of Borough property.

At 7:50 PM, the regular meeting reconvened.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

DANA A. ABATE
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID

April 2018

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS 23304 - 23422 \$ 670,154.97

MOTION TO APPROVE BY

Jay S. Troutman

SECONDED BY

Harrison Lauer

DATE

5-21-18

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