

MINUTES
FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 17, 2019

PRESENT: Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; Andrew C. Bennett, President; Thomas A. Karet, Harrison S. Lauer, Frederick C. Leech, Jay S. Troutman, Councilmembers; A. Bruce Bowden, Solicitor; Gary J. Koehler, Manager; David M. Laux, Police Chief; Joy A. Hardt, Treasurer; Jeanine A. Mancuso, Assistant Finance Director; Dana A. Abate, Borough Secretary.

ABSENT: Ann R. Meyer, James M. Royston, Councilmembers.

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

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting were approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Planner

Wesley Posvar, Chairperson of the Park Commission, appeared before Council at the recommendation of the Park Commission to seek Council approval to interview professional park planners for the Hardie property in order to determine what is best for the property. Council concurred, and accordingly, it was moved by Mr. Troutman that the Park Commission proceed with interviewing and seeking proposals for a professional park planner. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Property Purchase

It was moved by Mr. Troutman to extend the date of the purchase of the Hardie property until July 31, 2019 per the seller's request. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Seagrave Fire Truck

Council considered the purchase of a Seagrave TB50CT Marauder Pumper at a total cost of \$659,077.00 via CoStars Contract 012-126.

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that the purchase of the Seagrave fire truck at a cost of \$659,077.00 via CoStars Contract 012-126 be approved subject to approval of the contract language by the Borough Solicitor. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Koehler reported that the Borough applied for a DEP permit to repair the slide on Old Mill Road. The Borough Public Works Department will install a 1:1 rock slope versus caissons saving the Borough approximately \$600,000.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Hardt reported that EIT collection continues to lag. She briefly reviewed the pension statements for both plans and presented the 2018 audited financial statement received from Maher Duessel. Mrs. Hardt indicated that both she and Jeanine Mancuso did a complete rewrite of the Management Discussion & Analysis that precedes the financial statements and provides an interpretation of the year's results.

Payment of Bills

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that the payment of bills for May 2019 (General Fund Voucher Nos. 24725-24844 in the amount of \$569,861.85) be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

Christopher Brewer, Bond Counsel, and Alisha Henry, underwriter from PNC, were present to review the proposed financing of Borough capital projects that include construction of a public works garage, including site improvements and stormwater management facilities, and the acquisition and improvement of property.

Mr. Brewer reviewed the proposed Resolution that provides for the reimbursement of payments made in advance for capital expenditures per regulations of the Internal Revenue Code. He indicated that the project description can be amended any time which would require an amending resolution.

Mrs. Henry reviewed the proposed bond issue including the amortization statement. She indicated that the bond principal payment will be due July 15 of each year, with interest payments due on January 15 and July 15th each year. The bonds are callable after the year 2024. She stated that the Borough's bond rating will be determined in the next few weeks.

An in-depth discussion followed regarding the proposed bond issue. Following discussion, Council took action on the proposed Resolution and Ordinance.

Resolution No. 634

This Resolution allows for the reimbursement of capital projects from the bond proceeds in the amount of \$1,265,000. It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Resolution No. 634 be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 710

This Ordinance allows the Borough to proceed with the Bond issue for the financing of the Borough Building stormwater and PWD facilities construction and the acquisition and improvement of property. It was moved by Mr. Lauer that Ordinance No. 710 approving the bond issue be enacted. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

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Letter of Resignation

It was moved by Mr. Troutman to accept the irrevocable letter of resignation, effective July 15, 2022, from David M. Laux from regular employment with the Fox Chapel Police Department who has elected to enter the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Appointment

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Carolyn C. Sanford be appointed to the Finance Committee replacing Alex Scott. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Reappointments

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that Harrison Lauer and Jeffrey B. Todd be reappointed to 4-year terms on the Planning Commission, said terms expiring 7/7/23, and reappoint Bryant Mitchell to a 1-year term on the Library Board. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Surveillance System

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that the purchase of a security surveillance system from Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. at a cost of \$18,620.00 via CoStars Contract 003-393 and 008-287 be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Park Commission Membership

It was mentioned that the Park Commission has two upcoming vacancies. An article seeking applicants will appear in the summer newsletter. New applicants will be added to the current list of applicants for consideration.

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

DANA A. ABATE
Borough Secretary