



**MINUTES**  
**FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Harrison S. Lauer, Bradley D. Harrison, Mandy Steele, Elizabeth Monroe, Sarah Hanna, Councilmembers; A. Bruce Bowden, Solicitor. Gary J. Koehler, Borough Manager; Jeanine A. Mancuso, Treasurer; Michael Stevens, Police Chief; Larry Kurpakus, Public Works Director; Shawn M. Peterson, Borough Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kevin Brett, Borough Engineer; Austin Henry, Chairperson for the EAC; Jerry Nist, Hampton Technical Associates; Sergeant Craig Sorg, Officer Donald Stoner, Elliott Stephany, Dispatcher Shelby Urban, EMT Noah Bicker, EMT Janelle Hood, EMT Tom Su, RN I-Ting Wang, present for Proclamation; approximately 15 other attendees

**VIA ZOOM:** Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; Thomas Karet, Councilmember; Wesley Posvar, Chairperson for the Park Commission; Kelsey Mersing, Borough Administrative Assistant; four other attendees

**ABSENT:** Andrew C. Bennett, Council President

Mr. Lauer, Vice President of Council, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**MINUTES**

Ms. Steele moved that the minutes of the January 11, 2022, Council Organizational meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Monroe and passed by a unanimous vote.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mr. Lauer read aloud a Proclamation recognizing with respect and gratitude the heroic actions and selfless courage of Elliott Stephany, Dispatcher Shelby Urban, Dispatcher Jen Bosco, Paramedic Jason Syska, EMT Noah Bicker, EMT Janelle Hood, EMT Tom Su, RN I-Ting Wang, Sergeant Craig Sorg, and Officer Donald Stoner in the act of saving a life. A framed copy of the Proclamation was given to each individual involved in this act. After a standing ovation from all present, Mr. Lauer stated that the Borough could not thank all involved enough. He said that "folks like you make this community so great."

**CONTRACT AWARD**

Ms. Monroe moved to award the contract for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation with CIPP Liner at 19 Woodland Farms Road to Insight Pipe Contracting at the cost of \$37.71 LF (8"), totaling \$15,951.33 via CoStars Contract 016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrison and passed by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Steele moved to award the contract to purchase 87 octane and B2 diesel for March 1, 2022, through March 1, 2023, to Reed Oil. The contract award is based on a fixed margin price. It was noted that this contract bid was advertised, and one bid was received.

	<b>87 Octane</b>	<b>B2 Diesel</b>
500 - 2,999 gallons	0.1200	0.1200
3,000 - 4,000 gallons	0.1000	0.1000
Winterization Additive		0.0300

The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Austin Henry, Chairperson for the EAC, was in attendance to discuss Environmental Disturbance Application 22-01, construction of a new single-family residence at 109 Hickory Hill Road.

Ms. Steele expressed concern with the number of waivers given for permitting development at sites such as this one with such steep slopes. She stated the current ordinances need to be updated, especially ordinances based on current weather data. Ms. Monroe stated she would like to see a complete project before issuing approval. Mr. Karet stated that Borough Council trusts the EAC and the EAC will only approve the replanting plan as long as it accomplishes what the ordinances require.

After discussion, Mr. Karet moved to approve Environmental Disturbance Application 22-01, as submitted with the stipulations set forth by the EAC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lauer and passed with a Nay vote from Ms. Steele and Ms. Monroe.

### TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Mancuso stated that there are two audits this month, the first being the 2021 financial audit and the second being the Liquid Fuel Audit.

#### Payment of Bills

Mr. Harrison moved that the payment of bills for December 2021 (General Fund Vouchers 2153-2243, \$1,605,423.60) be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Monroe moved that the payment of bills for January 2022 (General Fund Vouchers 2244-2346, \$1,117,311.45) be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Steele moved to adopt Resolution No. 667, appointing Lawrence A. Kurpakus as Building Code Official effective February 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Monroe moved to adopt Resolution No. 668, authorizing the application for a grant in the amount of \$50,815 to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program through the Department of Community and Economic Development for the multi-municipal implementable Comprehensive Plan with O'Hara Township. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Lauer took a moment to explain the Comprehensive Plan's ultimate goal is to identify high-priority projects for improvement to address issues in Fox Chapel and O'Hara Township. He stated that the Comprehensive Plan is two parts, the first is to collect community input, and the second is to implement the resolutions and improvements.

Ms. Steele moved to adopt Resolution No. 669 for the Borough of Fox Chapel to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$51,500 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Public Works Operations Center Solar Panels. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Hanna moved to adopt Resolution No. 670 for the Borough of Fox Chapel to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for

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the Hardie Valley Park Improvements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrison and passed by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Steele moved to adopt Resolution No. 671 for the Borough of Fox Chapel to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$600,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the McCahill Park Stormwater Improvements. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

### Municipality Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP)

Kevin Brett, the Borough Engineer from LSSE, was in attendance to discuss the MS4 PRP. Mr. Brett stated as part of compliance with the Borough of Fox Chapel's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit, an amended Pollutant Reduction Plan has been developed for submission to the PaDEP. The PRP proposes implementation of Best Management Practices to reduce discharge of sediment and/or nutrients which impair surface waters within the municipality.

The Borough has advertised for public comment, and the information is available to the public at the Borough Building.

Mr. Lauer opened the meeting to public comment on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Pollutant Reduction Plan. There were no public comments made.

### Appointments/Reappointments

Ms. Hanna moved to appoint David P Bennett, III, and Sandra R. Enders and reappoint Brittany Reno and Suman Golla to the Cooper-Siegel Library Board for three-year terms each. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrison and passed by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Steele moved to reappoint Susan Crookston to the Park Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2028. The motion was seconded by Ms. Monroe and passed by a unanimous vote.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:26 PM, Borough Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a legal matter. At 8 PM, the meeting was reconvened.

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

SHAWN MARIE PETERSON  
Borough Secretary