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. Bennettt 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

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> a tendency not to respond. Council also questioned whether it could legally raise millage for the purpose of purchasing private property. Mrs. Steele was encouraged to seek other methods in raising money for the purchase of private property off Old Mill Road for open space.

PLANNING COMMISSION

DeCecco Plan

Mr. Lauer reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a simple lot line change between 707 Delafield Road and 114 West Drive. He indicated that the Zoning Hearing Board granted a variance for 707 Delafield Road to include property across a private road as part of the lot. He stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision subject to approval by the Allegheny County Economic District, the execution of a sales agreement between both parties and restoration of the existing garage by September 30, 2018.

It was then moved by Mr. Lauer to approve the DeCecco Plan subject to the aforementioned conditions imposed by the Planning Commission. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The following applications were reviewed by the EAC at its May 8, 2017 meeting:

Application No. 18-01:

Michael Zappa

560 Dorseyville Road

Detached Garage/Driveway

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that this application be approved subject to any and all conditions imposed by the EAC. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE

Council recognized the Police Department in honor of National Police Week. Council thanked the Department for their service to the Borough.

FINANCIAL

The Treasurer reported that the Borough received dividends under our workers comp and property liability insurance policies. She also reviewed wage tax collection, pension plans and the 2017 Borough audit.

Payment of Bills

It was moved by Mr. Troutman that the payment of bills for April 2018 (General Fund Vouchers 23304-23422, \$670,154.97) be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

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

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APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID

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