



MINUTES
FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

PRESENT: Andrew C. Bennett, Council President; Harrison S. Lauer, Thomas Karet, Bradley D. Harrison, Sarah Hanna, Mandy Steele, Elizabeth Monroe, Councilmembers; Gary J. Koehler, Borough Manager; A. Bruce Bowden, Solicitor; Kevin Brett, Borough Engineer; Michael Stevens, Police Chief; Jeanine A. Mancuso, Treasurer; Larry Kurpakus, Public Works Director; Shawn M. Peterson, Borough Secretary

ALSO

PRESENT: Mike Pohl, Logan Dressman, residents

VIA ZOOM: Wesley Posvar, Park Commission Chairperson; two attendees

ABSENT: Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor

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

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Mr. Lauer moved that the August 15, 2022, meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrison and passed by a unanimous vote.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

None

POLICE REPORT

Mr. Bennett thanked Sergeant Craig Sorg on behalf of the Borough Council and Mayor for another great community event on Saturday, September 17th, with the Bicycle Rodeo at the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church.

Chief Stevens thanked all the volunteers who helped make the day a success and the church for hosting the event.

Mr. Bennett asked Chief Stevens about the amount of overtime the Police Department had in August. Chief Stevens explained that there was mandatory training for officers for less lethal shotguns, three officers qualified at the Allegheny County Academy, and First-Aid Training for officers. The rest of the overtime was due to filling shifts for vacations.

FIRE REPORT

Ms. Mancuso stated that she and Mr. Koehler had a budget meeting with the Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department officers to discuss the Fire Department's desires for the upcoming year. She said the session was informative, and the department was very cooperative in working through when Capital Equipment is renewing as this is very expensive.

She also stated that the VFD shared information on all the grants they received since 2016 that they handled one hundred percent independently, which also benefits the Borough. Mr. Bennett was impressed that the VFD's grants from 2016 to 2021 were almost \$200,000.00.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Kurpakus said that Youngblood Paving had completed all the street in the Borough and only has patchwork to complete as well as work at the new Public Works Facility. He also said that Public Works crews have nearly completed the landscape restoration work.

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Mr. Kurpakus stated that Peoples Natural Gas had to replace a mainline along Field Club Road. Peoples and the Borough are working with Youngblood Paving to get the entire road milled and paved from Hemlock Hollow Road to Fox Chapel Road this fall. The Borough had only intended to do some patching mill and pave sections of the road, but Peoples will share the cost with the Borough to complete the entire road this year. LSSE is working on getting a price for this project. Council was in support of completing the whole road.

TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Mancuso stated that the budget process for 2023 is underway.

Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMOs)

Mr. Karet moved to approve the three pension plans – MMOs of \$66,218.00 for the Non-Uniform Defined Benefits Plan, \$33,980.00 for the Defined Contribution Plan, and \$0 for the Police Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Steele and passed unanimously.

Ratification of Payments – July 2022

Ms. Monroe moved that the payment of bills for August 2022 (General Fund Vouchers 2920 - 3029, \$1,509,231.92) be ratified. The motion was seconded by Ms. Steele and passed by a unanimous vote.

CONTRACT AWARDS

2022 – 2023 Sewer Lining

Mr. Lauer moved to award the 2022 – 2023 contract for lining sewer mains to Insight Pipe Contracting at the cost of \$44.00 LF (8"), \$48.00 LF (10"), and \$62.00 LF (12") Lining and \$48.00 (8"), \$53.00 LF (10"), and \$67.00 LF (12") for Styrene Barrier Lining via the North Hills COG Contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Karet and passed unanimously.

Ms. Monroe moved to award the 2022 – 2023 contract for CCTV & Cleaning to State Pipe Services, Inc. at the cost of \$1.43 LF (8" and 10") and \$1.53 LF (12") for CCTV, \$1.02 LF (8", 10" and 12") for Light Cleaning and Jetting, and \$1.53 LF (8", 10", 12") for Heavy Cleaning and Root Removal via the North Hills COG Contract. The motion was seconded by Ms. Steele and passed unanimously.

Authorize the Payment for In-Car and Body-Worn Cameras for the Police Department

Ms. Steele motioned to approve the payment for in-car and body-worn cameras for the Police Department from Motorola Solutions for \$60,016.00 for six body-worn and four in-car cameras that are already in use and \$15,695.00 for five additional body-worn cameras the Borough has not yet taken possession of via the Motorola Solutions Less Lethal PA Department of Government Services Contract Nos. 4400019259 and 4400016317. The motion was seconded by Mr. Karet and passed unanimously.

Fox Chapel Borough Building Security / ADA Compliance Modifications – REBID

General Contract

Mr. Lauer moved to approve the award of the General Contract to FMS Construction at the base bid amount of \$184,800.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed unanimously.

Mechanical Contract

Mr. Karet moved to approve the award of the Mechanical Contract to McRandle Company, Inc. for \$15,425.00 with the authorization for a deduct Change Order No. 1 to a base bid of \$14,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Monroe and passed by a unanimous vote.

Plumbing Contract

Ms. Hanna moved to approve the award of the Plumbing Contract to First American Industries, Inc. at the base bid amount of \$41,000.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Steele and passed unanimously.

Electrical Contract

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Mr. Harrison moved to approve the award of the Electrical Contract to McCurley Houston Electric, Inc. at the base bid amount of \$19,700.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Monroe and passed by a unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Junior Council Person (JCP)

Mr. Harrison moved to appoint Mr. Logan Dressman to the position of Junior Council Person for a two-year academic term beginning on October 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

Miss Bree Murphy and Mr. Logan Dressman will take their pledge at the October 17, 2022, Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize Advertisement of Ordinance 720

Mr. Lauer moved to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 720, an ordinance to vacate portions of Foxhurst Drive and to revise the Foxhurst Plan of Lots. Council will vote on Ordinance 720 at the October 17, 2022, Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 673

Ms. Steele moved to adopt Resolution No. 673 to confirm the Borough of Fox Chapel has formally requested a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) for the Public Works Facilities Emergency Power project for \$150,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Karet and passed by a unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 674

Mr. Karet moved to adopt Resolution No. 674 to confirm the Borough of Fox Chapel has formally requested a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) for the PRP Stormwater Improvements project for \$500,000.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Monroe and passed by a unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 675

Mr. Karet moved to adopt Resolution No. 675 to confirm the Borough of Fox Chapel has formally requested a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) for the Public Works Facilities Operations Center project for \$350,000.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 676

Ms. Steele moved to adopt Resolution No. 676 to confirm the Borough of Fox Chapel has formally requested a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) for the Fire Department Building Expansion project for \$500,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrison and passed by a unanimous vote.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

SHAWN MARIE PETERSON
Borough Secretary