



**FOX CHAPEL**  
BOROUGH

**MINUTES**  
**FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 2022**

PRESENT: Andrew C. Bennett, Council President; Harrison S. Lauer, Thomas Karet, Bradley D. Harrison, Sarah Hanna, Mandy Steele, Elizabeth Monroe, Councilmembers; Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; 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: Logan Dressman, Bree Murphy Junior Council Members; Wesley Posvar, Park Commission Chairperson; Mike Pohl, and 15 other attendees

VIA ZOOM: 4 attendees

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Karet moved that September 19, 2022, meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Bennett called the Public Hearing to order at 6:01 PM. Solicitor, Bruce Bowden provided a summary of the ordinance to amend the sections of the Fox Chapel Zoning Ordinance dealing with solar panels. As there was no discussion regarding the ordinance from Council or public comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:03 PM.

Mr. Lauer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 721, amending the Fox Chapel Zoning Ordinance sections dealing with solar panels. The motion was seconded by Ms. Steele and passed by a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Bennett called the Public Hearing to order at 6:04 PM. Solicitor, Bruce Bowden provided a summary of the ordinance to vacate portions of Foxhurst Drive and to revise the Foxhurst Plan of Lots. Borough Engineer Kevin Brett was present to answer questions presented by Councilmembers.

It was stated that residents at the six parcels that would gain property do not have to accept the land, and the Borough would continue to own and maintain the property. If there is property that residents do not wish to accept, the Borough will ask the Park Commission for their recommendation on what to do with the land.

It was also noted that the change to Foxhurst Drive was due to safety concerns with sight distance and safe intersections. It is a municipal planning standard practice to correct intersections and roads deemed unsafe if the opportunity allows during road rebuilding and paving. The 2020 Paving Contract included Foxhurst Drive, so the work to create safer intersections on this road began.

Mr. Bennett opened the hearing up to public comment. Carolyn Gould, 233 Foxhurst Drive, said that the work completed by the Borough made entering the street much less safe than before. She also stated that the Borough did not notify residents of the road changes before work began.

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Tara Tramontina, 204 Foxhurst Drive, stated her parcel has the most land being vacated by the Borough. She has been experiencing drainage issues since the road change. The Public Works Department installed a berm to redirect the water, but she said she still has water coming toward her house near her driveway. There are power lines and two poles on this property being vacated. One utility company drove over the newly planted grass and damaged it. Another company has to utilize her driveway to service their lines.

Other residents who spoke (Edward Saitz - 202 Foxhurst Drive, Walter and Marci Thor - 226 Foxhurst Drive, and Kelly Hager - 224 Foxhurst Drive) agreed with their neighbors that the intersection is less safe now than before the road changes, and they were not notified of the changes before work began.

After hearing from all concerned residents, Mr. Bennett moved to continue the Public Hearing to adopt, modify, or reject Ordinance 722 to vacate portions of Foxhurst Drive and to revise the Foxhurst Plan of Lots until the November 21, 2022, Council meeting so that Chief Stevens and Mr. Brett can meet with residents from Foxhurst Drive regarding their safety concerns. Mr. Bennett requested Mr. Kurpakus meet with Mr. and Mrs. Tramontina to discuss other options for dealing with their stormwater issues. Lastly, Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Koehler to contact the utility company regarding a forced move of the two poles and/or transformer near Tramontinas' property. The information from the Borough will be presented at the continued Public Hearing regarding this issue on November 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lauer and passed unanimously.

RESIDENT COMMENTS - NONE

### POLICE REPORT

Chief Stevens stated Allegheny County donated eight portable Motorola radios valued at \$32,000.00 to the Fox Chapel Police Department. Officer Klein assisted the Police Department in receiving an Allegheny Chiefs Body Worn Camera (BWC) Grant funded through the Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) program for \$33,731.00. This will cover the cost of the department's body-worn cameras for the next five years.

### FIRE REPORT

Mr. Pohl said the Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department also received eight Motorola portable radios from Allegheny County and one radio for the Emergency Management Coordinator. In all, Allegheny County donated \$68,000.00 worth of portable radios to the Borough.

### TREASURER REPORT

#### Ratification of Payments – July 2022

Ms. Steele moved that the payment of bills for September 2022 (General Fund Vouchers 3030 - 3120, \$1,684,552.52) be ratified. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lauer and passed by a unanimous vote.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Junior Council Person (JCP)

The Mayor administered the Junior Council Person Pledge to Bree Murphy and Logan Dressman.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Renaming of Private Roads Off Old Mill Road

Ms. Hanna moved to approve Spruce Hollow Lane for the main road off Crawford Lane and Woodbridge Lane for the access road off the main road. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. After a discussion by Councilmembers, the motion passed unanimously.

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Park Commission Appointments

Ms. Steele moved to appoint Nicholas Muller and Jeffrey Cohen to six-year terms on the Park Commission as recommended by the Park Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lauer and passed unanimously.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

SHAWN MARIE PETERSON  
Borough Secretary