



**FOX CHAPEL**  
BOROUGH

**MINUTES**

**FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 17, 2023**

PRESENT: Andrew C. Bennett, Council President; Harrison S. Lauer, Frederick C. Leech, Elizabeth Monroe, Sarah Hanna, Bradley D. Harrison, Councilmembers; Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; A. Bruce Bowden, Solicitor; Gary J. Koehler, Borough Manager; Jeanine A. Mancuso, Treasurer; Shawn M. Peterson, Borough Secretary

ALSO

PRESENT: Austin Henry, EAC Chairperson; Anthony Cuda, Chief of Department for Foxwall EMS; Tom Su, Paramedic for Foxwall EMS; I-Ting Wang, Pre-hospital RN for Foxwall EMS; Michael Pohl, Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department; and one other attendee

VIA ZOOM: Michael J. Stevens, Chief of Police; and three other attendees

ABSENT: Thomas Karet, Councilmember; Larry Kurpakus, Public Works Director

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Lauer moved that the June 19, 2023, meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Monroe and passed by a unanimous vote.

**RESIDENT COMMENTS**

NONE

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Austin Henry, Chairperson for the EAC, summarized Tree Removal Application TR 23-63, 20 Wedgewood Lane, removal of 33 trees, and replanting 25 trees.

Mr. Harrison moved to approve Tree Removal Application TR 23-63's replanting plan, as submitted, contingent upon substituting the pear trees with one or more trees listed in Mr. Cron's email dated July 7, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leech and passed by a unanimous vote.

**FIRE REPORT**

Mr. Bowden asked of the calls that come in for the Borough, how many of those calls request Mutual Aid from other municipalities. Mr. Pohl stated that Fox Chapel VFD requested Mutual Aid twelve times in 2021 of the 339 calls to the department.

**FOXWALL EMS REPORT**

Anthony Cuda, Chief of Department for Foxwall EMS, updated Borough Council on the department's operations. He stated that Foxwall answers approximately 1700 calls yearly with the well-staffed paid and volunteer paramedics, advanced EMTs, and EMTs.

Mr. Bennett asked of the calls received from Borough residents, how many donate to Foxwall. Mr. Cuda said that approximately 25-30% of Borough residents contribute to Foxwall.

Mr. Bowden asked of the calls that come in for the Borough, how many of those calls request Mutual Aid from other municipalities. Mr. Cuda stated that Foxwall requests Mutual Aid less than twelve times yearly.

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### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Mr. Koehler stated that all Borough roads from this year's Roadway Improvements Project have been paved, with the exception of Hillcrest Road. However, Hillcrest Road will be completed by the end of August. The PWD will complete the backfill and seeding of the Borough rights-of-way along the newly paved roads before the end of the week, excluding Hillcrest Road.

### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Mr. Koehler stated that the construction of the new Public Works Operations Facility had begun.

Mr. Koehler provided an update on the current ALCOSAN plans regarding the Shady Lane/Delafield Stream Removal Project.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Ms. Monroe asked about the capital purchase to Witmer Public Safety Group for duty pistols, rifles, and accessories. She wondered how often guns needed to be purchased for the department. Chief Stevens stated the guns purchased in 2020 should have lasted ten years, but the red dot sights approved for use by Council did not fit on the firearms. The department had to purchase new guns with red dot sights. The 2020 firearms were traded in with the purchase of the new guns.

#### Ratification of Payments – June 2023

Mr. Lauer moved that the payment of bills for June 2023 (General Fund Vouchers 3862 - 3968, \$680,149.23) be ratified. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leech and passed unanimously.

### **CONTRACT AWARDS**

#### Seagrave Fire Rescue Truck

Mr. Bennett moved to approve the contract to Flashover Fire Apparatus & Equipment Co., via CoStars Contract No. 013-E22-268 for a Seagrave Custom 7-person Marauder Stainless Steel Full Cab Walk Around Rescue in the amount of \$1,248,837, subject to the approval of the contract language by the Borough Solicitor. The truck will take approximately 920 days to construct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lauer and passed unanimously.

Mr. Bennett thanked Chief Humes from the Fox Chapel VFD for the letter explaining the department's need for the vehicle.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board

Ms. Hanna moved to appoint Nina Gusmar to the unexpired term of Donald F. Smith, Jr. on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Smith resigned from the ZHB effective July 6, 2023, due to his appointment with the Planning Commission. This term will expire on December 31, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrison and passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bennett stated that Ms. Gusmar's resume was very impressive.

With no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

SHAWN MARIE PETERSON  
Borough Secretary