



FOX CHAPEL
BOROUGH

AGENDA
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6 PM
In-Person Meeting / Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was held on November 20, 2023.

Motion to approve, deny, or approve with conditions the November 20, 2023, minutes.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

PARK COMMISSION

The meeting was held on December 11, 2023. Wesley Posvar and Steve Whittingham will be present to discuss Park Commission items.

Appointments

The Park Commission unanimously agreed to recommend to Council two candidates for six-year terms expiring on December 31, 2029. It is recommended that Council approve the following appointments to the Park Commission.

Motion to appoint, deny, or appoint with conditions the following to the Park Commission:

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| Melinda Guinn | Term Expiring 12/31/29 |
| Jeff Beyer | Term Expiring 12/31/29 |

Musical Additions to Annie’s Field of Dreams


Stephen Whittingham requested that musical flowers, mushrooms, and a beanstalk be added to Annie’s Field of Dreams near the Lilliput Play Houses. The additions, which will cost almost \$30,000, will be fully funded by donations from Second Harvest, the Natali Family Trust, and Annie’s Foundation.

The Park Commission recommends that Council approve the authorization to install musical flowers, mushrooms, and beanstalk near the Lilliput Playhouses in Annie’s Field of Dreams at McCahill Park.

Motion to approve, deny, or approve with conditions the installation of musical flowers, mushrooms, and beanstalk near the Lilliput Playhouses in Annie’s Field of Dreams at McCahill Park.

REPORTS

Police:

 **Motion to** adopt, deny, or adopt with conditions the amended Red Dot Sights (RDS) for Duty Pistols Policy for the Fox Chapel Police Department

Fire: **14 calls – FCB, 13 calls – Mutual Aid for November**

Public Works
Engineer
Treasurer

Ratification of Payments – November 2023

Motion to ratify, deny, or ratify with conditions the payment of bills for November 2023 General Fund Vouchers 4321 - 4406 in the amount of \$546,217.36.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Refuse and Recycling Subcommittee

At the September 2023 Council meeting, administrative staff requested that a subcommittee of Council be formed to assist with bid specifications for the future refuse and recycling contract due to the anticipated higher costs and potential collection changes. Council agreed that a subcommittee be formed.

Andrew C. Bennett, Harrison Lauer, and Frederick C. Leech have individually volunteered to be members of this committee with Mr. Koehler and Ms. Peterson.

Public Safety Assistance Committee Appointment

At the October 16, 2023, Council meeting, the Council approved the creation of a standing Public Safety Assistance Committee in Fox Chapel for the oversight and follow-up of action items and future projects relating to public safety with a creation date of December 1, 2023. The makeup of this committee will be three Council members, the mayor, a member from Foxwall EMS, a member from the Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department, and one resident with a background in public safety. Administration support members of the committee will be the Chief of Police, who is also the Emergency Management Coordinator, and the Borough Manager.

The position for a resident with a background in public safety was advertised on the Borough website and Fox Chapel Alert. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Borough Building and via Zoom.

Members of this committee are as follows: Betsy Monroe, Sarah Hanna, and Bradley Harrison, Council members; Walter A. Scott, mayor; Chairperson Monroe will announce at the Council meeting who will represent the Fox Chapel VFD and Foxwall in regard to the committee.

Motion to appoint, deny, or appoint with conditions up to three residents to the Public Safety Assistance Committee.

Thomas Donahoe
Dylan Morris
Eva Malecki

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Budget

Motion to approve, deny, or approve with conditions the 2024 Budget. This budget has been recommended by the Finance Committee, reviewed by Council, and advertised for available viewing by the public.

Organization Meeting

Motion to approve, deny, or approve with conditions the Organization Meeting date of Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 6 p.m. The Civil Service Commission Organization Meeting will be held the same day at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance No. 726

Motion to enact, deny, or enact with conditions Ordinance No. 726 establishing the sewer rates for Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) and restating Borough, Harmar, and AVJSA sewage rates.

Resolution No. 690

Motion to adopt, deny, or adopt with conditions Resolution No. 690, fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for general revenue purposes at a sum of 2.95 mills on each dollar of market valuation for 2023. This is the same rate for the past five years.

Ordinance No. 727

Motion to enact, deny, or enact with conditions Ordinance No. 727, amending Section 338.13A Stop Intersections Established of the Borough of Fox Chapel Code by adding stop signs on Old Mill Road at Easton Road in east and west directions.

Zoning Hearing Board Appointment

Kyra Tucker's term on the Zoning Hearing Board will expire on December 31, 2023, and she does not wish to be reappointed. The position was advertised on the Borough website and Fox Chapel Alert.

The Zoning Hearing Board members recommend the appointment of Kento Ohmori or James Killeen to the Zoning Hearing Board, based on their relevant background and experience, for a three-year term.

Motion to appoint, deny, or appoint with conditions a new member to the Zoning Hearing Board. Their three-year term will begin on January 1, 2024, and expire on December 31, 2026.

Community Library Association (CLA) Board Appointment

Motion to approve, deny, or approve with conditions the following appointment for an initial one-year term on the CLA Board as recommended by the CLA Board members:

Florrie Chapin

Recognition

Recognize Thomas Karet for his service to the Borough of Fox Chapel.

ADJOURNMENT