

FAWN GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The Fawn Grove Borough Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Compher, at CVFC @ 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Cathy Testerman

Council President: Shon Compher

Council Vice President: Adam Absher

Secretary/Treasurer: Terri Marsteller

Solicitor: Craig Sharnetzka

SEO/BPO/ZO: Absent

Council Members: K. Scott Booth, Susan Miller, Kenneth Zimmerman, Elizabeth Morris, Anna Colvin

Absent: Keith Hunnings SEO

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2023 MINUTES:

Mr. Zimmerman made motion to approve November 2023 minutes and was seconded by Mrs. Colvin

Motion carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF BOROUGH INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR NOVEMBER 2023:

Mr. Booth made motion to authorize payment of invoices for November 2023 and it was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman

Motion Carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2023 BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Morris made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2023 and was seconded by Mr. Booth

Motion carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF REC INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR NOVEMBER 2023:

Mr. Zimmerman made motion to authorize payment of invoices for November 2023 and it was seconded by Mrs. Morris

Motion Carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2023 REC TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Zimmerman made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2023 and was seconded by Mrs. Morris

Motion carried 6-0

MAYOR'S REPORT: CVFC Meeting 11/2/23, Christmas in the Grove 11/18/23

APPROVAL OF CITIZENS VOL. FIRE COMPANY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mr. Zimmerman moved to approve November 2023 monthly CVFC Calendar of events and was seconded by Mrs. Miller

Motion carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF CITIZENS VOL. FIRE COMPANY FIRE POLICE MUTUAL AID REQUESTS

Mrs. Morris moved to approve Fire Police Non-Emergency Mutual Aid events and was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman

Motion carried 6-0

SEO/BUILDING PERMIT OFFICIAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT: None

CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT: 4 calls in the Boro for the month of November. 276 total for the year (last year was a total of 258). We have beat last year's record already

SYCEMS MONTHLY REPORT: Total Calls: 151 Municipal Total: 0 MA received: 0 Mutual Aid Received Total: 15 Mutual Aid Given: 36 times (to Life Team, Harford, Lancaster, Eureka, and Red Lion) Uncovered Calls: 0 Number of Pre-Scheduled Transports: 0 Number of Times Relocated Due to Non-Call: 0

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Bob Thisse- Resident- Storm drains on Morris Ave are filled with stone & Debris. Is that on purpose? Terri will contact Dave Golden or Penn Dot to find out about that.
- Ann Frey called office concerning the missing speed limit sign on Thompson Road

OPEN DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Mr. Absher 1. Lights on tree not working probably easiest to just add another string 2. What are we doing with the lights donated to use by Stewartstown? Mrs. Miller mentioned keeping them for future use in the park. Mr. Absher suggested putting them up for sale and if they aren't sold by the time he takes down this years decorations throw them away. They are taking up too much space in storage. 3. Mr. Absher thinks that "Oak Wilt" is possibly killing the trees in the park. Terri will try to find someone to come out and look at them and see what the problem may be and how we can fix it.
- Mrs. Colvin asked about Cameras and status of getting them on cell phones. Terri will call Mr. Bryant.
- Mr. Booth 1. Christmas in Grove was nice. Kudos to committee who took care of that event. 2. Rec Center needs work-he is willing to help with repairs 3. Status on VFW locks-Terri said she is calling new locksmith since the one she contacted has come out yet. 4. Need to look at Grass Ordinance \$50-\$600 each day, each day is a separate incident. Can do Priority liens or can file with District Justice up to \$12,000. Terri will work on refining grass Ordinance letter that is sent out
- Mr. Zimmerman- Questioning Met-Ed up coming power Outage- Should not affect the Borough residents
- Mrs. Miller-Good day at Christmas in the Grove. YCPC will be highlighting the event in an upcoming publication.
- Question was brought up about Website, Terri reported it is not user friendly and she would like to look at other easier to use websites. Mike Males does websites. GoDaddy, etc. Terri will start research on new website.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Rec Building painting- Hold off until repairs are done. VFW can be done separately.
- 2024 Budget: Mr. Booth made a motion to accept the 2024 Budget it was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. **Motion carried 6-0**
- Road Project tabled to future meetings

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Independent Auditor – Motion made by Mr. Absher to adopt Resolution Seconded by Mrs. Colvin. **Motion Carried 6-0**
- Tax Resolution - Motion made by Mr. Absher to adopt Resolution Seconded by Mrs. Colvin. **Motion Carried 6-0**
- Temporary Construction Easement Agreement/Rutters - Motion made by Mr. Absher to approve Easement Seconded by Mrs. Morris **Motion Carried 6-0**

- Snow Removal Contract – Only 1 Bid received. Macomber Specialized was awarded the 3 year bid for snow removal. Motion made to accept bid was made by Mr. Absher and seconded by Mrs. Colvin. **Motion carried 6-0**
- Borough Council Committees- If the Committees are Borough Committees then they need to consist of members of the Borough Council and need to pre-advertise meetings. Private community committees without a connection to the Borough Council are allowed.
- Borough Street/Pedestrian Crossing Device by Private Party If Borough was to give permission to put up any traffic devices including cones or crossings a traffic study would need to be done. ELTAP will do a traffic study for free but the church needs to know exactly what they want.
- Reorganizational Meeting, January 2, 2024-Regular meeting the same night.

ADJOURMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:00 pm was made by Mr. Zimmerman and seconded by Mr. Booth
Motion carried 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri C. Marsteller
Secretary/Treasurer

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024 7:30 PM
NEXT REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024
DIRECTLY FOLLOWING REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING