

FAWN GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The Fawn Grove Borough Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Compher, at CVFC @ 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Cathy Testerman

Council President: Shon Compher

Council Vice President: Adam Absher

Secretary/Treasurer: Aaron Burkindine

Solicitor: Craig Sharnetzka

SEO/BPO/ZO: Absent

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

Absent: Elizabeth Morris

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2025 MINUTES:

Mr. Booth made motion to approve January 2025 minutes and was seconded by Mrs. Colvin.

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF BOROUGH INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR JANUARY 2025:

Mrs. Miller made motion to authorize payment of invoices for January 2025 and it was seconded by Mr. Absher.

Motion Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2025 BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Booth inquired about the \$2,000 credit that the Borough should have received from Penn Waste due to missed pick up a few months ago. Mr. Burkindine to follow up with Penn Waste.

Mr. Absher made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Mrs. Colvin.

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF REC INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR JANUARY 2025:

Mr. Absher made motion to authorize payment of invoices for January 2025 and was seconded by Mrs. Colvin.

Motion Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2025 REC TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Absher inquired if the M&T service charge could come off of the account. Mr. Burkindine will follow up with M&T.

Mr. Absher made motion to approve the Rec Treasurer's Report for January 2025 and it was seconded by Mr. Booth.

Motion carried 5-0

MAYOR'S REPORT: CVFC Meeting 1/2/25

APPROVAL OF CITIZENS VOL. FIRE COMPANY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mrs. Colvin moved to approve February 2025 monthly CVFC Calendar and was seconded by Mr. Booth.

Motion carried 5-0

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

Mrs. Colvin moved to approve the mutual aid requests received by Dallastown and Red Lion and was seconded by Mr. Booth.

SEO/BUILDING PERMIT OFFICIAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT: One permit was issued in January for the installation of solar panels at 28 Park Drive.

CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Total Calls: 24 Calls in Borough: 0

SYCEMS MONTHLY REPORT: Total Calls: 154; Municipal Total: 1; MA received 0; Mutual Aid Received Total: Mutual Aid Given: 18 times (to Life Team/Eureka 1, Wellspan/Red Lion 5, Harford DES 3, Lancaster EMSA 3, Wakefield 0 and Life Team/Canadochly 6 First Capital/Yoe) 0 Uncovered Calls: 0; Number of Pre-Scheduled Transports: 1; Number of Times Relocated Due to Non-Call: 0

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mr. David Lipinski of James R. Holley & Associates, Inc. presented multiple options for grants that the Borough could pursue to obtain funding for the upcoming road work project. Mr. Lipinski went over with the Council what the requirements are and deadlines for applying and award dates. Mr. Lipinski forwarded his engineering plan along with estimated costs to the Borough email and copies were provided to the Council members. Mr. Burkindine will begin analyzing these various grants and will present to the Council what is needed to move forward in applying.
- Mr. Macomber advised that the stop sign at the corner of S. Market and Main Street has been temporarily repaired and the sign at Webb Lane is still missing.
- Mr. Krechel inquired about why recycling was not picked up one week of January. Open discussion concluded that this was weather related and there was a double pick up at a later date.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Mrs. Colvin inquired if the new camera for the park had been purchased yet. Mr. Burkindine will follow up and order the camera.
- Mrs. Colvin inquired if the Fawn Community Church would need a permit to set up a swing set. Open discussion by the members concluded that if the swing set is not to become permanent and can be mobile, then no permit is needed.
- Mr. Booth inquired about the new Nomination Petitions for this year's election. Mr. Burkindine advised that as of Friday January 31, 2025, the new forms had not been uploaded to the County website. Mr. Burkindine will continue to monitor the website for the new forms. Mr. Sharnetzka advised that he can pick up new forms if needed.
- Mr. Booth advised that the pothole at 174 Mill Street will be cold patched.
- Mayor Testerman advised that she had spoken to Ms. Seibel who wanted to pass along to the Council that she could not be at the meeting tonight.
- Mr. Absher advised that he received a complaint that a phone call was not returned by the Borough. Mr. Burkindine advised that the number that was left for the Borough to call back would not go through.
- Mr. Absher also advised that there are still pole lights out. Mr. Burkindine will follow up with Met-Ed for repairs.
- Open discussion among Council members regarding the upcoming road repairs, grants and Mr. Lipinski's report: Council President Compher proposed the Borough obtain estimates directly with contractors rather than going through James R. Holley & Associates, Inc. to try and save significant amounts of funds. After much discussion, it was decided that there needs to be a committee established to focus on; a) what roads are in most need of immediate repair and what will most benefit the community, b) what mechanism will be used to pursue funds and contractors, i.e. James R. Holley & Associates managing grants, direct bid solicitation, the Borough applying

for grants and which grants to apply for. At this time Mr. Compher and Mr. Booth volunteered to serve as members of the committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The compliance letters to residents of Park Drive were mailed and there has been compliance among the residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A list of Community Engagement activities was provided to the Council to review.
- Mayor Testerman will attend the SYCEMS Annual Financial Review later this month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Ordinance No. 2025-01, Amending Restating the volunteer Service Credit Program: Mr. Krechel raised the issue that there should have been an estimated loss of funding to the Borough conducted. Mrs. Miller made a motion to adopt the ordinance, and it was seconded by Mrs. Colvin.

Motion carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 2025-01 passed and adopted by the Borough.

- Resolution 2025-01, Hazard Mitigation Plan: Mrs. Colvin made a motion to adopt the resolution, and it was seconded by Mr. Absher.

Motion carried 5-0. Resolution 2025-01 passed and adopted by the Borough.

- Zoning Board Alternates: Mr. Sharnetzka advised the Council that last month the permit for the motor cycle shop was deemed approved due to the Zoning Hearing Board not having a quorum and the applicant not extending the 60 day deadline. To avoid this situation in the future, Mr. Sharnetzka recommends that there be at least two alternate Zoning Board Members. Mr. Krechel questioned why the Planning Commission could not meet due to the Zoning Board not having a quorum. Mr. Krechel had many issues with the application that was submitted such as the incorrect citations noted in the application and believes that this application should have been rejected on its face. Mrs. Miller inquired as to why there could not have been a zoning hearing prior to the 60 day deadline. Mr. Booth inquired if the application should have been rejected by South Penn Code Consultants due to not being correct. Mr. Sharnetzka explained in detail the reasons for the scheduling issues and advised that the applicant will still need to be inspected by South Penn Code Consultants and will still need to obtain a use and occupancy permit before operating the business. Mr. Sharnetzka's detailed explanation satisfied the questions of the Council and Mr. Krechel. The Borough will place and add in the Star Paper and the Borough website and Facebook page advertising for interested parties to contact the Borough to serve as alternate Zoning Board members.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm was made by Mr. Zimmerman and seconded by Mr. Booth.

Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Burkindine
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING MARCH 4, 2025 at 7:30 PM