

**FAWN GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

**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: Absent

Secretary/Treasurer: Terri Marsteller

Solicitor: Absent

SEO/BPO/ZO: Absent

Council Members: K. Scott Booth, Susan Miller, Kenneth Zimmerman,

Absent: Keith Hunnings SEO, Craig Sharnetzka Solicitor, Anna Colvin, Elizabeth Morris, Adam Absher

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2024 MINUTES:**

Mrs. Miller made motion to approve January 2024 minutes with time change and was seconded by Mr. Booth

**Motion carried 4-0**

**APPROVAL OF BOROUGH INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR JANUARY 2024:**

Mr. Booth made motion to authorize payment of invoices with change for January 2024 and it was seconded by Mrs. Miller

**Motion Carried 4-0**

**APPROVAL OF REC INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR JANUARY 2024:**

Mr. Zimmerman made motion to authorize payment of invoices for January 2024 and it was seconded by Mrs. Miller

**Motion Carried 4-0**

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2024 BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Zimmerman made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2024 and was seconded by Mr. Booth

**Motion carried 4-0**

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2024 REC TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Booth made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2024 and was seconded by Mrs. Miller

**Motion carried 4-0**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** CVFC Meeting 1/4/24

**APPROVAL OF CITIZENS VOL. FIRE COMPANY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mrs. Miller moved to approve February 2024 monthly CVFC Calendar of events and was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman

**Motion carried 4-0**

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

No Requests

**SEO/BUILDING PERMIT OFFICIAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT:** None

**CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT:** - For the month of January there was 1 call in the Borough, MVA on January 31. The total calls for 2023 for the fire co was 302, which was the Department busiest year.

**SYCEMS MONTHLY REPORT:** Total Calls: 155 Municipal Total: 8 MA received 1 Mutual Aid Received Total: 14 Mutual Aid Given: 28 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:**

- Jonas & Amos Esh- Thinking about purchasing 87 Mill Street and opening a sawmill. They were inquiring to zoning and noise ordinances. Borough has a noise ordinance that is active 11pm – 7pm. Decibels chart for daytime noise in zoning ordinances need clarification. Terri will check with the solicitor and get back to the Esh's.
- Jimmy Williams asked that the Borough consider changing or amending their tax credit dates to run with the calendar year. Terri will contact the solicitor.

**OPEN DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

- Scott Booth- Update on Rec center repairs: replaced 2 panels of sound proofing material that he found in attic. Some more need replaced but they run \$200 per 2x8 board and we would need 5-No just repaint. He replaced 3 bulbs in the ceiling light fixtures. Bulbs are new but 2 of the lights don't work. Terri will contact Harris Electric. He fixed the water damage on the drywall. Painting should happen this month. White on top and a light color (not white) on the bottom. Door still needs attention from a contractor. Shon will contact REL and see if he can fix it.
- Ken Zimmerman- Pipes, Junk and weeds in front of Dollar General need to be cleaned up. Borough has sent letters and Susan has made a call but nothing has been done. Have the solicitor send a letter.
- Cathy Testerman -she has been getting calls about East Main street where they had a fire last fall. They are not living there but have 2 dogs in the house and people have seen them abusing dogs. Nothing the Borough can do. Have witnesses call Animal Control.
- Susan Miller- Getting questions concerning Food Trucks in town. Do they need a transient business license-No

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- VFW painting- proposal for painting came in at \$4500. Mr. Booth thinks we should do 1 project at a time and that is a high quote. So it was dropped. Will be relooked at in future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- VFW Rental pricing- We need to start charging a security deposit because renters are leaving trash and a mess in the place and that causes more cost in cleaning. After discussion motion made to Raise the rent to \$300 plus a refundable \$100 security deposit that renters will get back after it is inspected. Terri will contact Penn Waste and see if we can get 2 more cans for VFW and have Penn Waste drive in and pick them up instead of having to bring them to the curb. Motion was made by Mr. Booth and seconded by Mrs. Miller. **Motion Carried 4-0**
- REC Rental Pricing- REC Rental Pricing needs to change also. Motion made to raise REC daily rental for parties to the same as the VFW. Rent will be \$300 plus a refundable \$100 security deposit. Hourly rentals will be investigated as to the going rate but rate at this time will remain \$25 per hour for sports. Terri will contact HARP and see how they handle hourly rentals and will also contact the sports teams and inform them they need to clean up after themselves including restrooms or the rent will reflect having to have the building cleaned. Motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mr. Booth to raise rent to equal VFW. **Motion Carried 4-0.**
- Terri contacted Penn State Extension office about tree problem at park. She will see if any Arborist will come out for free and check the trees otherwise we will let this subject drop.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- Rutter's #59 Store Expansion- Tabled this until next meeting. Council is requesting that solicitor and Zoning office attend the next council meeting so that council can asked questions and make an informed decision.
- Bidding Thresholds for 2024 have increased and are as follows:
  - Purchases and contracts below \$12,600 do not require bidding or quotations (the previous amount was \$12,200).
  - Purchases and contracts between \$12,600 and \$23,200 require 3 written or telephonic quotations (the previous range was \$12,200 and \$22,500).
  - Purchases and contacts over \$23,200 require formal bidding (the previous amount was \$22,500).

**ADJOURMENT:**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:02 pm was made by Mr. Zimmerman and seconded by Mr. Booth  
**Motion carried 4-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri C. Marsteller  
Secretary/Treasurer