

## FAWN GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 7, 2025

### **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: Aaron Burkindine

Solicitor: Craig Sharnetzka

SEO/BPO/ZO: Absent

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

### **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2024 MINUTES:**

Mr. Booth made motion to approve December 2024 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Absher.

**Motion carried 5-0**

### **APPROVAL OF BOROUGH INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR DECEMBER 2024:**

Mr. Booth made motion to authorize payment of invoices for December 2024 and it was seconded by Mrs. Colvin.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

### **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2024 BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**Motion carried 5-0**

### **APPROVAL OF REC INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR DECEMBER 2024:**

Mr. Booth made motion to authorize payment of invoices for December 2024, pending the deposit of funds to be received from Fawn Township to pay for the replaced door invoice. It was seconded by Mrs. Morris.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

### **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2024 REC TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Colvin made motion to approve the Rec Treasurer's Report for December 2024 and it was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman.

**Motion carried 5-0**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:** CVFC Meeting 12/5/24

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

Mrs. Colvin moved to approve January 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**

None

**SEO/BUILDING PERMIT OFFICIAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT:** No Permits

**CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT:** Total Calls: 19 Calls in Borough: 0

This brings the year end total to 229 calls.

**SYCEMS MONTHLY REPORT:** Total Calls: 139 Municipal Total: 4 MA received 0 Mutual Aid Received Total: 3 Mutual Aid Given: 24 times (to Life Team/Eureka 3, Wellspan/Red Lion 0, Harford DES 9, Lancaster EMSA 7, Wakefield 0 and Life Team/Canadochly 1 First Capital/Yoe) 0 Uncovered Calls: 0 Number of Pre-Scheduled Transports: 0 Number of Times Relocated Due to Non-Call: 0

**VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Mr. Frank Bowman raised the question if a permit had been granted for the motorcycle shop. Mr. Craig Sharnetzka confirmed that a zoning hearing was in progress.
- Mr. David Lowe of the Fawn Grove Borough Zoning and Hearing Board gave an annual report for 2024.

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

- Mr. Absher advised that there are light bulbs that are burnt out on some of the Christmas lights and more bulbs need to be ordered. Aaron Burkindine will order a stock of C7 and C9 warm white bulbs to replace the ones that are burnt out and to have additional bulbs on hand.
- Mr. Absher advised that there is a utility pole that is cracked and therefore one of the Christmas wreaths is unable to be secured to it. Mr. Absher will provide Aaron Burkindine with the pole number so that Met-Ed can be notified.
- Mrs. Testerman also advised that there is a light out at the square. Mr. Absher will check on this.
- Mrs. Morris inquired as to if products are allowed to be sold at a farm store at a property. Mr. Sharnetzka said that he will look into what specifically is allowed to be sold.
- Mr. Booth advised that any candidates that are up for election in November of 2025 need to be registered between now and February. Aaron Burkindine will provide all Council members with their swearing in dates.
- Mr. Compher advised that there is an issue with multiple (46 total) stumps in the park. Mr. Compher proposed that his company could dispose of the stumps for \$175/stump up to 40 stumps. Tabled for another meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Clock Project: Mr. Frank Bowman inquired as to the whereabouts of multiple parts of the clock and if the Borough still had funds for the project. Mr. Compher advised that the Borough did still have funds for this project. After discussion, it was determined that the parts for the clock that Mr. Bowman was inquiring about were located in the CVF utility room.
- Reciprocity points for serving with other Fire Companies: Confirmed by Mr. Sharnetzka.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Compher advised that he has been getting multiple complaints regarding the residents of Park Drive parking their vehicles on the street. This poses numerous issues as ambulances, emergency vehicles and service vehicles cannot access the street. It was decided that the course of action at this time would be that an informational letter should be sent to each resident to advise them of the safety issues that parking on the street is causing. If the letter does not prove to remedy the situation the Borough will discuss further action. Aaron Burkindine will draft the letter and send it to the residents.
- Mr. Burkindine received an email from Mr. Hunnings of South Penn Code Consultants which recommended that the Zoning Hearing dates be scheduled on an as needed basis rather than have a set meeting date. The primary issue is that the residents wait an additional 3 weeks for the zoning hearing to take place which may surpass a

deadline. Having the meetings scheduled as needed should alleviate this issue. This was discussed by Council and Mr. Sharnetzka. No issues were found in changing the dates.

- Volunteer Tax Credit Approval: Discussed among members and agreed that CFV members should receive this tax credit. Tax credit list approved.
- Mr. Burkindine presented that PTSD has been added to the Workmen's Comp policy. Copy of the policy will be emailed to Mr. Absher to present to the CVF members.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

- Right to Know Law Policy Determination: Mr. Sharnetzka asked if the Council requires a person requesting information from the Council to provide identifying information and address. Council confirmed.
- Ordinance No. 2018-02, Volunteer Service Credit Program: Agreed that the wording needs to include when members volunteer at other departments they are still eligible to receive points. Mr. Sharnetzka will be drafting an ordinance to be approved upon next month and placing an advertisement in the Star paper. Motion was made by Mrs. Colvin and seconded by Mrs. Morris.

#### **Motion carried 5-0**

- Mr. Sharnetzka shared that the new bidding thresholds are: \$12,900 - \$23,800 require three quotes and anything over \$23,800 needs to be formally bid upon.

#### **ADJOURMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm was made by Mr. Zimmerman and seconded by Mr. Booth.

**Motion carried 5-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Burkindine  
Secretary/Treasurer

**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2024 at 7:30 PM**