

FAWN GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 6, 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, Anna Colvin, Elizabeth Morris.

Absent:

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2025 MINUTES:

Mr. Booth made motion to approve April 2025 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Absher.

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF BOROUGH INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR APRIL 2025:

Mr. Booth made motion to authorize payment of invoices for April 2025 and it was seconded by Mrs. Colvin.

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2025 BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF REC INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR APRIL 2025:

Mrs. Colvin made motion to authorize payment of invoices for April 2025 and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2025 REC TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion carried 5-0

MAYOR'S REPORT: CVFC Meeting 4/3/25.

APPROVAL OF CITIZENS VOL. FIRE COMPANY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mrs. Colvin moved to approve May 2025 monthly CVFC Calendar and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion carried 5-0

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

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the fire police mutual aid requests and was seconded by Mr. Absher.

Motion carried 5-0

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

CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Total Calls: 24 Calls in Borough: 3

SYCEMS MONTHLY REPORT: Total Calls: 141; Municipal Total: 1; MA received 7; Mutual Aid Received Total: 0; Mutual Aid Given: 23 times (to Life Team/Eureka 1, Wellspan/Red Lion 3, Harford DES 9, Lancaster EMSA 5, Wakefield 0 and Life Team/Canadochly 5 First Capital/Yoe) Uncovered Calls: 0; Number of Pre-Scheduled Transports: 0; Number of Times Relocated Due to Non-Call: 0

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Sharon Hisley is a Borough resident and was asking a question for a friend who advised her that there has been Amish shooting deer close to her friend's property. When asked where her friend lived, the address fell within Fawn Township and she was advised to direct issues to the Township.
- Cindy Seibel apologized for missing previous meetings and asked if there had been a resolution to the derelict property in the Borough. Mr. Compher advised that the fire company could not safely burn the property as previously discussed due to safety concerns. Ms. Seibel recommended that the Borough reach out to the Blighted Property Board with York County. Mr. Compher advised that the Borough would consult with South Penn Code Consultants on making a recommendation to the Blighted Property Board.
- Gordon McFadden brought to the Council's attention that the two signs coming into the borough are original signs and should be preserved. Mr. McFadden asked if the Council would like to replace the 5 signs that are gone as well as the two original signs. Mr. McFadden will get pricing on the new signs and will present the cost to Council at the next meeting. Mr. McFadden also advised that the Masonic lodge is willing to store the parts of the clock in their building, however a tractor with a frontend loader will be needed to move the parts into the building. Mrs. Morris advised that she could facilitate the use of one of her tractors but would need notice a month in advance.
- Frank Bowman: Clock Project Update: Mr. Bowman advised that he received estimates from "Electric Time" in Massachusetts. Repairs = \$3500, Bell Controller = \$6927, Internal Workings = \$9000. An Electrician would be needed to get the mechanisms to work again. These estimates are just for repairing the inner workings and not installation. Mr. Bowman asked if the Council still wanted to move forward. Council expressed interest in moving forward and obtaining funding sources would be the next step. Ms. Seibel volunteered to investigate obtaining grant information and will present her findings at the next meeting.
- Barry Wells volunteered to take the vacant seat on the Council. Mr. Sharnetzka advised that Mr. Wells will need to complete a statement of financial interest and take the oath of office at the next meeting. The Council will then need to make a motion to allow Mr. Wells to serve out the balance of the vacated seat's term.
- Mike Krechel asked if the use and occupancy certificate had been issued for 86 E. Main Street. Mr. Burkindine advised that it had been issued and will forward Mr. Krechel a copy.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Mrs. Colvin advised that there have been multiple complaints about the burning that has been taking place at Kingdom Fence. The smoke has been emitting a noxious smell into the air and there is a fear that chemicals are being inhaled by residents within proximity of the business. The burning has been going on for a week straight. Mrs. Colvin asked if there was a burn ordinance. Mr. Booth advised that there is not a burn ordinance for the Borough. Mrs. Morris advised that the County does not allow the burning of treated lumber and perhaps the complaints should be directed at the County level. Mr. Krechel advised that he has taken pictures of the burning which takes place during the day and continues into the night with flames approximately thirty feet high. Mr. Krechel also advised that during the zoning hearing for the business, the business owner advised that there would only be two more burnings at the business and then no more. Mr. Sharnetzka advised that the owner can only be held to what restrictions were put into place by the zoning opinion, thus if the burning is part of the business operations, then it needs to be done within the hours of operations. Mr. Sharnetzka stressed that the

size of the fire is of great concern since it is taking place within the Borough limits. Mr. Burkindine will forward this information to South Penn Code Consultants to investigate.

- Mrs. Miller advised that the historical society met again and thanked the members for participation. Mrs. Miller also advised that the height of the grass at 39 N. Market Street is high again and asked if the Borough was going to enforce the grass ordinance. It was decided that South Penn Code Consultants would investigate this matter also.

OLD BUSINESS:

- VFW/REC/Park – The VFW has been experiencing water running into the building during heavy rains. It was decided that since maintenance of the building is a budgeted item the repairs can take place prior to next month's meeting as long as the repairs do not exceed \$2,000. Mrs. Miller has spoken with Ben Steele, who will be making the repairs. Motion was made by Mrs. Colvin to pre-approve Ben Steele to make the repairs to the VFW as a budgeted item not to exceed \$2,000 and was seconded by Mrs. Morris. Motion carried 5-0
- Clock Project – Noted under public comments.
- The council agreed to keep the men's Sunday night pick up basketball fees to \$15/hour.
- Mural Project – Mrs. Colvin met with the design company and provided graphic samples to the council and members of the public that were in attendance. The company advised that the building would sustain the graphic. Mrs. Colvin advised that the funding goal has not been met yet but is about halfway there. It was discussed that a Facebook push for funding would be beneficial.
- Discussion took place regarding the new security camera for the Rec Center. Mr. Compher suggested that the camera could go on the pole next to the fence. Mrs. Colvin said that the wifi from the VFW will not reach that far to allow the camera to function. Mr. Burkindine will follow up with Armstrong to see if the wifi can be extended to the Rec Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roads Project – Mr. Hellman has gone through town and looked at the condition of the roads and agrees with the estimated cost from the Engineering Firm. The gutters and swales are of immediate concern and could help with lessening further damage to the roads. These repairs need to take place before any road construction can begin. The council decided to have Mr. Hellman come to next month's meeting with estimates regarding the repairs of the gutters and swales. The council will continue to look for funding for the construction project.
- Proxy Vote for the York Adams Tax Bureau: Mrs. Miller motioned to appoint Anne Loeffler to YATB and TCC, Mr. Booth seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Landlord Ordinance: Mrs. Miller advised that the landlords need to notify the Borough with tenant information so that the Borough can notify the YATB to collect the local 1% tax. The Borough will send letters with a copy of the ordinance to all Borough landlords.
- The SPCA contract was reviewed by Council. Motion was made by Mr. Booth not to sign a contract with the SPCA and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.
- There have been complaints coming in about parking on the sides of Park Drive. Mr. McFadden will look into pricing for "no parking signs" which will be installed on the street.
- There was concern that the reconstruction taking place at Rutters was due to a fuel leak. The Borough will request information from Rutters. Mr. Sharnetzka advised that if there was a fuel leak it would have needed to be reported to the DEP.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Creating a County Board of Appeals. Motion made by Mrs. Miller to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Morris. Motion carried 5-0.
- Resolution 2025-02: A resolution modifying the intergovernmental cooperation agreement by and among the county of York, Pennsylvania and numerous municipalities located therein, by adjusting the criteria applicable to

members of the county board under York County Ordinance 2004-4. Motion to adopt the resolution made by Mrs. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Booth. Motion carried 5-0.

- York County Construction Code Board of Appeals Resolution and Amendment to Agreement. Motion made by Mrs. Colvin to approve and seconded by Mrs. Morris. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm was made by Mr. Booth and seconded by Mr. Absher.
Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Burkindine
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING JUNE 3, 2025 at 7:30 PM

APPROVED