

FAWN GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 3, 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, Barry Wells.

Absent: Adam Absher

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2025 MINUTES:

Mr. Booth made motion to approve the October 2025 minutes and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF BOROUGH INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER 2025:

Mr. Booth made motion to not approve the payment to Penn Waste due to overpayment. Motion tabled until Mr. Sharnetzka arrived at the meeting. Mr. Booth then made a motion to approve all other invoices for payment and was seconded by Mr. Wells.

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2025 BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF REC INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER 2025:

The council advised that another mowing needs to take place before the 22nd. Mr. Booth made motion to authorize payment of invoices for October 2025 and was seconded by Mrs. Colvin.

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2025 REC TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion carried 5-0

MAYOR'S REPORT: CVFC Meeting 10/2/25.

APPROVAL OF CITIZENS VOL. FIRE COMPANY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mrs. Colvin moved to approve November 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

None to approve.

SEO/BUILDING PERMIT OFFICIAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

- South Penn Code Consultants:
 - Zoning Permit & Certificate of Use – 246 E. Main Street – 4' Welded Wire Fence
 - Zoning Permit – 243 Thompson Road – Front Porch Replacement
 - Zoning Permit – 50 N. Market Street – Demolition of Blighted House
- Commonwealth Code Inspection Service:
 - Building Permit – 243 Thompson Road – Front Porch Replacement

CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Total Calls: 26 Calls in Borough: 3

SYCEMS MONTHLY REPORT: Total Calls: 135; Municipal Total: 4; MA received 0; Mutual Aid Received Total: 7; Mutual Aid Given: 21 times (to Life Team/Eureka 2, Wellspan/Red Lion 5, Harford DES 9, Lancaster EMSA 5, Wakefield 0 and Life Team/Canadochly 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 requested an update on the clock project. Mrs. Miller advised that the property owner and Borough Solicitor have gone over the easement agreement and have come to an agreement. The project can move forward.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Mr. Wells provided a proposal from KIT Communications for an upgrade to the park camera system along with an estimate from Harris Electric to complete the trenching and running of wire. Total cost to the Borough would be \$7,547.00. Motion to approve the proposal and estimate made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Morris. **Motion carried 5-0**
- Mrs. Colvin advised that she had been approached by concerned parents of the Borough regarding traffic on Halloween. Mrs. Colvin inquired if there could be traffic control done by the fire company to help alleviate some of the safety concerns. Council advised that the Borough can coordinate with the fire company for traffic control for Halloween 2026.
- Mrs. Miller advised that the Girl Scouts are working on obtaining a solar light for the flag at the VFW and proposed that the Borough should look into something similar for the new mural. Mrs. Miller provided an update on the activities forthcoming for Christmas in the Grove and Kindness week.
- Mr. Booth advised that grants have been submitted for funding regarding the road resurfacing project and that a meeting will take place with agents of M&T Bank to discuss bond sales as another funding opportunity. The pot holes on Thompson road have not been fixed and this needs to be followed up on. Mr. Booth is currently working on upgrades to the park camera system and hopes to get them online soon. The York Adams Tax Bureau has Council President Compher as the Borough's designee and there should be an alternate member available. Mrs. Miller motioned to appoint Mr. Booth as the alternate and the motion was seconded by Mr. Wells. **Motion carried 5-0.** Regarding the Penn Waste overage payments: There was open discussion about the Borough being billed more than the contracted amount by Penn Waste and that the Borough wishes to set off these overages against future billing by Penn Waste. Mr. Sharnetzka advised that the Borough will need to reach out to Penn Waste to see if any notice was given for the tipping fee and other increases. It was decided that the Borough will decide on a course of action at the December meeting. Mr. Booth provided the Council with copies of the 2026 proposed budget and went over each line of the budget in detail. The budget will be posted for public inspection as required and will be voted for adoption at the December meeting. It was decided by the council to remove

the donation to the library because the funds will no longer directly benefit the local Library. The left-over funds will be distributed to the Mason Dixon Community Services and the Stewartstown Senior Center.



OLD BUSINESS:

- None other than already discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Council discussed the 2026 calendar of meetings and decided that the Tuesday meeting dates will be kept with no exceptions. Motion was made by Mr. Booth and seconded by Mrs. Colvin. **Motion carried 5-0.**
- Mrs. Colvin presented a proposal for Hometown Hero's Banners. The Banner's would be available for purchase by Borough and Township residents and a cost would be determined later. There is a \$125 mockup fee which Mrs. Zambito advised that she would cover for the Borough. Motion for the Community Engagement Group to proceed with the project was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mr. Booth. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- The easement regarding the clock placement has been revised with the property owner's changes.
- Mr. Sharnetzka will be reviewing the Armstrong franchise agreement and will report back to the Council with his findings and recommendations.
- The Budget and Tax Ordinance Resolution will be completed and ready to be adopted at the December meeting.
- The organizational meeting will be held on January 5, 2026.
- Resolution 2025-08 Local Share Account Statewide Facilities Program. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Booth and seconded by Mr. Wells. **Motion carried 5-0.**

ADJOURMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mr. Booth.

Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Burkindine
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2025 at 7:30 PM