

FAWN GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 5, 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: Craig Sharnetzka

SEO/BPO/ZO: Absent

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

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2024 MINUTES:

Mrs. Morris made motion to approve October 2024 minutes and was seconded by Mrs. Colvin

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF BOROUGH INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER 2024:

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

Motion Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2024 BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Miller 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 OCTOBER 2024:

Mrs. Colvin made motion to authorize payment of invoices for October 2024 it was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2024 REC TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion carried 5-0

MAYOR'S REPORT: CVFC Meeting 10/6/24, Barren's Shelter Committee Meeting 10/22/24

APPROVAL OF CITIZENS VOL. FIRE COMPANY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mrs. Morris moved to approve November 2024 monthly CVFC Calendar of events with addition of Christmas in the Grove and The tractor Rolling Caravan 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: None

CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Total Calls: 30 Calls in Borough:2 Type: 1 cardiac arrest, 1 fire alarm. Fire Chief Bill Kurtz spoke about A tractor caravan during Christmas in the Grove. It will start at High School and end at OTD park. Fire Police will assist with it and Tree Lighting.

SYCEMS MONTHLY REPORT: Total Calls: 164 Municipal Total: 5 MA received 0 Mutual Aid Received Total: 15 Mutual Aid Given: 20 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:

- SDC Inc-Rutter's Expansion-Neal Metzgar presented the expansion plan. Some discussions were had. Rutter's is asking for approval of Land Development plan with waiver of preliminary plan subject to payment of fees and fully executed plan with all signatures. Motion was made by Mr. Zimmerman to approve plan and waive preliminary plan it was seconded by Mrs. Morris. **Motion Carried 5-0**
- SESD-Brian McCleary asking to waive Land Development plan and Stormwater Management plan. Motion was made for the above by Mrs. Miller and Seconded by Mrs. Colvin. **Motion Carried 5-0**
- Mason Dixon Public Library-Janet McElwain. Updated Council on what YCL is trying to force the library to move on. (See Report)
- Stewartstown Senior Center-Erin Faw. Explained what and how Senior center operates. Runs on donation and would appreciate any consideration the council would give in giving them a donation.
- Mike Krechel- Asked if Freedom Fencing met all the requirements imposed on them. Terri answered that they were issued a U & O. Their requirements have been met. Owner of Freedom Fencing-Henry reported that the sawmill has been working since he received permit. Mr. Krechel expressed surprise that he didn't hear the operation of the sawmill.
- Justin Webb, President of OTD reported that OTD received a donation of bleachers and would be installing them at the park near the stage area. Plans to put stone under bleachers. Even though OTD leases property President Webb just wanted to keep Borough informed. Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to allow OTD to move forward with bleacher project and it was seconded by Mr. Booth. **Motion Carried 5-0**

OPEN DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Mr. Booth : Dragonfly Iron Works-Clock project. They have a person specific for sandblasting who is reasonably priced. Dragonfly has offered his services because of his interest in the project.
- Mrs. Miller. 1. Mason-Dixon Community Services 2. Newsletter is out-will change date on advertised tractor caravan as it was advertised in Newsletter as Friday 11/22. 3. Lots going on with Christmas in the Grove-they will be using some of the money from Fawn Twp to get new tree lights.
- Mrs. Colvin: 1. Park Cameras. Anna researched park cameras and council decided to purchase one(1) Eufy solar camera to see how they like it. Motion was made by Mr. Booth to purchase 1 camera and it was seconded by Mr. Morris. **Motion Carried 5-0** 2. Mural project has raised at present \$1500 of required \$5000 for project. Mrs. Colvin made a motion that up to \$600 of the donations be used to order samples of mural it was seconded by Mrs. Miller. **Motion Carried 5-0** 3. Kindness week-250 ornament kit packets were given to Fawn Elementary, 50 to Kidsville Junction and some to various churches for people to decorate and give away or bring to tree lighting to be put on community tree. 4. Sarah Morris turning 100- Mrs. Colvin reached out to Fawn Elementary to make birthday cards for her that maybe they could present at Tree Lighting. 5. Future thought for Halloween-close roads. Tabled for now.

OLD BUSINESS:

- VFW/REC- VFW lighting has been completed and Mrs. Miller doesn't feel it needs painted since the lighting is better.
- Clock Project: Moving forward per Mrs. Miller
- 2025 Proposed Budget- Mr. Booth took it upon himself to compose a proposed budget with no input from Borough Treasurer. Treasurer Terri Marsteller voiced her displeasure with this action and has washed her hands of the budget. Solicitor Sharnetzka said proposed budget will need to be advertised and posted for 10 days prior to voting on the budget at December's meeting. Mr Booth asked if it could be posted on Social Media as an option-NO it cannot be. CGA Law Firm will handle this. Motion was made by Mr. Zimmerman to advertise/post the 2025 proposed budget. It was seconded by Mrs. Colvin. **Motion carried 5-0**
- Road Work plan-Update plan was submitted. Mrs. Miller asked if Holley Engineers Could be retained to work on grants. Motion was made to request them for grant applications by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. **Motion carried 5-0**
- The Fawn Grove Community Engagement Group has received a donation from Fawn Township so there are questions as to how this should be handled. In order for the monies to be run through the Borough the group will need to be set up as a Borough Committee. There can be no more than 4 council members on the committee, they will need to post meeting dates just like the Borough does at the beginning of the year and minutes will need to be recorded and presented to Borough Council monthly. A motion was made by Mr. Booth to set this group up as a Borough Committee. It was seconded by Mrs. Miller. **Motion Carried 5-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Borough Secretary/Treasurer Terri Marsteller turned in her resignation effective 12/31/24.
- Aaron Burkindine has applied for Borough Secretary/Treasurer. He handed in a Resume which was shared with council and spoke concerning his qualifications. Council will vote on a replacement for Mrs. Marsteller at December's meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- 87 Mill Street-Agreement and Easement for stormwater Pipe needs signed. Pipe has already been fixed by Freedom Fencing
- American Rescue Plan Act-Decision on use needs to be made and reported by 12/31/24.
- Right to Know Law Policy Determination – We need to look at and revise the Borough's Right To Know Policy
- Budget and Tax Ordinance/Resolution-No tax increase.

ADJOURMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm was made by Mr. Zimmerman and seconded by Mrs. Miller .

Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri C. Marsteller
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2024 at 7:30 PM