

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, Elizabeth Morris, Anna Colvin

Absent: Keith Hunnings SEO, Solicitor Craig Sharnetzka, Council Member Adam Absher

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2023 MINUTES:

Mr. Booth made motion to approve October 2023 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF BOROUGH INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER 2023:

Mr. Booth made motion to authorize payment of invoices for October 2023 and it was seconded by Mrs. Miller

Motion Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2023 BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Colvin made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2023 and was seconded by Mrs. Morris

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF REC INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER 2023:

Mrs. Morris made motion to authorize payment of invoices for October 2023 and it was seconded by Mrs. Colvin

Motion Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2023 REC TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Morris made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2023 and was seconded by Mrs. Colvin

Motion carried 5-0

MAYOR'S REPORT: CVFC Meeting 10/5/23, Drug Take Back 10/28/23**APPROVAL OF CITIZENS VOL. FIRE COMPANY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mr. Zimmerman moved to approve October 2023 monthly CVFC Calendar of events and was seconded by Mrs. Colvin

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: There were only 16 calls for the month and we have already broken our record of TOTAL calls from last year.

SYCEMS MONTHLY REPORT:

Total Calls:139 Municipal Total: 2 MA received: 1 Mutual Aid Given: 21 times (to Life Team, Harford, Eureka, Lancaster, and Red Lion) Uncovered Calls: 0 Number of Pre-Scheduled Transports: 0 Number of Times Relocated Due to Non-Call: 0

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Danielle Spencer would like to request Borough Council support. They have formed An official committee for park/Borough activities such as Fall Into Fitness & Christmas in the Grove. Their intent is to be able to apply for grants to fund park repairs & programs. They will provide financial reports, etc. There was a motion made by Mr. Booth to allow the formation of the committee which shall be named "Community Engagement Committee" the motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller. **Motion carried 5-0** Terri was asked to contact Solicitor to check on legalities.
- Gordon McFadden reported that Mel Glass cleaned up street from Fawn Community Church to Square and that we should Thank him when we see him. Terri will send him a Thank you Note.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Mrs. Morris inquired as to whether or not the Community Church could change its sign over to LED. Sign will be the same size in the same brick frame. Terri reported that a member from church had come in and Terri looked up zoning and did not see a problem with the replacement. Also the church would like to use some type of pedestrian crossing traffic device on Sunday mornings at their crosswalks. Terri will contact solicitor on legalities. Crosswalk from church is private and not a Borough crosswalk.
- Mrs. Colvin asked about the state of the cameras in the park. Cameras are working we just can not access them on cell phones. Terri will call Ernie Bryant to get update on this. Also she asked if cleaning people have started yet. Terri reported that the deep cleaning has been finished in both buildings.
- Mr. Booth asked if 1. window in shed at park had been replaced. Shon informed him that was the Fire Company's responsibility. 2. He ask about key process at VFW & Rec Bldg-it's in process waiting on locksmith. Also Terri reported Rec bldg. door is falling off and very difficult to close. Terri is talk to Kevin Ritz to give quote to fix it. 3. Mr.Booth asked if it was true that Harford County area had lost/moved ambulances and how that affects our ambulance service through SYCEMS. SYCEMS is responsible for giving Harford County mutual aid and vice versa, so they may be in Harford County when they are needed in our area. Mrs. Colvin said it feels like SYCEMS and our local municipalities who pay for their service are being taken advantage of by Harford County. President Compher requested more information on what it would cost to have another ambulance-Mayor Testerman will take the request back to SYCEMS 4. Mr. Booth asked if the Lawn Ordinance could be changed to add fines for repeat offenders ie: 1st offense \$500 2nd offense \$750 and 3rd offense \$1000 + borough has it cut by someone and the offender pays that bill. Terri will talk to Craig about this before the council makes decisions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Rec Building Repairs: 1. JB Home Improvement was awarded bid last month but the price went up because of materials. Motion was made by Mrs. Colvin to accept the new price increase and award them the bid. It was seconded by Mrs. Miller. **Motion carried 5-0** 2. President Compher received a quote to paint Rec building and VFW \$10,000. We would need to get someone else to do drywall prep. He will find out how long quote is good. Put painting back on next month's agenda 3. Terri got a quote from Harris Electric to have new lights installed in Rec Bldg.- \$3330. Mr. Zimmerman made the motion to accept quote it was seconded by Mrs. Miller. **Motion carried 5-0**

- Road Project: 1. Mr. Booth made some road suggestions. He determined that Webb Lane was the worst and Park Drive needs widened. Roadway projects will have to go out on bid. We should think about Bond sales to finance the road projects. 2. President Compher said to think about what decisions we need to make on roads for next month's meeting. Also will we need an engineer for road specs if we are applying for grants for road repairs
- Fire Company Donation: Donation had not been increased in at least a decade. A motion was made by Mr. Booth to give Citizens VFC, Mason Dixon Public Library, Delta Senior Center & Mason Dixon Community Center a 5% "cost of Living" raise. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. **Motion carried 5-0**
- Budget was discussed- no millage increase in 2024. Motion was made by Mrs. Colvin to run budget ad in Delta Star and post in Rutters. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Morris. **Motion carried 5-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Macomber's snow remove bid has expired. Motion made to run ad for snow removal bids by Mrs. Colvin and seconded by Mrs. Morris. **Motion carried 5-0**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Absent

ADJOURMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:32 pm was made by Mr. Zimmerman and seconded by Mrs. Colvin
Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri C. Marsteller
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2023 7:30 PM