

FAWN GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 2, 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: Elizabeth Morris, Adam Absher

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2025 MINUTES:

Mr. Booth made motion to approve the August 2025 minutes and was seconded by Mrs. Colvin.

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF BOROUGH INVOICES FOR PAYMENT FOR AUGUST 2025:

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

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2025 BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Wells 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 AUGUST 2025:

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

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2025 REC TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Booth made motion to move half of the funds from the General Account to the Rec. Account and approve the Rec Treasurer's Report for August 2025 and it was seconded by Mr. Wells.

Motion carried 5-0

MAYOR'S REPORT: CVFC Meeting 8/7/25.

APPROVAL OF CITIZENS VOL. FIRE COMPANY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mrs. Colvin moved to approve September 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 for September 2025

Motion carried

SEO/BUILDING PERMIT OFFICIAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

- South Penn Code Consultants –
 - Zoning permit issued for 33 Morris Ave, installation of a 365'x6' privacy fence.
 - Zoning permit issued for 29 E. Morris Ave, installation of second story on existing accessory building.
- Commonwealth Code Inspection Service –
 - Permit not approved for 29 E. Morris Ave, installation of second story on existing accessory building.

CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Total Calls: 13 Calls in Borough: 1

SYCEMS MONTHLY REPORT: Total Calls: 157; Municipal Total: 3; MA received 0; Mutual Aid Received Total: 10; Mutual Aid Given: 15times (to Life Team/Eureka 1, Wellspan/Red Lion 1, Harford DES 8, Lancaster EMSA 3, Wakefield and Life Team/Canadochly 2; Penn State Life Lion 0; Uncovered Calls: 0; Number of Pre-Scheduled Transports: 0; Number of Times Relocated Due to Non-Call: 0

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Ms. Jane Nelson advised that there are street lights still out in the Borough. The Borough had contacted Met – Ed about the issue in January with no results as of yet. The Borough will reach back out to Met-Ed to resolve the issue.
- Mr. Frank Bowman, Clock Project Update: The base of the clock is in the Mason's building. Borough confirmed that it still wishes to move forward with the project. The easement agreement regarding the placement of the clock at the town square is to be reviewed by the Borough Council members.
- Mr. Jeff Rhodes advised the Council that the grass at 26 W. Main Street needs to be mowed. This prompted a discussion regarding other properties in the Borough that need attention: 45 E. Main Street, trees blocking the sign and line of sight, 50 Mill Street, yard, vehicles and other items on the property need to be dealt with or removed. The Borough will send certified notice letters to the property owners to address these issues.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Mr. Booth:
 - Park Security Camera Project Update: The conduit housing the wires has been located however the search continues to find the junction box. A power extender has been provided for the Borough to install. After these items are taken care of then the Borough can speak with Armstrong to make outbound connections and upgrade the software which will allow the cameras to be viewed by a mobile device.
 - The Borough needs to consider replacing all the signs in the Borough as they are faded and hard to see. Mr. Gordon Mcfadden was going to get prices on new signs and follow up needs to be made.
 - Discussions with Penn Waste regarding the credit for the July 18th bulk miss are still ongoing.
 - The Rec Center budget and expenditure summary need to be sent to Fawn Township for expense reimbursement.
- Mr. Wells:
 - Park Security Camera Project Update: Armstrong and Guardian have declined to upgrade the system due to the cameras not currently being in compliance. Kit Communications can handle the upgrades to include allowing access via a mobile device, however the Borough will need to evaluate the cost of the upgrades. Propose two new fisheye cameras to be installed at the Rec building and on the white pole by the playground area. Mr. Booth made motion to rent a trench machine to find the junction box. Motion seconded by Mrs. Miller. **Motion carried 5-0**
 - Mr. Wells spoke with the property owner of the blighted property and was advised that the owner will be contacting someone to come and access the property.

- Mrs. Miller:
 - Spoke with Brian McCleary with South Eastern School District regarding the tennis courts. There are lights out and maintenance that needs to be done to the courts. Mr. Sharnetzka will look into the contract with the school district to evaluate the Borough's options.
- Mrs. Colvin:
 - Mural update: There is \$1500 left remaining to raise to complete the project. Mrs. Colvin is exploring grants as an option to raise the remaining funds needed.
 - The traffic using Morris Ave has been very fast which causes considerable concern for the residents due to many families with small children living on that road. The Borough will look into traffic calming solutions. The option was raised to investigate adding speed humps when the road is repaired.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None other than already discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Per Mrs. Morris: the Fawn Community Church is inquiring about the use of the Rec Center and park location as a meeting place in case of an emergency evacuation. Borough members agree that there needs to be more information provided before they can make a final decision.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Easement Agreement regarding the clock placement at 4 South Main Street. Motion to approve was made by Mrs. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Booth. **Motion carried 5-0**

ADJOURMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm was made by Mr. Booth and seconded by Mr. Wells.

Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Burkindine
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2025 at 7:30 PM