

Fleetwood, PA
December 19, 2011

President, Alexander J. Szoke called the year-end council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The following councilpersons were present: Alexander J. Szoke, Peter R. Merkel, Ralph Touch, Chris E. Young, James M. Meals, Suzanne P. Touch, and Tammy L. Gore

Others present included: Mayor Gary Ebeling, Officers Mike Quinn and Ryan Brobst

Guests present included: Reading Eagle reporter David Mekeel, Jeff Kerlin of Technicon Enterprises, Fleetwood residents Susan Wetherhold, Daniel Shade and Terri Derr

GUESTS

Mr. Kerlin was present to address council with regards to Technicon's engineering services to the Borough. Before beginning he apologized to the borough council for missing a scheduled meeting with the council and then gave a synopsis of his employees' certifications. The council asked Mr. Kerlin several questions regarding their services and expressed the borough's dissatisfaction with Technicon's performance in the development of Well 15. Mr. Kirlin suggested that Technicon send a representative every quarter to a council or workshop meeting to address any future concerns that the council may have. He is willing to do this at no charge to the borough in 2012. A handout of a Rental Unit Inspection Program was given to council for their review.

Mr. Shade and Ms. Derr addressed council again regarding the stray cat problem in Pearl Alley. Mr. Szoke stated that he had contacted the property owner of the empty building and the owner has agreed to repair any openings. If the owner doesn't comply with the borough's request then the borough will authorize the zoning officer to enforce the property maintenance code.

COMMUNICATIONS - There were no communications to be read.

President Alex Szoke presented the following resolutions and ordinance for council's consideration.

Ordinance #588: 2012 Tax Rate

The 2012 tax rate will be 5.5 mills with the rate for general purposes set at 4.50 mills, and a new fire tax set at 1 mill. President Szoke called for a poll vote:

Chris Young – Yes

Suzanne Touch – Yes

Tammy Gore – Yes

Peter Merkel – Yes

Jim Meals – Yes

Ralph Touch – Yes

Alexander Szoke – Yes

Motion carried

Resolution 2012-01: Police protection service for Richmond Township

Motion made by Chris Young and seconded by Suzanne Touch to enter into an agreement with Richmond Township to provide police protection service for the year 2012. Motion carried

Resolution 2012-02: Police pension contribution

Motion made by Chris Young and seconded by Suzanne Touch that police officers shall contribute 5.0% as a weekly payroll deduction in 2012 to the Uniformed Employees Retirement Fund. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-03: Collector of delinquent property taxes

Motion by Jim Meals and seconded by Suzanne Touch that Berks County Tax Claim Bureau shall be the collector of all delinquent property taxes for the year 2012. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-04: Budget adoption

Motion made by Chris Young and seconded by Suzanne Touch to adopt the proposed budget of \$1,914,813 for the year 2012. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-05: Schedule of meetings

Motion made by Suzanne Touch and seconded by Chris Young that 2012 regular council meetings will be held the 2nd Monday of each month; workshop meetings will be held the 4th Monday of each month and the year-end meeting will be held on December 27th. All 2012 meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-06: Adopt Borough fees for services

Motion made by Suzanne Touch and seconded by Peter Merkel to adopt the fees to be charged for the borough crew and equipment in 2012. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ralph Touch and seconded by Tammy Gore to appoint Technicon Enterprises as the engineer for zoning/building and general purposes for the first quarter of 2012 and then review their services. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-07: Adopt Technicon Engineering fees for services

Motion made by Ralph Touch and seconded by Tammy Gore to adopt the 2012 rate schedule and fees for zoning/building permits. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-08: Adopt Borough fees for building/zoning permits

Motion made by Ralph Touch and seconded by Suzanne Touch to adopt the fees to be charged for building/zoning permits in 2012. Motion carried.

President Alex Szoke presented the following appointed positions for council's consideration.

Marsha Anderson – Secretary/Treasurer	Motion by Tammy Gore and seconded by Suzanne Touch to approve appointment. Motion carried.
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Lois Geist – Assistant Secretary	Motion by Tammy Gore and seconded by Suzanne Touch to approve appointment. Motion carried.
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Attorney – Law Firm of Mogel, Speidel,
Bobb and Kershner

Motion by Tammy Gore and seconded by Suzanne Touch to
approve appointment. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer Engineers - Arro
Consulting Group

Motion by Peter Merkel and seconded by Tammy Gore to
approve appointment. Motion carried.

Auditor – Herbein and Company, Inc.

Motion by Suzanne Touch and seconded by Tammy Gore to
approve appointment. Motion carried.

Reappoint Tom Heinly, Larry O'Neil,
and George Ayrton to Sewer Authority
for a 6 year term

Motion by Peter Merkel and seconded by Jim Meals to
approve appointment. Motion carried.

Chris Young to Civil Service
Committee for a 4 year term

Motion by Jim Meals and seconded by Suzanne Touch to
approve appointment. Motion carried.

Reappoint Joel Raifsnider and Steven
Schlegel to Zoning Hearing Board;
Appoint Dennis Wanner as regular member
and Alex Szoke as an alternate.

Motion by Suzanne Touch and seconded by Ralph Touch
to approve appointment. Motion carried.

Reappoint Earl Fox to the Planning
Commission

Motion by Suzanne Touch and seconded by Ralph Touch
to approve appointment. Motion carried.

President Szoke asked if anyone would be interested in serving as a borough representative on the advisory board for The Center For Excellence in Local Government at Albright College. Tammy Gore stated that she would like to serve on the committee.

A motion was made by Chris Young and seconded by Tammy Gore to appoint Ralph Touch to serve as the Personnel Manager for 2012 at a stipend not to exceed \$500. Motion carried.

Suzanne Touch on behalf of the borough council thanked President Szoke for his dedication and years of service to Fleetwood Borough.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the election of a new council president and vice-president. Official action will be taken at the reorganization meeting on January 3, 2012.

Motion made by Tammy Gore and seconded by Suzanne Touch to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer