

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION: Latin American Club
August 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and advised the audience that the meeting for August 9, 2021, is being audio taped by Ford City Borough, Vicki Schaub. Caroline Hassa is audio and video recording.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Fenyes led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carol Fenyes, Tyson Klukan, Josh Adams, Mary Alice Bryant, Alyssa Golfieri (by phone), Scott Haslett, Lindsey Weige, Gail Sigler, Engineers John Clabaugh and Joel Romagno

Absent: Beth Bowser, Vicki Schaub and Jeff Cogley

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Agenda Items only at this time

None

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

CONSENT AGENDA

There are no Consent Agenda Items at this meeting

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Engineer Bid Opening – 5th Avenue and 17th Street Waterline Project
There were nine bids for the project. John Clabaugh broke the seals and provided the bids to Joel Romagno. Following is the bid tabulation:
 - Bison Construction came in at \$1,007,611.00

- Mortimer's Excavating came in at \$982,755.00
- Terra Work's came in at \$1,122,299.00
- D & M Contracting, Inc. came in at \$1,055,000.00
- W.A. Petrakis Contracting, Inc. came in at \$1,148,835.00
- Ligonier Construction came in at \$1,358,50.00
- Kukurin Contracting came in at \$989,898.00
- Mealy Excavating & Construction, Inc. came in at \$1,277,903.00
- J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC came in at \$1,513,230.00

Mortimer's Excavating was the lowest, followed by Kukurin Contracting.

Adams made a motion to award Contract 2021-1 for the 5th Avenue & 17th Street Water Line Replacement Project to the apparent lowest, qualified, and responsible bidder Mortimer's Excavating in the amount of \$982,755.00, contingent upon review and approval of all bid materials and documents by the Borough Solicitor and Borough Engineer. Seconded by Bryant.

Council comments:

- Tyson Klukan asked the engineers if they have worked with Mortimer's Excavating before. Engineers stated they have not personally worked with them. They will be reaching out to other communities and their recent accomplishments.
- Josh Adams asked the engineers if there was a timeframe on starting the project. John, engineer, stated there were several stipulating timeframes.

Motion carried - 4 to 0.

- Motion to Hire Full-Time Police Officer – Aaron Shawgo

Bryant made a motion to hire Aaron Shawgo, at the recommendation of Chief Haslett and Mayor Cogley, as a full-time police officer at \$21.00 per hour, with a 180- probationary period and upon successful completion of background check and drug test. Seconded by Adams. Motion carried - 4 to 0.

- Motion to Hire Part-Time Police Officer – Brandon Marsh

Bryant made a motion to hire Brandon Marsh, at the recommendation of Chief Haslett and Mayor Cogley, as a part-time police officer, at \$17.00 per hour and upon completion of a successful background check and a drug test. Seconded by Adams. Motion carried - 4-0.

- New Business: Josh Adams stated there is more work in the Borough Office than we can currently handle and wanted to bring up discussion about changing Lindsey Weige to full time in the Borough Office and immediately advertise for a Police Administrator.

Adams motioned to hire Lindsey Weige full-time, 40 hours a week, in the Borough Office with the same probationary period (180 days) and immediately advertise for a part-time Police Administrator position. Adams also wants to appoint Lindsey as a training officer for the Police Department when the Police Administrator position is filled. Lindsey Weige would be at the same pay rate as discussed at the last council meeting, the only change would be from 20 hours to 40 hours a week in the Borough Office. Seconded by Bryant.

Comments from the floor:

Tom Ondrusek wanted to know if this was a union position. Answer was that it is a non-union position.

Kathy Bartuccio wanted to know how many people are in the Borough Office. Answer was two people at 40 hours a week each.

Motion carried - 4 to 0.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Open Comments at this time

Terry McGinnis asked if Matt Lerner and him could use the 4th Avenue park on a Saturday to have a free hot dog day. This would include pop, water and Gatorade. All would be free to the public. Stated that we, the Borough, could pick the date. The dates that he gave were 8/14, 8/21, 8/24, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18 or 9/25. Josh Adams asked him if this was just a pay it forward thing. Terry responded that this is just from their hearts. Gail Sigler stated we would need to check the calendar at the Borough Office due to upcoming weddings in the park. Carol Fenyes asked if one of them could go to the Borough Office to pick out a date. Terry stated he would be in tomorrow, August 10th.

Harry Nelson asked for an update on the grass. Josh Adams stated he believes that there was an email sent out, however, he could not recall what it was about. Josh said that he would have the contents at the next meeting.

Laurel Poney asked for an update on Ridge Avenue. Tyson Klukan said a quote was received for milling and that it is currently in the hands of the Public Works Committee.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, August 23, 2021 – 6:30 PM at the Latin American Club

Monday, September 13, 2021 – 6:30 PM at the Latin American Club

Tyson Klukan wanted to let the public know about the Upcoming Tar & Chip Project. Monday, August 16, tar and chip work will occur on the 800, 900, 1000, 1100 and 1200 blocks of Dogwood Alley, Neal Avenue, Plum Way, Hill Street, Cherry Way, Ferndale Street, Ferndale Street Extension and Manor Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

Adams made a motion to adjourn. Klukan seconded. The meeting ended at 7:00 PM by unanimous vote.

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Gail Sigler
Interim Borough Secretary

Lindsey Weige
Office Administrator