

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Location: Latin American Club
JULY 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Council President advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, July 26, 2021, will be audio taped by Ford City Borough, Vicki Schaub, John Bittner, and audio and video taped by Caroline Hassa.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Carol Fenyes lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Josh Adams, Mary Alice Bryant, Carol Fenyes, Tyson Klukan, Beth Bowser and Vicki Schaub were present.

Chief Scott Haslet, Gail Sigler and Lindsey Weige were also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Agenda Items only at this time.
There Were no Citizens Comments on Agenda Items.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Council President Fenyes announced Executive Sessions were held on July 6, 2021 – Personnel and Property, July 12, 2021 – Personnel and Property, and July 19, 2021 – Personnel and Property

CONSENT AGENDA

- ~~1. Minutes for Borough Council's 6-14-2021 meeting.~~
- ~~2. Minutes for Borough Council's 6-28-2021 meeting~~
3. Police Report – May 2021
4. Water Report – May 2021
5. Water Report – June 2021
6. Treasurer's Report – April 2021
7. Bill Lists – July 2021

Council President removed Items 1 and 2 from the consent agenda. The remaining agenda items were passed by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

Engineer's Report – Joel Romanga, Stiffler-McGraw, gave an updated report on the 5th Avenue and 17th Street Waterline Replacement Project, announcing the award of \$1,679,524 from PENNVEST on July 23, 2021. The award representing a 100% grant funding of the project. Further reported was the imminent submission of a funding request for the BC3 project area (see motions 6 and 7 below). Joel

gave an update on the Dogwood Alley paving project, his first look at Ridge Avenue and the PPG pumphouse.

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Council President Fenyes advised Council that the Finance Committee is recommending IPC Services, LLC (InSight Pipe) to clean the pits in the PPG Pump House at a cost of \$375/hour for up to 10 hours. The Borough is to provide a dumping area free of any obstructions, accessible and suitable for a triaxle vehicle weighing up to 37 ton. Scope of Work: IPC Services will provide a super vacuum truck with confined space entry crew to remove the sediment and debris from the floor of the wet well while pumping any water vacuumed from the well into the river using hydraulic pump on our super vacuum truck. The sediment collected will be dumped down by the borough building (garage) as instructed by the customer and at this point in time the estimated number of loads is unknown. Additional work beyond the original scope will be on a time and materials basis. Unit costs include a standard recovery fee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BOROUGH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – HIRING

Adams made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Borough Council Personnel Committee, to hire Lindsey Weige as the full-time Borough Office Administrator effective July 21, 2021, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour with benefits and a 180-day probationary period. Bryant seconded. Motion passed. 5-0.

Council President Fenyes stated Ms. Weige's hours would be split between the Police Department and the Borough Office.

Councilwoman Schaub voted no citing her belief the position should have been advertised.

2. BOROUGH SECRETARY - APPOINTMENT

Adams made a motion to appoint Gail Sigler as Interim Borough Secretary. Bryant seconded. Motion passed. Unanimous 6-0.

3. S&T BANK SIGNATORIES

Schaub made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-2021 designating and authorizing signatories for the Borough's accounts held at S&T Bank. Seconded by Adams. Motion passed. Unanimous 6-0.

4. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – RATIFICATION OF RULES & REGULATIONS

Bowser made a motion ratify adoption of Resolution No. 8-2021 approving Ford City Borough Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Bryant. Motion passed 5-0. Councilwoman Schaub abstained because she was not the previous meeting to vote on this item.

5. DOCUMENTS TO DESTROY – RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION 9-2021

Schaub made a motion to ratify adoption of Resolution No. 9-2021 authorizing the disposal of certain municipal records pursuant to the Municipal Record Act and the Municipal Record Manual. Seconded by Adams. Motion passed. Unanimous 6-0

6. COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY - MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT

Schaub made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-2021 (i) requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purpose of carrying out street, curb, and sidewalk reconstruction along portions of 3rd Avenue, 4th Avenue, 5th Avenue, 11th Street, and 12th Street in the Borough, known as the BC3 Multimodal Transportation Improvements Project, (ii) designating and authorizing proper Borough officials to execute all documents and agreements associated with, and to take all action necessary to facilitate and obtain, the grant funds, and (iii) authorizing Stiffler McGraw and Associates to prepare and submit a 2021 Multimodal Transportation Fund Application on it behalf for the grant funds. Seconded by Bowser. Motion passed. Unanimous 6-0.

7. PENNVEST – WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING TRANSFER ACT (WIFTA) FUNDING

Klukan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-2021 (i) declaring the Borough’s official intent to reimburse general funds and/or short-term borrowed funds used to construct necessary improvements to its public drinking water system with funds received from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority, (ii) authorizing Stiffler McGraw and Associates to prepare and submit a Financial Assistance Application to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority, and (iii) authorizing and directing proper Borough officials to execute all documents and agreements associated with, and to take all action necessary to facilitate and obtain, said funding from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority. Seconded by Schaub. Motion passed. Unanimous 6-0.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no meeting announcements

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

Harry Nelson commented on the grass along the Trail and second Avenue.
Laurel Poney acknowledge the report given by the Engineer regarding Ridge Avenue.

Councilman Klukan thanked the Engineer for all their efforts on our behalf enabling the grant submission and award from PENNVEST. Klukan also discussed the 1300 block of Dogwood Alley and the need for a project design for infrastructure and paving.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club
Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

ADJOURNMENT

Final

Klukan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Adams. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:30 PM.

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Gail Sigler
Interim Borough Secretary

Lindsey Weige
Office Administrator