

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION: by ZOOM Meeting
September 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – Zoom Meeting

Call the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and advise the audience that the meeting for September 13, 2021, is being audio taped by Ford City Borough and Vicki Schaub. Alyssa Golfieri audio and video recorded the meeting by Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Due to no flag, not completed.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carol Fenyes, Mary Alice Bryant, Tyson Klukan, Joshua Adams, Vicki Schaub, Alyssa Golfieri, John Clabaugh and Jeff Cogley.

Absent: Beth Bowser and Scott Haslett

Zoom attendance: Laurel Poney, PKahat, Linda's iPad, Paul's iPhone.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only at this time

Laurel Poney would like to know what's next after milling.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There was an executive session on August 23, 2021, to discuss personnel and property.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Paul Hughes Settlement

Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve settlement of the matter initiated by Paul Hughes against the Borough currently pending before the EEOC at Charge no. 533-2020-00346 in the amount of \$17,500, and authorize proper Borough officials to execute any documents and take any such other action necessary to effectuate the same. Second by Tyson Klukan.

Council Comments:

- Vicki Schaub asked how it was decided on the dollar amount. Settlement negotiations have been going back and forth.
- Alyssa Golfieri stated months ago Council authorized and was brought up to date on how the settlement was going. The dollar amount is within the range that the council was comfortable with. The goal is to have it resolved by the end of 2021.

Motion carried - 3 to 2

Josh Adams - No, Mary Alice Bryant – Yes, Carol Fenyes – Yes, Tyson Klukan – No, Vicki Schaub - Yes

2. IDC Option

Josh Adams made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to execute an Option Agreement with the Armstrong County Industrial Development Council for a 120-day term and \$1,000 consideration related to 30 acres of real property owned by the Borough located on 2nd Avenue at the southern end of the Borough adjacent to the river commonly referred to and known as the “Brownfields,” in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor. Second by Vicki Schaub.

Council Comments:

- Tyson Klukan stated that this is monumental for the Borough. The past administration could not get this done. He also stated that there has been a lot of hours have been put into this and that the organizations goal is to help further economic development.
- Josh Adams is glad to see something moving forward.

Motion carried - 5 to 0

Mary Alice Bryant – Yes, Carol Fenyes – Yes, Tyson Klukan – Yes, Vicki Schaub – Yes, Josh Adams – Yes

3. Milling Quote Approval

Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to accept, as recommended by the Public Works Committee, a quote in the amount of \$10,000 from Hiles Excavating LLC for the milling of Ridge Avenue, subject to receipt of PennDOT’s approval of the use of Liquid Fuel funds, and to authorize proper Borough officials to take any such action and execute any related documents or agreements necessary to effectuate the milling, subject to all such documents or agreements being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor. Second by Josh Adams.

Council Comments:

- Vicki Schaub asked if any other quotes were received.
- Carol Fenyes stated not for this as it's under the bid threshold. And, Kevin did reach out to Whites Paving and they stated they did not have time.
- Tyson Klukan stated when Shields was in town, they did a general assessment and they determined their schedule was too busy for the year. And, to answer Laurel's question, the next step would be to bring the engineer in on this.
- Josh Adams adds that getting to this step was a lot quicker than other projects and that Phase Two may not go as quickly as this. (Josh Adams stated this was just his opinion).

Motion carried - 5 to 0

Carol Fenyes – Yes, Tyson Klukan – Yes, Vicki Schaub – Yes, Josh Adams – Yes, Mary Alice Bryant - Yes

4. Actuarial Valuation Reports

Vicki Schaub made the motion to accept the actuarial assumption for the Ford City Borough General Employees' Pension Plan as recommended by the Borough's Actuary, Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, and authorize the Borough's Actuary to proceed with the January 1, 2021 Actuarial Valuation Report based on the recommendations. Second by Josh Adams.

Council Comments:

- Tyson Klukan questioned if the Borough received Borough Pension Plan Audit Reports. And, asked if this will impact any kind of findings from the previous audit reports.
- Carol Fenyes stated this is two different things. Actuarial Evaluations have recommended a slight change in interest rate assumption. The Pension Plan audit report came out just today and was not on the agenda due to not having time to review.
- Vicki Schaub asked if this is due at the end of September.
- Carol Fenyes said no, the MMO needs to be voted on by the end of September.

Motion carried - 5 to 0

Tyson Klukan – Yes, Vicki Schaub – Yes, Josh Adams – Yes, Mary Alice Bryant – Yes, Carol Fenyes – Yes

Vicki Schaub made the motion to accept the actuarial assumption for the Ford City Borough Police Pension Plan as recommended by the Borough's Actuary, Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, and authorize the Borough's Actuary to proceed with the January 1, 2021 Actuarial Valuation Report based on the recommendations. Second by Josh Adams.

Council Comments: None

Motion carried - 5 to 0

Vicki Schaub – Yes, Josh Adams – Yes, Mary Alice Bryant – Yes, Carol Fenyes – Yes, Tyson Klukan – Yes

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are no meeting announcements.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Open Comments at this time

- Laurel Poney was just referencing Josh Adams stating she figured Phase Two wouldn't be as quick. And, said she will be here for updates and understands that everything takes time.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, September 27, 2021 – Place and Time to be announced.


Monday, October 11, 2021 – Place and Time to be announced.

Tyson Klukan commented that with the 20th anniversary with 9/11 that it was nice to see organizations within our community out celebrating. He also wanted it for the public record that the next meeting should be public as it's important for us to be in the public. He also wanted to comment on the Brownfield that a lot of work has been done with that.

ADJOURNMENT

Vicki Schaub made the motion to adjourn. Tyson Klukan seconded. The meeting ended at 6:54 PM by unanimous vote.


Carol Fenyes
Council President


Gail Sigler
Interim Borough Secretary


Lindsey Weige
Office Administrator