

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION: Latin American Club
September 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and advised the audience that the meeting for September 27, 2021 is being audio taped by the Ford City Borough. Abby Karg from the Leader Times is audio recording.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Carol Fenyes, Tyson Klukan, Mary Alice Bryant, Vicki Schaub, Jeff Cogley, Alyssa Golfieri (by phone) and Lindsey Weige.

Absent: Josh Adams, Beth Bowser and Scott Haslett.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Agenda Items only at this time

Laurel Poney - Thank you for the project on Ridge Avenue.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Borough Council held executive sessions on September 13, 2021, September 16, 2021 and September 20, 2021 to discuss personnel, property, and litigation matters and to receive legal advice from the Solicitor.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. July 2021 Fire Department Report
2. August 2021 Fire Department Report
3. June 2021 Police Department Report
4. July 2021 Police Department Report
5. June 14, 2021, Meeting Minutes
6. June 28, 2021, Meeting Minutes
7. July 12, 2021, Meeting Minutes
8. July 26, 2021, Meeting Minutes
9. August 9, 2021, Meeting Minutes
10. August 23, 2021 – Meeting Cancelled for lack of quorum
11. July 2021 Water Reports
12. August 2021 Water Reports

Carol Fenyes asked if there were any objections to the Consent Agenda items. Having no comments the Consent Agenda is passed.

Vicki Schaub explained that Council gets the Consent Agenda items before the Council Meetings to review. If Council has any questions they then bring them to the Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Minimum Municipal Obligation – General Employees’ Pension Plan

Vicki Schaub made the motion to accept and approve the 2022 Non-Uniform Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$0 (Zero Dollar), which said calculation was prepared by the Plan’s Actuary, Mockenhaupt Benefits Group. Second by Mary Alice Bryant.

Motion carried: 4 to 0

2. Minimum Municipal Obligation – Police Pension Plan

Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to accept and approve the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$54,488.00, which said calculation was prepared by the Plan’s Actuary, Mockenhaupt Benefits Group. Second by Vicki Schaub.

Motioned carried: 4 to 0

3. Air Conditioning Unit – Shafer’s HVAC, Inc.

Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to accept, as recommended by the Finance Committee, a quote in the amount of \$6,885.00 from Shafer’s HVAC, Inc. for a Carrier 3.5 ton 13 SEER Rooftop Air Conditioning Unit to service the Administrative Offices in the Borough Building and to authorize proper Borough officials to take all actions necessary to complete the purchase and installation of the same. Second by Vicki Schaub.

Council Comments:

- Tyson Klukan asked what the lead time on this?
- Carol Fenyes responded that it was not asked for a lead time due to getting to the end of the air conditioning season. The warranty will not start until it is serviced into use next Spring.
- Tyson Klukan wanted to let the citizens know that if this goes through Police, Fire and the Borough office will all have newer air conditioning units.

- Vicki Schaub stated her biggest concern was having it installed before air conditioning season that the warranty would kick in. It was verified that the warranty would not start until it was actually started up.

Motioned carried: 4 to 0

Vicki Schaub wanted to add that they are with Costars.

4. Police Radios

Tyson Klukan made the motion to accept, as recommended by the Mayor, Police Chief and the Finance Committee, a quote in the amount of \$23,785.50 from Motorola Radios to effectuate an emergency replacement of outdated and inoperable police radios and upgrade the Borough's programming to current 911 communication requirements, with said cost to be paid for from American Rescue Plan funding and to authorize proper Borough officials to take all actions necessary to complete the purchase and program upgrade. Second by Mary Alice Bryant.

Council Comments:

- Vicki Schaub asked that in June it was written that there were four working radios.
- Jeff Cogley responded that there are two working currently.
- Carol Fenyes let the citizens know that the American Rescue Plan was passed by the Federal Government allowing dollars to be spent by every Municipality in the United States. Ford City Borough will receive in the end \$288,000.00 plus or minus. In June we received \$144,000.00 and will receive \$144,000.00 next year.
- Vicki Schaub added that we need to be diligent on how we spend these funds.
- Carol Fenyes stated that this will be the first expenditure from that fund.

Motioned carried: 4 to 0

5. Police Promotion – Officer Kyle Lewis

Vicki Schaub made the motion to promote Officer Kyle Lewis to the position of Officer in Charge and to be paid a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective October 1, 2021, as recommended by the Mayor, Chief Haslett and the Finance and Personnel Committees. Second by Mary Alice Bryant.

Council Comments:

- Vicki Schaub stated that this is a temporary position and is to be looked at the end of term to see if he will go back in rank or go back in pay.
- Jeff Cogley stated that yes, upon Chief's return that he will go back to patrolman. The Department is in need of an OIC while he's gone. The date on the Chief's

orders right now says no more than 400 days starting October 9th, however, it could be sooner or it could be later.

- Tyson Klukan commented that he's not sure some people know that he is currently active in the military.
- Jeff Cogley stated he is currently in the National Guard.

Kathy Bartucio wanted to know how long he has been an Officer for Ford City. Jeff Cogley stated for almost two years and he is also the Law Enforcement instructor at Lenape Tech.

Motioned carried: 4 to 0

6. Crack Sealing – Repeal July 12, 2021 Motion

Tyson Klukan made the motion to repeal, as recommended by the Public Works Committee, Borough Council's previous acceptance of a quote in the amount of \$11,496.00 from Russell Standard for the sealing of cracks on (i) 4th Avenue between 12th and 14th Street, and between 4th and 7th Street, (ii) 3rd Avenue between 12th and 14th Street, and (iii) 6th Avenue between 7th and 9th Street. Second by Vicki Schaub.

Council Comments:

- Tyson Klukan stated that from the Public Works side there was an external communication breakdown between the contractor and the Borough. The contractor notified the Borough that they could not get us on their schedule this year. We pushed to another vendor, who is a current vendor, and they can get us in as early as next week.

Motioned carried: 4 to 0

7. Crack Sealing – Truitt Sealcoating of New Bethlehem

Vicki Schaub made the motion to accept, as recommended by the Public Works Committee, a quote in the amount of \$11,496.00 from Truitt Sealcoating of New Bethlehem for the sealing of cracks on (i) 4th Avenue between 12th and 14th Street, and between 4th and 7th Street, (ii) 3rd Avenue between 12th and 14th Street, and (iii) 6th Avenue between 7th and 9th Street, subject to receipt of PennDOT's approval to use Liquid Fuel funds, and to approve and authorize proper officials to take any such action and execute any related documents or agreements necessary to effectuate the crack sealing, subject to all such documents or agreements being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor. Second by Mary Alice Bryant.

Council Comments:

- Vicki Schaub had a question about the dollar amounts being exactly the same. Was Truitt asked to give any pricing that may have been lower or was it just agreed upon.

- Tyson Klukan stated having conversations with Mr. Truitt, its public knowledge, you can look back at the public meeting, but here is the project scope. Mr. Truitt then said okay we can do it for this.

Motioned carried: 4 to 0

8. 5th Avenue Patching

Tyson Klukan made the motion to accept, as recommended by the Public Works Committee, a proposal in the amount of \$3,150.00 from Ron Gillette, Inc for patching on 5th Avenue, to use Public Utility funds, and to approve and authorize proper officials to take any such action and execute any related documents or agreements necessary to effectuate the crack sealing, subject to all such documents or agreements being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor. Second by Mary Alice Bryant.

Council Comments:

- Vicki Schaub asked to explain what area on 5th Avenue this is in.
- Tyson Klukan stated that square patch existing water lines that have been damaged or dug up. The downtown district 900 block, the other is 500 block and the third one is in front of Decomo's

Motioned carried: 4 to 0

9. Halloween – Discussion to set dates and times.

Parade Committee established Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 3:00 PM as the time for the Halloween Parade. The route to be 4th Avenue from 11th Street around the Park at 8th Street, and up 3rd Avenue, terminating in the Borough Parking lot for awarding of prizes.

Sara Green adds that they choose 3:00 PM for safety because it is light out. It is a new parade route because we can't use 5th Avenue. Vicki Schaub asked if the high school band invited. Sara Green stated yes.

After discussion between Council, it was determined that Ford City Borough's Halloween Spooky Treats and Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Vicki Schaub commented to Sara Green that she would like to see the Parade Committee to handle both the Halloween Parade and Spooky Treats in the 4th Avenue Park.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Budget requests for the 2022 budgeting period will be out this week and due to the Finance Committee no later than October 15th.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Open Comments at this time
None.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

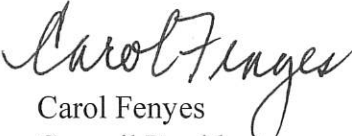
Monday, October 11, 2021 – 6:30 PM at the LA Club.

Monday, October 25, 2021 – 6:30 PM at the LA Club.


Vicki Schaub also wanted to let the public know last year was the CU Clubs 125th Anniversary. Due to COVID they had to cancel their event last year and they chose to cancel it again this year. They will be having a small celebration with a band Friday night and Saturday night they will have a guitar soloist.

ADJOURNMENT

Tyson Klukan made the motion to adjourn. Vicki Schaub seconded. The meeting ended at 7:06 PM by unanimous vote.


Carol Fenyes
Council President


Gail Sigler
Interim Borough Secretary


Lindsey Weige
Office Administrator