

MINUTES
Ford City Borough Council
Regular Meeting
Location: Latin American Club
January 25, 2016

FEMA

Borough Manager Ratliff announced the representatives from FEMA were not in attendance at tonight's meeting. Due to the weather, the winter storm Jonas, they were not able to make this meeting. FEMA has been rescheduled to Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, January 25, 2016 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Also audio taping the meeting: Vicki Schaub, Caroline Hassa and Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fenyes lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Kathy Bartuccio, Beth Bowser, Carol Fenyes, Ray Klukan, Tyson Klukan and Marc Mantini. [At this time the position of Mayor is vacant.]

ATTENDANCE

Solicitor Anthony Vigilante, Borough Manager Eden Ratliff, Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner, Patrick Fabian – Armstrong County Commissioner, Tom Ondrusek, Caroline Hassa, Bob Ware, Bill Oleksak, Nancy & Dennis Mantini, Lou Vergari, Tim Malec, Matt Malec, Jack Elwood, JoAnn Scopel, Vicki Schaub, Jerry Miklos, Rich McKernan, Mike Klingensmith, Kelly Nulph, Gary Stivason, Polly Milito, David Milito, Sandy Hutchison, Ryan Bloser, Joanna Mantini, Rose Vasek, Brigid Beatty – Leader Times and Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper. [There were many other that are not listed.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fenyes stated there was an Executive Session held on Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to Discuss matters of ongoing litigation.

Fenyes stated there was an Executive Session held on Monday January 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the matter of potential litigation concerning the Economic Development Administration.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR

Fenyes asked for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Bartuccio nominated Vicki Schaub.

Solicitor Vigilante advised to take all nominations, close nominations, then vote in the order they are received.

Fenyas asked if there were any other nominations.

R. Klukan nominated John M. Lux, Sr.

Bowser nominated Jeff Cogley.

Fenyas asked if there were any other nominations. There was no response. Fenyas stated nominations are closed.

Fenyas called for a roll call vote on the nomination of Vicki Schaub. [First there was a voice vote, then a roll call vote was called for.]

R. Klukan	nay	T. Klukan	nay
Mantini	nay	Bartuccio	yea
Bowser	nay	Fenyas	nay
Vote tally	1 5	Vote fails.	

Fenyas called for a roll call vote on the nomination of John M. Lux, Sr. [First there was a voice vote, then a roll call vote was called for.]

T. Klukan	nay	Mantini	nay
Bartuccio	nay	Bowser	nay
Fenyas	nay	R. Klukan	yea
Vote tally	1 5	Vote fails.	

Fenyas called for a roll call vote on the nomination of Jeff Cogley. [First there was a voice vote, then a roll call vote was called for.]

Mantini	yea	Bartuccio	nay
Bowser	yea	Fenyas	yea
R. Klukan	nay	T. Klukan	yea
Vote tally	4 2		

Fenyas announces Jeff Cogley is the new Mayor and we will be taking a 2 minute recess.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

The swearing in ceremony will not take place, it will take place at Mr. Cogley’s pleasure.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

At this time, citizens may address the Council on any issues appearing on tonight's agenda. Only residents, business owners and taxpayers of the Borough of Ford City will be permitted to address Council. Comments on non-agenda items will be taken at the end of tonight's meeting. Speakers will be permitted to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. Groups of people will be required to designate a spokesperson to represent them before Council who may speak for a maximum of 6 minutes. Citizens are asked to clearly state and spell their name and provide their address for the record and keep comments brief and to the point.

Vicki Schaub asked why is the Borough switching auditors? Borough Manager answered that it was at his recommendation. The new firm [Holsinger] is being recommended because their price is \$4000 lower in price than the second bidder, Maher-Duessel the previous auditor. Schaub asked if there was any bidding for this? Borough Manager answered there was a bid put out and three bids were received. Schaub asked when did Council decide to send out for bids? Borough Manager answered the last Council put it out for bid in December 2015.

Jerry Miklos stated he could not hear in the back and asked if there were microphones. Fenyes answered we don't have a microphone. Audience members told him to move up. Miklos asked what level of audit is this? Fenyes stated it is a full audit. Miklos asked if it was the same level provided previously? Borough Manager answered it will be a full audit. The last time there was a full audit done was for the year 2011. Miklos asked if there would be any consideration for a fraud or forensic audit? Borough Manager answered that had not been discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

Bartuccio made a motion to advertise the proposed Flood Plain Management Ordinance as recommended by Gibson Thomas Engineering and reviewed by the Solicitor Vigilante. Seconded by Bowser. [voting took place] (Attachment)

Lou Vergari asked what is the Flood Plain Management Ordinance? [We are past the audience portion of the meeting to ask questions on agenda items.] Fenyes stated she will speak to Vergari after the meeting.

Fenyes asked to retake the vote.
Motion Carried. 5-1 R. Klukan is opposed

2016 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET

Bowser made a motion to advertise the 2016 Municipal Operating Budget as prepared by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Bartuccio. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

2016 TAX ORDINANCE

Bowser made a motion to advertise the 2016 Tax Ordinance as prepared by the Finance Committee as reviewed by Solicitor Vigilante at the rate of 17.40 mils the same as fiscal year 2015. Second by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-1 Bartuccio is opposed. (Attachment)

POLICE DEPARTMENT PISTOLS

Bowser made a motion to adopt the proposed Resolution relative to the sale of two police department pistols as reviewed by Solicitor Vigilante. Seconded by Bartuccio. (Attachment)
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

BILL LIST

Bartuccio made a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of \$41,231.35 as recommended by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

AUDITOR

Mantini made a motion to appoint Holsinger as the Ford City Borough Auditor to audit 2015 at the cost of \$8,369.00. Seconded by R. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday February 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Latin American Club.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

At this time, citizens may address Council on any issue. Only residents and taxpayers of the Borough of Ford City will be permitted to address Council Speakers will be permitted to speak, there is one speaker that is not a resident and has been granted permission to speak, for a maximum of 3 minutes. Groups of people will be required to designate a spokesperson to represent them before Council who may speak for a maximum of 6 minutes. Citizens are asked to clearly state and spell their name and provide their address for the record and keep comments brief and to the point.

Bill McMaster – 2205 Pleasant View Drive, Ford City, is here representing [Manor] Crime Watch, requested the support of Council and asked if possible, would like a representative and an alternate to come to their meetings. They are trying to help “you people” out and not getting any support. Fenyes thanked Mr. McMasters and stated it will be taken under advisement.

Vicki Schaub – stated that if Council was going to have a three (3) minute rule for Citizens to address Council then everyone should be held to that. At the last meeting Mr. [Bob] Ware spoke for almost 10 minutes. If you are going to let one person speak for 10 minutes, you have to let everyone. You can’t show partiality. Schaub stated for the train vote, you Carol made the comment, you guys were already in agreement with that, you can’t agree on something until it comes upon the floor for a vote, so be careful. Schaub asked if there was any [Council] Committee list? Fenyes answered not yet. Schaub asked who is currently on the Finance Committee? Council President answers Beth [Bowser], Tyson [Klukan] and myself [Carol Fenyes]. Schaub asked how much did it cost to send the FEMA mailers? Borough Manager will contact her tomorrow with the information and stated that if anyone else would like to know the answer, call 724-763-3081.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

T. Klukan, R. Klukan and Mantini made comments that required no action.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Klukan made a motion at 6:52 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary