

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Location: FORD CITY BOROUGH OFFICE
February 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, February 15, 2016 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. [It will be audio taped by Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper.]

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Kathy Bartuccio, Beth Bowser, Carol Fenyes, Ray Klukan, Tyson Klukan, Marc Mantini were present. Mayor Cogley was absent for personal reasons, his youngest son is readying himself for military deployment and family obligations were necessary.

ATTENDANCE

Borough Manager Eden Ratliff, Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner, Amy Moody, Dean Hutchison, Jerry Miklos and Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper were also present.

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Vice-President Tyson Klukan read the Statement of Explanation. (Attachment)

CITIZENS COMMENTS

At this time, citizens may address Council on any issue appearing on today's agenda. Only residents 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.

Jerry Miklos asked how and when was it [pension millage was not in accordance with with PA Borough Code] discovered? The report from Mockenhaupt [Borough actuaries] factored in? Miklos stated the pension was fully funded.

Council President explained it was discovered when a report was being submitted to DCED. DCED brought it to our attention.

Borough Manager stated this is not about the level of funding for the pension plan. This is about the amount of money the Borough must contribute to the pension plan. This remains similar to previous years. The former Council did not allocate the money

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to the pension fund, but chose to allocate from the General Fund. The pension obligation has not increased. This Council was trying to take a different approach and wanted to show the Tax Payer exactly where their money is being allocated.

Miklos stated that made no sense. The pension obligation is based on the report from Mockenhaupt.

Borough Manager stated the obligation has not changed. Taxes were transferred to the pension fund to cover that obligation. The amount of taxes was less than the obligation as reported by Mockenhaupt.

Miklos disagreed. Council has options to fully fund it or partially fund it.

Borough Manager stated we are coming to the end of the three (3) minutes time period.

[Statement of Explanation which was read by Councilman Tyson Klukan explains the position of the Borough Administration regarding the pension millage calculation.]

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2016 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET

Motion to adopt the 2016 municipal operating budget as amended and prepared by the Finance Committee.

Motion: Marc Mantini

Second: Ray Klukan

Motion Carried. 5-1 Bartuccio is opposed

2. 2016 TAX ORDINANCE

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.

Motion: Ray Klukan

Second: Beth Bowser

Motion Carried. 5-1 Bartuccio is opposed

3. POLICE CAR

Motion to authorize the purchase of a used 2010 Ford Crown Victoria vehicle identification number 2FABP78V0AX100663 in the amount of \$7,000.00 payable to Harmony Township, Pennsylvania.

Motion: Beth Bowser

Second: Kathy Bartuccio

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Motion to authorize all expenditures relative to title transfer fees.

Motion: Tyson Klukan

Second: Kathy Bartuccio

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Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Monday February 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Latin American Club.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday March 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Latin American Club.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Motion to defer Citizen's comments until the next Council Meeting on March 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Latin American Club.

Motion: Ray Klukan

Second: Tyson Klukan

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Motion at 5:13 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Ray Klukan

Second: Tyson Klukan

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary