

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
4th MONDAY
Location: Latin American Club
February 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, February 22, 2016 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AUDIO TAPING

[See below, this was not announced at the beginning of the meeting.]

ROLL CALL

Kathy Bartuccio, Beth Bowser, Carol Fenyes, Tyson Klukan, Ray Klukan, Marc Mantini and Mayor Cogley.

ATTENDANCE

Borough Manager Eden Ratliff, Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner, Jonathan Ingram – Novak Consulting, Group, JoAnn Scopel, Tanya Gladysiewski, Dave Kneppshield, Rose Vasek, Steve & Dawn Kromer – Ford Cliff Borough, Caroline Hassa, Dave Milito, Tom Ondrusek, Gary Stivason, Dean Hutchison, Jerry Miklos, Jamie Thompson and JoAnna Mantini.

JONATHAN INGRAM – NOVAK CONSULTING GROUP – EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Mr. Ingram explained their firm will be interviewing Borough Official and reviewing the Borough Financial records for the past five (5) years. This will take them approximately four (4) months. Their findings will available to the Public. This is with funding from a State Program and the Borough will be responsible for 10% of the cost. Once their review is complete, the Borough will be eligible for other grants.

MAYOR COGLEY

Mayor Jeff Cogley explained the purchase of a new police vehicle will give the Police Dept. a dependable vehicle. The Council also voted to purchase a used 2010 Crown Victoria from Harmony Twp. This vehicle has approximately 69,000 miles. It has everything except a radio. Armstrong County District Attorney donated money so the Police Dept. is able to purchase a computer. The hiring process has been started for a Police Chief, 42 resumes were received. At this time there is an Interim Police Chief in place. An unknown woman stated her son may be able to build another computer for the Police Dept.

AUDIO TAPING

Council President Fenyes stated this meeting is being audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping the meeting. Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper is audio taping the meeting.

MEETING FORMAT

Council President Fenyes explained this is a different format. More of an open forum and as long as there is civility there will not be a time limit placed on speakers. Committees may come forward and make reports and requests of Council. The Council will act on the requests at the Regular Meeting. Some reports won't be given tonight. We are just building the structure of this meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Ray Klukan [Fire Dept. Trustee] explained the Fire Dept. will have a Night at the Races – March 19, Polish Dinner in May, and Italian Platter in June. All of these are in conjunction with the Renaissance. These events help us pay for the entertainment during the Street Fair.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Borough Manager Ratliff read a list of work completed by the Street Dept.

FEMA

Council President Fenyes explained a committee will be formed to work toward a resolution to most of the Borough being placed in the 100 year Flood Zone. This happened when the new maps became effective 2-17-2016. Prior to 2-17-16 most of the Borough was in the 500 year Flood Zone. The status of the levy's must be determined. Storm Water Management needs a plan. Interested Citizens are asked to contact the Borough Office. Updates will be given monthly.

STREET SWEEPING

A schedule was submitted for Sweeping. Council VP Klukan suggested sweeping every week in October as opposed to just the one day. A discussion took place and ended with adding one more day in October. October 27 would be Avenues.

The proposed schedule will be adjusted to reflect the additional day in October and presented to Council on **3-14-2016** for a vote to advertise the Sweeping Schedule and having them printed.

TRASH DAYS

A schedule was submitted for the annual Trash Days. T. Klukan suggested using a mobile camera during the Trash Days to monitor the dumpsters.

The proposed schedule will be presented to Council on **3-14-2016** for a vote to advertise and include on the Sweeping Schedule.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS/ SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

A discussion was held concerning the need of Playground Supervisors. They are trained to distribute the lunches prepared by the County – Community Action Program.

The advertisement for Playground Supervisors will be placed on the **3-14-2016** meeting agenda.

FARMER'S MARKET

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There will be advertisements in the Horse Trader for the Farmer's Market. Not sure when the start date will be, but it will run until the end of October. The time will be from 3:00 p.m. to dusk. Anyone willing to assist with the Farmer's Market, please contact the Borough Office.

During the discussion, David Knepshield offered his property at 900 4th Avenue for a possible site of the Farmer's Market. Someone suggested the former FCHS parking lot. Someone else suggested the Borough Park.

NEWSLETTER

A discussion was held about a Borough Newsletter. What the purpose is, the actual action taken by Council, happenings within and around the Community, naming of the Publication, looking at in house printing or out sourcing, it will be printed by the Borough and placed around town. It will not be mailed.

The discussion touched on a Borough Website. This is being worked on. This will include Financial Reports and Minutes. This Council wants everything to be known and available to the Public. Someone suggested the website – Square Space, this could be used to create the Borough Website.

STULL'S CLEANING

Quotes have been received from Stull's and we are looking for other quotes. The Borough Office [entire first floor] is in need of a good cleaning and waxing of the floors.

RECESS

A meeting recess took place for approximately five (5) minutes.

FORD CLIFF BOROUGH

Stewart Kromer – Ford Cliff Borough submitted a letter requesting permission to place a building on Ford City Borough property for the purpose of storing Road Salt for their Borough. A meeting will be scheduled with officials from both Borough's. Ford City Borough Councilman stated this should be done through our Solicitor.

PAVING/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

A drawing was distributed with sections of the upper end of town highlighted. The top of the system is 17th Street. Sections of 17th Street to 15th Street are included in this proposed work area. A plan needs developed for the whole system. Cleaning of the storm sewers and road reconstruction and road paving are eligible projects to be paid using Highway Aid [Liquid Fuels Money]. This is money received from the State annually. It is possible to use a PIB [Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank] Loan – from the State. This is a low interest loan and future Highway Aid money is able to be used toward the repayment of the PIB Loan.

Camera's will be needed to scope the Storm Sewers. Blockages need to be identified and the blockages need removed. The cost of scoping/ cleaning is \$325 per hour.

Anticipated project bid dates would be March/April. A meeting with the Street Committee (Ray Klukan, Marc Mantini and Tyson Klukan) will be scheduled to finalize the project area.

WEBSITE

A contract with Family Life Media was terminated. This Council is meeting with other Website developers. The goal is to have pages for all Borough Departments, Ordinances, and Forms.

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MANOR AREA CRIMEWATCH REPRESENTATIVE

This will be postponed until a permanent Police Chief is put in place.

PARKING CONCERN

David Knepshield expressed concern for his tenants living at 1007 to 1019 4th Avenue. There are meters in front of these apartments. Knepshield asked if the tenants should have to pay to park in front of their own homes? Borough Manager added parking is regulated by Ordinance.

ADJOURN

Council President Fenyes stated it is now 8:00 p.m. and this meeting is adjourned.

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary