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MINUTES
Ford City Borough Council
4th Monday
Location: Latin American Club
March 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. for Monday, March 28, 2016. [The meeting will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner.]

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, Ray Klukan, Marc Mantini and Mayor Cogley. Tyson Klukan is absent.

ATTENDANCE

Doug Siler – Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Patty Lynn Baker – MCTA, Joe Zboran – Davis Consulting, Dick Wakefield & Andy Tyliniski – F.C. Borough Planning Commission, Stacy Gladysiewski – FC Shade Tree and Parks & Recreation, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Sarah Hepfl - Leader-Times, and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were present.

DOUG SILER – GIBSON-THOMAS ENGINEERING -- UPDATE FEMA FLOOD MAP

Mr. Siler explained he was here in December and spoke about the revisions FEMA would be implementing to the Flood Maps. At that time the existing maps indicated that most of the Borough was outside of the flood plain. However, the new maps show the Borough within the 100 year flood plain. The primary reason was the high ground that separates the Borough from the [Allegheny] river was deemed a levee and that it did not meet the certification criteria that are in the Federal Code. Representatives from FEMA attended a meeting here in the Borough in February. FEMA has since revised their policy. It is being said the Borough does not need to fully certify the levee. They just want to see the interior parts of the Borough will be protected from local flooding through their Storm Water Structure. In the Storm Flushing Systems and the Pump Stations the Borough has, there are a lot of improvements that have to be done. We will be providing FEMA with the information they need take much of the Borough out of the 100 year flood plain. The second phase is to bring the Storm Water Infrastructure and the interior drainage up to snuff. Short term we will be providing information to FEMA they need to remap the flood maps. Long term will be an assessment and rehab of the Storm Water Infrastructure. At this time we are gathering information on the Pump Stations, Collection Systems, Maintenance of the Lines, Cleaning & Inspecting the Lines, Catch Basins, and Man Holes. Last Summer a grant was submitted for Flood Mitigation. That sat in limbo for a while because the state did not pass a budget. Siler stated he would follow up on the status of the grant. Siler stated there is no guarantee the maps will be rewritten.

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AUDIO TAPING or VIDEO TAPING

Council President asked if anyone is audio or video taping the meeting? Vicki Schaub, JoAnn Scopel, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning-Paper, and Sarah Hepfl - Leader-Times are audio taping. Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping.

JOE ZBORAN – DAVIS CONSULTING – COMPUTER UPGRADES

Mr. Zboran explained they have been providing the IT work to the Borough and Police Dept. Several terminals have been upgraded replacing the outdated Windows XP. The server is out dated and there is a high security risk. Support from Microsoft is no longer available.

Beth Bowser asked with regard to the new WTP will the new computer system be compatible with the WTP.

Zboran explained there will be virtual servers and each would be totally isolated. Zboran stated he is sure the new server would work. Zboran explained there will be a physical server. That is the only way to verify the boxes are isolated and are 100% secure. Option A has no room for expansion and Option B will have two processors and each processor allow for two virtuals. Zboran stated their recommendation is Option B because it allows for expansion.

PATTY LYNN BAKER – MCTA

Ms. Patty Lynn Baker explained as a member municipality Ford City Borough has been providing a local match for a number of years. Ford City Borough is one (1) of seven (7) active members [Applewood, East Franklin, Ford City, Manor, Manorville, Kittanning, West Kittanning] Every year that increases by 5%. That is a requirement because of legislative action by the state of Pennsylvania. Last year the amount of \$578,790 in Act 44 funding. Our local match was \$40,321. This year our match is \$42,337 for all the member municipalities. An estimate for state aid this year is \$590K. For every dollar that a member municipality gives MCTA just a bit more than \$14 from the state contribution. Cutaway buses are being used on the fixed routes. There is a shared ride program that requires reservations. The \$590K plus the \$40K monies pay for the fixed route service. If there is any money left over it helps subsidize the shared ride program. It is estimated a little less than 75K people will be transported this year. The fixed route is a little less than 41K ridership and the shared ride is about 34K. Shared ride is available to all of the 654 square miles of Armstrong County. Baker explained a question was asked if MCTA could be used to bring residents to the Council meetings? Baker explained FC is on the green line. MCTA is not permitted to do charter work. When future schedules are worked on this can be looked at. Polling of the community could take place. They are working with consultants from SPC [Southwest Pennsylvania Commission] to create a Master Plan. Baker explained Armstrong County does contribute too, but they are not a voting member. The calculation of the amount the municipalities contribute pre-dates her. Marc Mantini [former Ford City Borough representative to MCTA] explained it is based on population. If a rider is over the age of 65, with the proper identification they may ride for free, the fixed route only. That includes the whole state of PA any public transportation system. Baker explained in October they celebrated their 40 anniversary. Baker provided bus schedules for each of the lines.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

R. Klukan explained they have two fundraisers coming up. On May 14th the Polish Dinner, there will be an Italian Platter Dinner in June or early July. Street Fair will be held over the Labor Day Weekend. Events are held in conjunction with the Renaissance.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Council President read from a prepared statement created by T. Klukan. (Attached)

MCTA – AGREEMENT

Agreement for the fixed route service, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Agenda item on 4-11-2016.
Amount due \$10,142.00.

MCTA – RESOLUTION

Resolution to provide full payment by July 30, 2016. Agenda item for 4-11-2016.

COMPUTER UPGRADES

Presentation by Joe Zboran. Agenda item for 4-11-2016.

WTP – BID OPENING

Council President explained the bid opening was held on 3-24-2016. Copies of the bids received are available. There was some concern about the amount of contingency money held for the project.
(Attachments)

FORD CLIFF BOROUGH

Council President read from a prepared statement created by T. Klukan. (Attached)

Council President stated the Street Committee members are Ray Klukan, Tyson Klukan and Marc Mantini.

5th AVENUE – PENNDOT SWEEPING

Mantini read from a prepared statement created by T. Klukan. (Attached)

Mantini stated the Borough wants Penndot to sweep 5th Avenue. Council President explained the “cinders” left by Penndot should be removed. We don’t want our Street Sweeper to have to pick remove that debris. In the past they have done that. Now they are trying to swap services.

SHADETREE

At their request changing meeting dates to the 3rd Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Meetings must be re-advertised. Agenda item for 4-11-2016.

Stacy Klukan explained they would like three (3) to five (5) trees removed from the park this year. Klukan will get bids for this work. Maybe planting can take place in the Fall. The benches in the park need taken care of. There are Eagle Scouts that may build three (3) to five (5) benches for the park in 2016.

Stacy Klukan stated she would like to be the contact person for the 14th Street Trail project. Ron Steffy was going to instruct S. Klukan on how to operate the machine to pack down the cinders.

Stacy Klukan explained she has been contact with Head Start. Trying to find out how many times they use 7th Avenue Playground. Aaron Siko – Recreation Resource USA attended their meeting in January 2016. There is no charge for the evaluation he is doing at the 7th Avenue Playground. There are old slides and other old equipment that needs to be removed. They are working on a DCNR Grant and the deadline is 4-13-2016. Repaving the court at Boulder Park is being considered. Council President explained Bill Stivason [working foreman] will be getting in touch with Stacy about mulching. They

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will be going to each playground and reviewing their status. Bill Oleksak added the Riverfront Trail needs gravel. Oleksak asked if the bathroom could be opened too. Vicki Schaub stated the local locksmith was to install automatic door locks on the trail bathrooms last year. Oleksak stated trash bins are needed along the Riverfront Trail. Mantini added we have to be careful when opening the restrooms. Even though it has been unseasonably warm, there is still a chance of freezing.

PARKS & RECREATION

An advertisement has been published, accepting applications until Friday, April 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Information item only.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS

Discussion took place about reimbursing the Playground Supervisors for the expense of obtaining their clearances. Act 33 and Act 34 and Fingerprinting. Bowser will provide information to the Secretary.

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Council President introduced Roger Wright as our new Police Chief.

An advertisement has been published, accepting applications until Friday, April 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Information item only.

FCPD – STAFFING

Mayor Cogley stated they are looking to hire three (3) to four (4) part-time officers. There are five (5) officers now. For the weekends, we would like to be 24 hour coverage.

FARMER’S MARKET

Bartuccio stated this will start at the end of May and end on 10-20-2016. There may be a new location this year, the lot across from the Hoagie Shop. This property is owned by Dave Knepshield.

NEWSLETTER

Council President stated there isn’t any new information at this time.

PAVING/STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

WEBSITE

Council President read from a prepared statement created by T. Klukan. (Attached)

MANOR AREA CRIME WATCH REPRESENTATIVE

Chief Wright explained once he creates a schedule, the officer that is on duty the night of the meeting will probably be the representative.

PARKING METERS – CALIBRATION

Council President explained they would like to create a schedule for all the parking meters to be calibrated. The calibration is good for five (5) years. Vicki Schaub stated that Bill Stivason said all the meters were calibrated. Council President will check on this.

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FCHS CANNON – MR. KARL SWIGART

Mr. Swigart explained the cannon is in bad shape. He doesn't have the blessing of Ford City to do anything with the cannon. Swigart explained Armstrong School District [ASD] voted on 12-8-2014 to give the cannon to Ford City Borough. Swigart suggested obtaining a legal agreement with the School District with regard to the cannon. A small group has come together to restore the cannon. Suggestions have been made to move the cannon to the park or to leave the cannon along with the flag pole on the corner of the ASD property. The later would require additional donation from ASD for some ground. After some research, the company that made the cannon is still in business. Should the color be purple & gold or restored to the original color? Swigart again recommended obtaining a legal agreement for the transfer of the cannon from ASD to Ford City Borough. Swigart provided a draft of an agreement. Bowser stated a wise thing to do would be to obtain ownership. Joann Scopel suggested maybe FCHS Classes may be willing to help. Kathy Bartuccio will follow up with the ASD.

STORAGE CONTAINER – 14th STREET – FORD CITY RENAISSANCE

Council President explained there is a storage trail at 14th Street [14th Street & 3rd Avenue inside the fenced in Borough Property]. Paul Klukan – Ford City Renaissance has expressed interest in using this trailer. At the present time Greg Dinko is using the trailer to store canisters used when shooting fireworks displays. Council President explained she spoke with Paul Klukan and suggested he speak with Greg Dinko to determine if Dinko would be willing to vacate the storage trailer. Council President stated the trailer was owned by the Borough. Ray Klukan added the Renaissance is willing to install a roof on the trailer. Council President will speak with Greg.

ORDINANCES – PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE WORKING ON THE BELOW ORDINANCES

Council President explained the Planning Commission will be reviewing the following Ordinances:

- A. Landlord Tenant
- B. Animal
- C. Nuisance
- D. Fire/Smoke
- E. Parking
 - i. 2 hour parking by former FCHS
 - ii. Parking on 5th Avenue by businesses
- F. FEMA

ADJOURN

Council President Fenyes stated at 7:55 p.m. this meeting is done.

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary