

MINUTES
Ford City Borough Council
Regular Meeting
Location: Ford City Public Library
April 13, 2015 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Bartuccio called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, April 13, 2015 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Is anyone audio or video taping the meeting? Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper is audio taping the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bartuccio led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Josh Abernathy, Gene Banks, Kathy Bartuccio, Jerry Miklos, Vicki Schaub and Mayor Mantini were present. Scott Gaiser was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bartuccio explained Council held an Executive Session on Tuesday March 24, 2015 in the Ford City Borough Office to discuss matters of personnel and potential litigation.

MINUTES

Schaub made a motion to accept draft #3 of the 6-23-2014 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented, this is the Final Draft. Seconded by Banks. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Schaub made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2015. Seconded by Banks. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

Schaub made a motion to ratify payment in the amount of \$34,512.48 as approved by the Borough Manager. Seconded by Abernathy. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

Schaub made a motion to payment in the amount of \$97,549.20 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Abernathy. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – This report was read by the Borough Secretary.

Schaub made a motion to approve the Borough Manager report for March 2015. Seconded by Miklos. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

WATER REPORT

Abernathy made a motion to approve the Water Reports from CWM for March 2015, samples were taken on 3-2-2015, 3-9-2015, 3-16-2015, & 3-23-2015, all samples passed the Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection standards for Safe Drinking Water for total coliform and E. coli, reports are available in the Borough Office. Seconded by Schaub. (Attachments)
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

POLICE REPORT

Mayor reads the Police, FCPD and PSP, Reports.

Lou Vergari added that accidents are no listed on the Ford City Police Report. Vergari explained he was involved in an accident and it took about 25 minutes for the police to arrive.

Schaub made a motion to approve the Police Reports, FCPD and PSP, for March 2015. (Attachments)
Seconded by Banks.

Abernathy asked how many parking tickets were issued last month?

Mayor stated he read it and doesn't recall.

Abernathy replied you stated the number of Ordinance arrests, but not parking tickets?

Mayor stated we are down to about five (5) officers.

Abernathy asked didn't we hire a parking person and we were working through that with you?

Mayor replied nobody worked it through with me and there are a number of questions? I understand she was supposed to work for Council? I'm glad you brought that up.

Miklos asked could we get an answer to questions.....

Mantini stated no there were a number of questions as to why we didn't hire her?

Abernathy stated she was hired.

Mayor asked who is she under the Police Dept. or Council?

Abernathy reminded Mayor he wrote a letter she was going to do her daily operations you gave permission to Eden Ratliff [Borough Manager] to schedule her for her daily operations.

Mayor asks who is she under, Council, answer the question? It's a simple question. Council or the Police Dept.?

Abernathy stated she is an employee. She is an employee of the Borough. She is not a police officer.

Mayor says so she is under Council.

Abernathy stated she is not a police officer.

Mayor asked if anybody here checked with any other communities?

Miklos says he is still waiting for an answer to the first question.

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Abernathy remaindered everyone the Mayor dodged how many parking tickets were issued.

Miklos asked if we could get an answer?

Mayor says the answer is this individual should be under the Police Dept.

Abernathy stated the report says three (3) parking tickets were issued. I'll state it since he doesn't want to.

Mayor stated we are undermanned.

Vergari agreed, obviously you are undermanned, if we had to wait for 25 minutes.

Everyone is talking over each other.

Abernathy stated people are trying to work with you Mayor and have made numerous attempts to try to make meetings with you and the Police Dept. to get this worked out and you blow it off. It's ridiculous.

Mayor says there is a serious problem.

Abernathy explained we hired someone to do parking.

Mayor said this should be under the jurisdiction of the Police Dept. Did you check with any other Departments?

Abernathy explained there is parking enforcement in Pittsburgh that don't even fall under police. You don't need to be.....

Mayor replied they fall under the Police Dept. and asked who is going to send out

Abernathy asked the Mayor to go back 10 years all the police reports, I want to see when you diligently wrote parking tickets every month. So you can't blame this on understaffed. We tried to resolved the problem and now you are not letting the problem go forward.

Mayor replied very simple this woman should be under the jurisdiction of the Police Dept.

Miklos stated he doesn't want it resolved.

Schaub stated you are hurting the businesses.

Miklos stated you are not hurting us Mayor, you are hurting the business people.

Zach Chambers – Chambers Jewelers agreed it is hurting the businesses. Chambers reminded everyone he attended the meeting two (2) months ago and Council approved to hire a meter maid. Actually since then, I work there every day, it's my Business and my building I own as well, there has been no enforcement. This last Friday I called the police three (3) times and there was no answer. A white car was parked in front of my store [400 Block of Ford Street] from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., I could not get a hold of anyone. My parking again, was shot. It has been this way for 10 years. I don't

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want to hear this and that about the police. I have tried and tried and tried to be reasonable, polite, courteous, to calling you.

Mayor agreed to being called numerous times.

Chambers explained he has have met with the Mayor multiple times and called you as well as the police. Everything I have always heard, it's snowing, it's raining we're understaffed, we're busy. That doesn't help any of the Businesses on Ford Street.

Mayor asked did I say that to you?

Chambers asked why is it not being resolved? Why can't we go forward with something new? Something changed to help the Businesses.

Mayor stated we have to comply with certain rules.

Both men are speaking at the same time.

Mayor explains in Kittanning it's under the Police Dept.

Chambers asked when I call the [FCPD] police and they can't come out and ticket and there's excuse.

Mayor explained nothing has been setup, these tickets still have Ford City Police Department written on them. We have to buy more tickets.

Chambers asked why can't we change for the Businesses, you want growth? Chambers explained he is a small Business that does good. I see new people come in. One of the biggest complaints is, from people that open like Costa's [A restaurant located on the 400 Block of Ford Street.] and new Businesses that want to come in is parking. There is no parking.

Mayor asked why isn't this under the Police Dept.? This is what I asked, very simple.

Solicitor Vigilante explained he was asked a general question and before I got to do much research on it, I was told you delegated your authority to Eden [Borough Manager Ratliff]. So, I have to be honest.....

Mayor stated he did not delegate his authority of the Police Dept. to Eden.

Solicitor stated that is what he was told.

Mayor asked who told you that?

Solicitor explained he was told there was a letter.

Abernathy explained the letter stated the Mayor will allow the [Borough] Manager manage the day to day. When she is scheduled to work and everything else. Everything else will fall under you. I don't see what the problem is. Now the latest thing I have heard is no you are not going to manage her, I'm going to manage her and Sgt. Atherton is going to manage her. We have had 10 years of parking being

managed and it hasn't been resolved.

Mayor asked who is going to send out the citations, we have to get all new citations? They have Ford City Police Dept. written on them. Mayor asked who is going to handle the cash.

All talking at the same time.

Solicitor Vigilante stated he will follow up with Eden [Borough Manager]. I looked at the Borough Code briefly, before you issued your letter, I don't necessarily believe a meter maid is a police officer. So, I don't know why she would fall under your direction. Now what is in the union contract about Police, if it addresses that, I'm not sure. But I suggested to Eden if this was going to go further, you have a labor Counsel who helps you with the police contract, you have a labor attorney who helps with general labor matters, you should call and get an opinion. Right now, as we are sitting here, I don't think that meter maid has to go under the police.

Mayor stated we pay dearly for legal advice.

Abernathy stated he was under the impression of how this was going to work. He [Borough Manager] was sitting down with you [Mayor] and the police officers. He [Borough Manager] was going to run the day to day, when she [meter maid] was scheduled to work, when Businesses wanted more enforcement. All was going to fall under the Borough Manager which is a salary employee that is here during the week and she was going to work over there out of the Police Dept. She was going to do the tickets and turn them over to Atherton just like a police officer would and the police would not have to deal with any of the tickets anymore. They would not even have to come out and issue street sweeping tickets.

Mayor asked who is going to handle the money?

Abernathy explained it still goes through Atherton. She still has to process it like anybody else would. Turns what she gets in and then he checks the balances and does the deposit.

Mayor stated there is to be no cash money across the hall.

Abernathy answered it is not going over there.

Mayor asked will she have a key to the Police Dept.? These are questions I want to ask you. There is supposed to be no cash in the office.

Miklos stated who is talking about cash, answer the questions Mayor. You want to help Ford City grow. You are stymieing it. Your last 10 years have been horrendous here. We saw what you have done with the Police Dept. Zero. These people have been complaining for 10 years. What have you done?

Mayor answers the UCR code has gone down every year as far as crime here. You have decimated the Police Dept.

Miklos pleaded with the Mayor to help these people. They need help here.

Mayor requested putting her jurisdiction under the Police Dept., very simple.

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Abernathy stated she is working out of the Police Dept.

Schaub explained an officer was hired 10 to 6, who was supposed to do these things, Monday to Friday. They have not been able to do the job because Sgt. Atherton pulls them to do other police work all the time.

Mayor explains police work isn't standard every day. Say there is an assault, somebody has to go there.

Miklos and Schaub ask the Mayor to look at the numbers.

Mayor responds you have decimated the Police Dept. we are down to about five (5) officers.

Miklos asks Mayor how does he justify 10 years?

Schaub stated this is not new.

Mayor states we have a good Police Dept.

Chambers asks Mayor to please try to work with them. So we can stop suffering, the Businesses. We are not trying to be political, we are Businesses. We are just trying to keep the street clear so that we can all prosper. Is it that hard?

Abernathy explained to the Mayor the only thing Council is asking is that the Manager would be doing is her schedule, when she comes and when she goes. Everything else still falls under you. That is why I don't understand what the big deal is about.

Mayor explained they need something in writing and they need it soon.

Abernathy stated he [Borough Manager] sat down with you and you blew him off.

Mayor explained he spoke with someone in Leechburg and they have 21 officers and two (2) are with benefits. We are down to about five (5).

Abernathy stated we have two with benefits.

Miklos asked what is the Leechburg police Budget?

Mayor stated he will find out.

Miklos answered it is around \$300,000 and asked how can they run a 21 police officer department on about \$300,000 when we can't run two full timers 12 or 14 part-timers on almost \$500,000. Something is wrong here Mayor. You need to look into that and need to do your homework.

Abernathy asked to get off the Police Dept. and solve the parking issue. The parking issue is let the Borough Manager manage when she comes and when she goes. We could care less about what else goes on. You will still oversee everything else under the Police Dept. but the scheduling of her will be done by the Borough Manager. Is there a problem with that?

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Mayor stated he will have to speak with Sgt. Atherton tomorrow.

Schaub asks who runs the Police Dept.?

Abernathy stated they want an answer tonight.

Miklos asked who is in charge of the Police Dept. you or Sgt. Atherton?

Abernathy explained there is someone waiting to start their job. Sgt. Brice agreed to provide her training. We could have this person working. You are holding it up. I don't understand why the Borough Manager can't manage the day to day operations. When she comes and when she goes because he is here every day.

Mayor asked who is she under the Police Dept. or Council?

Abernathy stated she is a Borough Employee it doesn't matter.

Schaub stated they have answered that.

Lou Vergari stated to the Mayor he can't see any difference. I know she is not a police officer. This would be no different, if the police officer issue a ticket it would be handled at the Police Dept. if she issues a ticket, it would be handled at the Police Dept.

Banks asked if there is a dispute in the ticket and the person has to go to court. Would that lady be subject to attend hearing?

Abernathy stated she agreed to that.

Schaub explained who ever signs it goes.

Banks stated that means she has to take time off the job to go court sit there all day.

Abernathy explained it is only 10 minutes.

Mayor asked who is going to count the revenue.

Abernathy stated it is still going through the Police Dept., still Mr. Atherton. All she does is count it and turn in the tickets like all the police officers did. Nobody on the other side of the building is touching it. The only thing the Manager is managing is when she comes to work and when she goes home and to make sure she is working. He has no say over anything else. That is the problem we need resolved. I don't see why he can't manage a Borough Employee.

Mayor stated we already demonstrated back in February the salt mess. We were the laughing stalk of Western Pennsylvania.

Abernathy stated you are changing the subject because you don't want to answer what we are trying to solve.

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Schaub asked Mayor to make a promise to Mr. Chambers? Mantini will sit down with Council and get this resolved?

Mayor agreed to sit down.

Abernathy stated she is hired unless she gets another job and leaves. Uniforms are ready for her. The Manager tried to sit down and Sgt. Brice was willing to train her. The Manager was supposed to sit down with the Mayor, Brice and Atherton, and that kept getting postponed. The Manager made himself available at 2:00 a.m. if that is what it takes to get this resolved. When he did sit down with the Mayor everything blew up. I heard he said put on your hard hat and get on in your bunker. Instead of working through the problem for the Businesses.

Mayor stated I heard you said that.

Miklos answered no.

Abernathy stated there is an e-mail sent to all of Council of what took place in the meeting.

Schaub added that she was told to put on her steel pot and dig my foxhole and cover my own ass.

Mayor disagreed, cover your butt I said.

Miklos stated this is the Mayors tactics, road block, road block, road block, threaten, threaten, threaten.

Abernathy asked to get the problem solved, we need Business in this town. Let the Borough Manager manage the parking person and everything else falls under you. You still have the authority over it. But the day to day, when she is scheduled to work.

Mayor asked if the Police Dept. is in charge of this girl?

Abernathy answered except for scheduling.

Mayor says alright. We have that clarified.

Chambers asked if you guys are in control, you are not going to pull her off?

Mayor explained this lady is not a police officer.

Schaub explained the Manager will be going her day to day schedule.

Abernathy stated Manager will be scheduling her day to day. So when there are parking issues you call the Borough Manager. She will not have a set schedule. The schedule will cater to the Businesses. It falls under the Borough Manager. Again tonight the Mayor says the manager can manage the scheduling. Everything else still falls under the police.

Mayor says he want this clarified tonight in the minutes. She is under the Police Dept.

Abernathy agreed she is under the Police Dept. with the manager doing her schedule.

Solicitor Vigilante stated I have to look into the past what I said, I don't think it is necessary to look into if you guys all agree and we can get this done.

Abernathy stated he wants this done and trained under Sgt. Brice this week so this problem is resolved.

Mayor states he wants to clarified this lady is under the jurisdiction of the Police Dept.

Schaub reminded everyone that Lou Vergari stated there is nothing listed in the [Ford City] police report about accident numbers. The police use a program called Expediter, which was the Cadillac of reporting for the police, and cost the Borough about \$10,000. Schaub explained she asked the Mayor if they could have a copy of those reports too and was denied having those.

Mayor stated he did not want it on there and asked Schaub to come to him.

Abernathy asked the Mayor if there is a reason you don't want the public to know what the officers do on a daily basis.

Mayor said you and I will talk this over.

Abernathy stated we are going to settle this here.

Miklos asked where is the transparency here?

Abernathy explained Expediter gives a log of every officer and what he does. It does not give public information. It's an old system that needs updated. Instead of this report, we don't know who is doing what. They did give us a copy and the Mayor said I'm going to discipline you if you give another copy of that over. The report [from Expediter] can't be fudged. The reporting system prints it out. This is another thing that needs updated. It gives an accurate report.

Solicitor Vigilante states it give generic information. You shouldn't be giving anything that gives out criminal investigation information.

Abernathy states this [Expediter] is capable of giving the monthly information. The system at the end of the month would show what every officer is doing.

Miklos stated the Borough has spent thousands of dollars on this system, which apparently the Mayor approved and it has done no one any good. Because we are getting road blocked from getting any of this information. We continue to pay for it on an annual basis. It has been a significant investment for the Tax Payers, but we can't find out what is going on. Why?

Jason Warner asked a question about the meter lady, if being more or less controlled by the Police Dept. will that cause a problem with the union?

Mayor answered no.

Bartuccio called for vote on the Police Reports. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

DISCUSSION

ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Miklos asked Council to think about hold one Annual Town Hall Meeting for general purpose discussions a time and place where people can come and talk about general items. Gene that was one of your campaign issues. I thought it was a good one. We really haven't implemented anything. I was thinking June July in the High School auditorium.

Solicitor Vigilante stated it's a fine idea and asked isn't every meeting a Town Hall Meeting?

Miklos stated it is, but people tend to come to Town Hall Meetings.

Solicitor Vigilante stated that at the end of every meeting they can ask any question they want.

Miklos stated I know that, but we want public participation. There are a lot of issues happening in this Borough.

Bill Oleksak asked if you would have access to the auditorium?

Miklos answered hopefully for the Summer. If not, the CU Club or the Italian Club.

Abernathy stated he would like to see for the Council and Mayor, if you show up for the meeting you receive your monthly payment, and if you don't show up you don't get anything. At lease we have a full board here all the time. Otherwise you forego your monthly stipend.

Miklos asked Solicitor Vigilante if there was a problem with that?

Solicitor Vigilante stated that is not necessarily what the Borough Codes says. I'm sure you could self-impose rules on yourself.

Miklos stated there are municipalities that have enacted a stipend for a meeting rather than a monthly.

Solicitor Vigilante stated that could be looked at, whether they take the money and have to donate it back, Library, somewhere else.

Abernathy stated he would be happy with that.

LETTER SENT TO GOVERNOR WOLF

Miklos explained there was a letter sent to Governor Wolf that was a suggestion made by a citizen. We did that and copied our State Senator and our State Representative and an official in Harrisburg regarding the State Police. We have heard back from the State Police. Have not heard back from Governor Wolf, the Senator or the Representative. I think maybe we should follow up on that. That is something I would like the Council President to follow up on with our Borough Manager.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mayor stated two (2) people were sent to Codes School and it was very expensive to the Borough.

Miklos stated it was not expensive.

Mayor stated it was almost \$2000.

Abernathy and Miklos disagreed. Abernathy stated the amount was \$375.00 each person [for tuition].

These individuals sent to this school are they going to be writing the codes violations?

Abernathy explained they will be setting up the whole Codes Department. How to take care of the blight and the other stuff. We have to sit down as Council and work through that. We are hoping to do that this month.

Mayor asked that he and the Police Department be informed.

Abernathy agreed and stated this does not change anything we are doing. This will be setting up everything in house rather than paying out. You have to be a certified Building Code Official.

Mayor asked about the dilapidated properties.

Abernathy stated that can all be handled in house. Eventually, but you have to have a Certified Building Code Official, which is either me or Eden [Borough Manager]. But right now we are using the other one [Richardson Inspection Services]. You don't have to live in the Borough. Under the Pennsylvania Law you have to be a Building Code Official.

Mayor asked then you two (2) will be writing codes violations?

Abernathy stated they will be working towards that, we will come up with a plan.

Mayor asked when will that become effective?

Abernathy answered when we get the plan together.

Banks asked who chose you, suppose one of us other Councilmen wanted to get involved in that? We were never offered. Just all of a sudden

Miklos suggested that maybe Banks missed the meeting.

Solicitor Vigilante stated they voted at a meeting.

Miklos stated maybe you missed that meeting, but we said anybody could

Banks stated couldn't it have been said at our work session, is anybody interested in ?

Schaub stated it come up quick.

Abernathy stated you could still go if you want.

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Banks answered it was never brought to my attention that this is what we were looking for.

Abernathy stated he encouraged every Councilman here to go.

Banks replied now you do but what about before the inception?

Abernathy stated he said it then too.

Banks disagrees, never heard. The first I heard about Eden, was going to go.

Miklos disagrees, we said any Councilperson, any Elected Borough Official that wanted to go.

Banks stated it was just Eden and then a month later he [Abernathy] was on there.

Schaub disagrees and recalls Scott [Councilman Gaiser] being asked if he wanted to do it too?

Abernathy agrees with that.

Miklos stated Council thought Scott would be an ideal guy.

Vicki Schaub explained that some of the Parking Meters are overflowing and a deposit at the bank has not been made since October. The excuse right now is that the police are shorthanded. Schaub asked Mayor to please get together with one of your officers and Smoke [Borough Worker Tom Ondrusek] and get this done as soon as possible?

Miklos asked the police officers walk around the Business District and check the meters because we have had numerous reports of meters being jammed? How much revenue are we losing?

Schaub stated that is because they are full.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Lou Vergari explained there are some strange things happening in our Town and in our Council. And I don't understand it. For example the 2014 Budget had enough money to hire a third full time police officer, put \$50,000 in the contingency fund, and a payment of \$7000 for a police car to be paid over four (4) years.

Abernathy explained Mr. Vergari could speak about these items at the end of the meeting, what pertaining to the agenda did he want to speak about now?

Vergari will wait until the end.

Zachariah Chambers explained he already spoke, then thanked those that held the meeting with the Businesses that is a way to move forward. Chambers stated he heard a lot of positive feedback.

Abernathy explained next they will be getting together with the non-profits.

Abernathy and Miklos thanked the Businesses for attending.

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Miklos stated there was a great turn out.

FOR ACTION

PAVING

Abernathy made a motion to appoint Gibson-Thomas as the Engineer for the 4th and 3rd Avenue Paving Project and to put together a bid for the 2015 project. Seconded by Schaub.

Miklos explained the Planning Commission has been charged with preparing a Master Plan to pave Streets and Alleys in Ford City Borough. It will be based what Streets or Alleys need paving most. They have not finalized the Master Plan. I'm guessing Council is willing to go along with what they have at this point. Schaub stated Tyson [Klukan] is planning on having this done by Summer.

Mr. Stivason suggested the 700 Block of 3rd Avenue be looked at by the Engineer. There is a spot that might be sinking.

Bartuccio called for a vote. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

EARTH DAY CLEANUP

Miklos made a motion to allow Stacy Klukan and volunteers to clean in Ford City maintained parks for Earth Day on April 25, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Seconded by Abernathy.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

FARMERS MARKET

Miklos made a motion to authorize the closing of Third Avenue from 9th St to the Alley at Klingensmith's building every Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to dusk for the Farmers Market. Seconded by Abernathy.

Abernathy suggested adding a beginning date and an ending date. Are we starting June or July?

Solicitor Vigilante stated is we don't have the answer leave it opened ended. You could retract the resolution or amend it.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

MCTA

Banks made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the agreement with Town & Country Transit to provide public transportation to Ford City Borough from 7-1-2015 to 6-30-2016. Seconded by Schaub.

Miklos asked who is our representative to Town & Country?

Mantini stated you know who, you put me on the Board after you threw Mr. Vergari off.

Miklos explained he thought Mantini wanted Mr. Vergari to come back on.

Mantini stated he would like him to come back on. I will be resigning in a few months.

Miklos asked what is our cost? I'll hold off on that. That's our next motion.

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Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

Miklos made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the Resolution with Town & County Transit to provide payment in the amount of \$9,659 by 7-30-2015. Seconded by Abernathy. (Attachment)

Miklos asked Mayor if that is the correct amount?

Mantini stated whatever it states. They liked Mr. Vergari there I might add.

Abernathy asked Mayor if he knew what our cost was for last year?

Mayor answered he does not.

Miklos asked Mayor how is the cost based?

Mayor answered size of the community. Mayor suggested Miklos contact them because I will be resigning. You can find a new representative.

Miklos asked how does our cost compare to other municipalities?

Mayor suggested Miklos check the minutes that he delivers after every meeting.

Miklos and Schaub stated they have never seen any.

Abernathy explains they are supposedly in the office.

Miklos asked what is the ridership in Ford City?

Mantini answers he does not know.

Miklos asks what about the mileage on the replacement of their vehicles?

Mantini answers he does not know. He brings the information and he'll be resigning. It's in the report I bring every month.

The Secretary states the reports are brought to the office and they are in a binder.

Miklos asked has anyone been notified of these reports.

Abernathy explains he [Mantini] always stated he delivers the reports.

Mantini stated he will be resigning, he's had enough.

Bartuccio called for a vote. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS

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Abernathy made a motion to appoint Olivia Minter as a Playground Supervisor for the Summer of 2015 at a rate of \$7.25 an hour pending the receipt of Act 33 and Act 34 clearance, CPR certification, criminal background check, and successful completion of Community Action Training to begin no sooner than June 1, 2015. Seconded by Schaub.

Bartuccio asked about the use of their cell phones, don't they get reimbursed.

Schaub stated each one got \$20.00 for using their cell phones.

Abernathy explained it is usually done at the end of the season.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Solicitor Vigilante stated he is curious as to why is each one listed.

Schaub stated she was going to ask if they could be all put into one [motion].

Abernathy made a motion to appoint Abigail Remis, Tara Stivason, Fraily Scalfe, Larena Brice, Christina Davis, and Noah Nulph as Playground Supervisors for the summer of 2015 at a rate of \$7.25 an hour pending the receipt of Act 33 and Act 34 clearance, CPR certification, criminal background check, and successful completion of Community Action Training to begin no sooner than June 1, 2015. Seconded by Miklos. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

STREET SWEEPER

Motion to authorize repair for the street sweeper in the amount of \$1,150.20 for parts from Golden Equipment. Seconded by Schaub.

Miklos asked what does a new sweeper cost?

Abernathy stated approximately \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Miklos stated money was just put into this recently.

Abernathy this is an every year thing to maintain it.

Schaub stated she asked Borough Manager to send an email to Penndot to ask them to come down and do 5th Avenue one time. Schaub hasn't gotten an answer yet.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

FORD CITY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Miklos made a motion to re-advertise to fill a vacancy on the Ford City Sewage Authority. Applications are due to the Borough Manager by Friday May 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ford City Borough Office. Applicants must be a Citizen or Business Owner of Ford City Borough. Seconded by Abernathy.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

DUMP TRUCK

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Abernathy made a motion to advertise for bids for a four (4) Wheel Drive Drive Dump Truck no smaller than 10 Tons. Bids should be sent to Borough Manager at 1000 Fourth Avenue, Ford City Pa 16226 and be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 1, 2015.

Abernathy asked that the wording be changed to four (4) wheel drive and two (2) wheel drive.

Schaub asked if it is bid enough?

Abernathy explained we have 2.5 ton now. We can't go get anything.

Miklos asked are we talking about a new truck?

Abernathy explained this is just to advertise and added it could be new or used.

Miklos asked should we specify?

Solicitor Vigilante explained if you don't say used you will get all new bids. You should have a general idea of the cost. You could probably go on Costars and find out right now what they will charge.

Solicitor Vigilante advised to open it back up to accept audience comment because the motion has changed.

Solicitor Vigilante asked has it been seconded?

Seconded by Schaub.

Abernathy explained this is to get something bigger than the 2.5 ton we have. We make 10 trips if we need sand or something else. We don't have the facility to store a lot of stuff.

Mr. Stivason suggested preparing specifications, so everybody is bidding on the same thing.

Solicitor Vigilante explained he thinks it will be done the Borough Manager will do the specifications stated it will be prepared by the Borough Manager. Vigilante would like to have specifications on the police car as well. As close as possible for what you need. Whether you want standard or automatic.

The new motion with the wording changes:

Abernathy made a motion to advertise for bids for a New or Used, or four (4) wheel drive or a two (2) wheel Drive Dump Truck no smaller than 10 Tons. Bids should be sent to Borough Manager at 1000 Fourth Avenue, Ford City Pa 16226 and be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 1, 2015. Seconded by Schaub Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

WEBSITE

Abernathy made a motion to authorize payment of \$12.42 per month to wix.com for the new Ford City Borough website to be published to be paid for in an annual payment. Seconded by Miklos.

Bill Oleksak asked when it would be up and running?

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Abernathy explained the Manager has everything set up. So, as soon as he can publish it. They have FordCityBorough.org and FordCityBorough.com. There will be two (2) addresses linked to that. The site is pretty well done. The minutes will be published. There will be one web site, the domain names will be linked to it. The \$12.42 will cover the linking of the web addresses. The old web site was taken down. That address was owned by Ryan Bloser and he has agreed to allow the Borough to use that address.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

JANITOR

Miklos made a motion to advertise for applications for the part-time position of Janitor. Applications are Ford City Borough Manager by Friday May 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ford City Borough Office.

Seconded by Abernathy. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Mayor added that Ms. Daquilante [current janitor] has done a tremendous job and hopes that we can get somebody to measure up to her. Thanked Daquilante for the long years of service she has put into Ford City Borough.

Miklos agreed with Mayor Mantini.

VACANCY BOARD

Abernathy made a motion to advertise for an interested Citizen to serve as the Vacancy Board Chairman. Applications are due to the Borough Manager by Friday May 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ford City Borough Office. Seconded by Schaub. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

POLICE CAR REPAIR – 1998 CROWN VICTORIA

Schaub made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$187.24 to Mike's Towing for repair of the 1998 Police Car. Seconded by Abernathy.

Abernathy reminded everyone Sgt. Atherton has approval authority up to \$300 and asked why is this even on here? It should have been taken care of.

Miklos added that is monthly and suggested he may have already spent that amount.

Schaub asked Mayor if he knew.

Mayor responds he does not.

Schaub asked if they haven't already spent what they are allowed, then I think they should just do it. If we approve it, then we are letting the door open to spend another \$300.

Miklos agrees.

Abernathy stated to just take care of it.

Mayor added we are running very old cars.

Bartuccio added [agenda] item 16 puts him over.

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Abernathy asked to vote.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION

Abernathy made a motion to ratify the payment in the amount of \$80.00, check #5688 for attendance of four representatives at the Borough's Association Meeting held on Thursday March 26, 2015. Seconded by Banks. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

DCED SUMMARY REPORT – ADVERTISEMENT

Miklos made a motion to advertise the 2014 summary financial information report as prepared by the Borough Auditors - Maher-Duessel. Seconded by Abernathy. (Attachment)

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Abernathy made motion to re-advertise to fill a vacancy on the Ford City Civil Service Commission.

Applications are due to the Borough Manager by Friday May 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ford City Borough Office. Seconded by Schaub. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

POLICE CAR REPAIR – 2007 CROWN VICTORIA

Schaub made a motion to authorize the repair of the 2007 Police Car by Mike's Towing and approve the Purchase Order #10842 in the amount of \$270.01. Seconded by Abernathy.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

FCHS GRADUATION FIREWORKS – NON-AGENDA ITEM

Schaub made a motion that Council would be the client for the Ford City Senior Classes Fireworks which they are paying for 100% themselves.

Banks asked for an explanation.

Seconded by Abernathy and asked for an explanation too.

Schaub explained the [last] graduating class of FCHS has raised enough money to have Zambelli Fireworks after their graduation ceremony [Friday, June 5, 2015]. In the past Ford City Football Boosters have witnessed the contract agreement with Zambelli. The class has the money to pay 100% for the Fireworks. They are asking if Council would sign as the client for the last graduating class of Ford City.

Solicitor Vigilante asked if it was an insurance issue is that why they are asking?

Schaub added at the recommendation of the Solicitor.

Vigilante stated they want somebody to sign the contract.

The Secretary added the price of the Fireworks includes the insurance.

Abernathy added the School won't take the liability, the cost of the Fireworks includes the insurance. Somebody has to sign for it since the School District won't sign for Fireworks. It either has to be the

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Boosters or the Council. I don't see a problem with it because the cost of the insurance is included with the cost of the Fireworks.

Solicitor Vigilante stated he likes what was said, pending Solicitor approval. I didn't read any of this, and I'm going to before anybody signs anything.

Schaub added upon the Solicitor advising to let the Council President sign it.

Abernathy added to include permission to shoot them off on 2nd Avenue on June 5th too. Take care of everything in one. The Building #228 property.

Miklos made a motion to authorize Ford City Borough to sponsor the Zambelli Fireworks for the Ford City High School Graduation at no cost to the Borough pending Solicitor approval. Seconded by Schaub.

Vigilante stated he would have to call the Borough's insurance agent.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

NEXT PUBLIC WORK SESSION: Monday, April 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ford City Public Library.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ford City Public Library.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bill Oleksak asked if any progress has been made on repairing the fence over by OEM Shades? There is plastic tape there and a wooden pallet. The edge of the River is right there. This is where the car went into the River.

Abernathy explained the property does not belong to the Borough.

Solicitor Vigilante stated he would bring it up to Eden [Borough Manager] to follow up with their facilities manager. It should be fixed. Vigilante asked who owns it? Belleflex?

Banks confirmed Belleflex.

Solicitor Vigilante explained he thinks Belleflex owns that property based on the deed he saw. Vigilante will send Eden a message to follow up.

Oleksak explained, he mentioned this to Kathy and Eden, about three (3) weeks ago a young woman, who was riding on a scooter on the trail. Her front wheel went in one of the cracks and crashed and tore herself up pretty bad. Those cracks on the trail have been like that for a long time. The cracks need fixed.

Schaub will make sure it gets done.

Abernathy asked if this is something that could be tacked on to the Paving Project?

Schaub stated it just needs sealed, tarred, silicone sealed or something.

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Abernathy asked Tom Ondrusek [Borough Worker] if he has ever done anything like that? Like a rubberized sealer?

Oleksak explained that is what is there now. It has sunk.

Abernathy suggested that it needs cut and paved. That will be the proper way to fix it. Cut it out and pave it with strips.

Miklos explained the Borough spent, I think, \$7000 [contracted with Total Asphalt Management in 2011 for \$6,409] to have that done. Miklos asked Mr. Vergari [former Councilman] when that repair happened.

Vergari thought it was six (6) or seven (7) years ago.

Abernathy explained the repair has to be flat. Can't put cold patch in, it won't work.

Lou Vergari stated the 2014 Budget is the same as the 2015 Budget. Vergari explained the Accountant said the 2014 Budget was one of the best budgets. In the 2014 Budget there was money for a 3rd Full Time Police Officer, \$50,000 for a contingency fund for the Water Plant, and \$7000 for the first payment for a new police car to be paid over four (4) years. The new Council did not change the Budget. Vergari stated Josh [Abernathy began his Council term began on 1-1-2014] did not attend many meetings when Vergari [his term ended 12-21-2013] was on Council. Vergari stated Jerry [Miklos] was quite his critic. So, now I'm the critic. Vergari stated I think you guys are financially destroying the town. From the Garbage we make \$240,000, from the Water Plant we make about \$340,000.

Abernathy interrupted and stated this is the whole reason for this thing.

Vergari asked to be permitted to finish. We make about \$340,000 from the Water Plant, the next biggest thing is the Real Estate which is \$300,000. We have more surplus from the Water Plant than we do Real Estate. They were told by DEP to not use any Public Utility money in the General Fund. After some research I found Tarentum owns their own Water Plant. Vergari distributed copies of emails he received. They use about \$50,000 per year in Public Utility money in the General Fund. They also own their own Electricity, wires and poles too. Like we did. Masontown owns and operates their own Water Plant. They use Public Utility money in their General Fund. The budgeted transfer amount in 2014 was \$391,000. The actual amount transferred was \$291,000. For 2015 the budgeted transfer amount was \$361,000.

Abernathy announce we are going to end the meeting if you are.....

Vergari asks him to wait he's not done.

Schaub stated there in nothing wrong and asked Vergari to get to the point.

Vergari stated there is something like \$847,000 cash in the accounts at the end of February. I know DEP doesn't want us to use that money [Public Utility] for the General Fund.

Abernathy stated Council will be doing what the DEP is asking.

Vergari says he understands that. These people are functioning pretty well. Because you don't like to hear what I have to say you're not letting me finish. These other towns are doing that. What I am saying is, I

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understand Josh what you're saying. But you just can't cut it off. You can cut it back. You just can't cut it off because that's \$300,000 that the Budget needs.

Abernathy stated you paid \$200,000 to an Engineer that didn't build us a Water Plant.

Everyone is speaking at the same time.

Vergari states you can't arbitrarily grab the Budget from 2014 and put it in 2015 and then gut it and say we are going to put all the surplus money that we made, even more the gross money we made, aside. There was something like \$1.2M. We can't afford a Police Dept. any more and we can't afford a new police car any more. We have three cars that are.....

Abernathy stated they tried to buy a police car but the Police Dept. did not want the car the Police Committee was willing to bid. So, I don't want to hear that either.

Schaub stated they wanted a Ford.

Schaub stated we were willing to buy a car.

Miklos stated they didn't want a Chevy, they wanted a Ford.

Mayor stated there wasn't even enough money for even a Chevrolet.

Vergari stated our Budget was \$7000 a year for the next four years. That's how you pay for a car. You pay in installments over four years. Vergari explained when the insurance lady was here she looked over the cars and explained they are emergency vehicles and should not be over 75,000 miles. That's what she said to us, that's why we put it in there. If you continue to do what you are doing right now of course you won't have money for the Police Dept. Because you have taken \$300,000 out of the Budget. Where is the easiest place to pick on? Let's choose the Police Dept. We can't afford to have a Police Dept. You pulled the \$300,000 out. If you keep pulling that out if you do it year after year...our Real Estate taxes are at least \$330,000 and our Water Plant has a surplus of \$340,000. That means if you continue to do that you will have to double the Real Estate Tax to cover that \$300,000. When all you have to do is continue what you are doing and then at least if you want to cut back to can keep DEP happy, you can cut back. Here is a town that takes \$300,000, \$400,000. They have a contingency fund of \$50,000 and keep adding to it each year.

Abernathy asked Vergari why he didn't do that when he was on Council?

Everyone is talking and yelling.

Abernathy asked Vergari why he didn't use the money from the Water Plant to rebuild it? You have been on it for years and never put a dime into it.

Vergari yells how do you know how many years?

Everyone is yelling.

Miklos yells get him out of here Mayor. Get him out Mayor, he's causing trouble.

Everyone continues to yell.

Vergari yells everyone else has a right to talk, but if I talk.

Miklos says you have had years to talk.

Vergari states you can't do this.

Abernathy explains you say this at every meeting.

Miklos agrees, every meeting.

Abernathy states our position is we quit spending Public Utility money, and we are building a Water Plant, and we are putting in the Public Utilities and the infrastructure that the DEP wants us to do.

Vergari states at the cost of the Police Dept.

Abernathy explains it's at the cost of a lot of things.

Vergari asks why are you doing that? You can use some of it, don't bankrupt the town.

Abernathy stated we are not bankrupting, did we raise taxes? No.

Miklos asked did we take out a Tax Anticipation Loan? No.

Vergari states it's because you have all that money sitting there.

Miklos asked Vergari did he take out a Tax Anticipation Loan? Did you borrow money for everything you bought? Did you run the town into the hole?

Vergari states no we didn't.

Miklos yells hell yes.

Vergari yells the auditor said the 2014 Budget was the best there was and you didn't change it for 2015.

Miklos states you had years and years to show us.....

Abernathy add we were trying to deal with your Borough Engineer and didn't have time to go over the budget.

Everyone is talking and yelling.

Council President is banging the gavel.

Miklos asks where is the police? When I said something years ago the Mayor brought the police to remove me. Where's the police Mayor?

Everyone continues talking and yelling.

Council President begins to bang the gavel again and states to move on to Solicitor Comments.

Miklos says shows you how the Mayor operates. Lou can talk and you won't get removed. Lou can say anything. But, I got removed by the Mayor many times.

Mayor says he will have to call....

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Vigilante states he would hope that in the future, I always say this, try to keep to the talking points, when there is comments try not to get in to this back and forth during motions, try to talk in the allotted times, try to keep civil, both sides

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor explained there were two (2) serious incidents involving the police and firearms. The one officer was by himself and he had to call for backup. The community probably knows that.

Mayor explains he was made aware of a letter from the EDA dated October 3, 2014. They stated that they would settle the Borough of Ford City the approximately \$580,000 for approximately \$116,000. Council President Bartuccio said she was never made, never saw this letter. Can someone here please address this? If they saw this letter, where is this mysterious letter?

Bartuccio states she didn't see the letter. No.

Mayor asked Miklos if he saw it? Miklos answers no.

Mayor asked Schaub?

Miklos retracts and says maybe eventually I did see it.

Schaub states she is not sure which letter you're talking about.

Mayor states the letter that states they would settle for \$116,000.

Abernathy states there is a lot of stuff in the newspaper we don't see.

Schaub answers yes.

Mayor asked Abernathy? Abernathy answers no.

Mayor states there is a crisis here.

Schaub states she and Banks saw the letter.

Abernathy states we are in negotiations, and the person we were in negotiations with retired and we've had correspondence sent back and forth and we're trying to come up with a plan that benefits the town. If we

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can do it for \$100,000 then yes. Let's try to get that \$100,000 spent in this community instead of just giving it back to go to another community.

Mayor states this letter was out there and somebody did see this. We are open for these public meetings and it should have been brought up to the public. But nobody here seemed to see this.

Abernathy stated it is litigation. When we get to the point of acceptance, then we take it to the public for Public Comment.

Mayor explains the deadline was missed according to this letter.

Carol Fenyes states there was no rebuttal at all from the Council. It is one thing to have an article in the paper. I handle finances all the time. If somebody came to me with a \$116,000 settlement on a \$580,000 debt and offered me to pay it out over three (3) years I would have run all the way to the bank. Unless there were details in it that needed to be negotiated. Nobody on the Council has ever, in the papers, except when that article came out, there has been nothing at the Council meetings on it. Do you handle these things?

Abernathy explains it is litigation and it's going to come out.

Mayor states it should have been addressed at the Town Hall Meeting.

Fenyes says absolutely.

Mayor asked again, did anybody see the letter?

Abernathy states a letter was sent.

Mayor asks Banks if he saw the letter? Banks answers yes.

Mayor states you saw it and nobody else saw it.

Abernathy disagrees and states there was correspondence.

Fenyes asks why they didn't at least notify the Citizenry? Like the newspapers, they will.

Miklos asks if she understands this is a public matter and its public money. This has been a matter of negotiations with legal implications. Do you realize that?

Fenyes answers absolutely.

Mayor ask Solicitor Vigilante if he saw the letter?

Solicitor Vigilante answers he did not. But just to clarify, Vigilante states "I did not see the letter". Early on I was asked questions about the situation. Obviously this all happened before I was even hired. Years before I was hired. So, I was asked general questions about what should be done in order to figure out what went wrong. Obviously something went wrong. My suggestion was there's different types of attorneys who specialize in different types of areas. That is not something that I would handle. If the prior Solicitor or prior a Council member or somebody did something wrong and didn't follow through with what needed

to be done with that grant then there may be legal implications about what should happen to those individuals. So, I think they need to talk to somebody.

Abernathy stated this is not something that has been dropped. This is being worked on. It is litigation and legal obligation. When we finally get to the bottom of it, then it's gonna go out to the public. Everybody will be aware. But until then...

Fenyes stated we missed the deadline.

Abernathy explained there have been deadlines on all kinds of stuff. There was a deadline issued and my knowledge of it I was not part of that but I was being told we had to give a response by a certain time. That response was sent on time. There was somebody that was involved with it that had retired. I know they are working on it.

Mayor so the approximate amount of \$475,000 we missed out on for maybe \$115,000. Somebody dropped the ball. Nobody happened to see this letter.

Mayor asks Banks if he saw the letter? Banks answers yes I did.

Abernathy stated when someone comes to me and says Mayor you owe me \$500,000, do you think I'm going to do my homework and check and see if I really owe you the \$500,000.

Mayor stated this money isn't the Mayor owes you \$500,000 coz I don't owe you \$500,000.

Abernathy explained I'm saying I'm gonna do my p's and q's and checks. This has been going on for the last how many years? We are working on it along with all the other stuff we are working on.

Mayor stated this could have been settled for an amount over three (3) years. We spent \$11,000 just on police arbitration. We had an arbitration with the Borough Employees that was approximately \$25,000.

Solicitor Vigilante stated he thinks the Councils issue is why would you pay anything, whether \$580,000 or \$116,000 if somebody else was the one who dropped the ball.

Miklos stated that is not even the point. What if there are other factors involved?

Mayor says to Vigilante, you weren't told about the letter, right? Vigilante.....

Mayor states you are the Solicitor, you should have been told about the letter. Somebody dropped the ball here.

Banks explained Council contacted the EDA about the \$581,000 that we supposedly owed to them. A gentleman called back and said to send us some proposals and maybe we can work something out with you. We formed an ad-hoc committee. On the committee were Banks, Bartuccio, Schaub and one person from Planning and one from Parks & Recreation. We got together of created five (5) to eight (8) proposals. Mine actually was the Fireworks one, to build a warehouse on that property. They wanted creative ideas that could pan out. They wanted us to send them. We spent two (2) to three (3) weeks doing that as a group the five of us. We came up with them. Eden [Borough Manager] volunteered to deliver the proposals down for us. Right before his trip Rep. Pyle called me and Eden up to his house. Rep. Pyle told

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us there may be an oil and gas lease option. When you get back we will discuss it. When Eden went down there to deliver the proposals and he added to it the oil and gas.

Banks asks remember that? No response.

Banks asks am I correct? Is anybody gonna....

Schaub and Miklos state they did not see that.

Abernathy agreed we didn't see that, but that is the one they wanted. People don't want us to sell the gas rights for \$100,000. That's the proposal. We were under the impression that we were able to work with them and come up with the best alternative. The best outcome for the Borough to help spear growth. If we are going to pay money, I want to pay money that is going into the community. Not money that we are going to give out. It isn't our mistake. I don't want to see us pay out money to something, I didn't make this decision. These people didn't make that decision. Now we are trying to keep the money here. Instead of pay out. I'm under the impression it's not over.

Mayor stated our Honorable Representative called this the gang that couldn't shoot straight.

Miklos asked did he call this one the gang that couldn't shoot straight or past Council which one?

Abernathy says because we couldn't take the proposals.

Mayor stated you can only live in the past for so long Councilman Miklos.

Mayor and Miklos are talking over each other.

Miklos states the Mayor has been here longer than anybody. All of these things have happened under your tenure.

Mayor yells three Councils ago when you were President hundreds of thousands walked out of that office.

Miklos asks is he is culpable for it? Let's hear your answer. Am I culpable?

Abernathy states he [Miklos] is actually right. Everything that is happening as you have been Mayor. We had a person steal funds from Pyle that was on Council that gave away that caused this whole problem.

Caroline Hassa says Tom Shaffer.

Everyone is talking and yelling.

Miklos states the Mayor sung his praises constantly. This guy is the greatest thing that happened to Ford City. The Mayor is on all sides of all issues at any given time.

Abernathy adds when we try to ask you a question, I'll get back to you, I don't know.

Miklos says I don't know, I don't know. He has caused more problems in this town than anyone.

Mayor says remember the last time you were Council President hundreds of thousands walked out.

Miklos says everything has been during his tenure. All of these issues have fallen under his tenure.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Abernathy made no comments at this time.

Banks explained to the he will not be running in the next election due to some medical problems. Banks expressed his appreciation for the people that voted for him. Banks stated he would probably stay on the Planning Commission and Sewage Authority.

Schaub stated there is one thing that she believes in and that is to be honest. If I'm right I'm right and if I'm wrong I'm wrong. There is no exceptions to anybody in this Borough. There is no one person in this Borough that is any better than anybody else. I was really upset when I seen the article about a shooting. About this guy shooting into a hillside. The reason that I am upset is because apparently it matters who does shooting in the Borough. Whether it is legal to be done or not. There was a situation where my husband called 911 a couple of years ago. There was an argument by a Mr. Bowser and a Mr. Rudosky. They were arguing on Mr. Rudosky's porch. There were two (2) shots fired out of that gun. So, it didn't accidentally discharge. Now suddenly there is an article in the paper about this shooting. I don't believe anybody should cover up for anybody. That's all I have to say.

Miklos asked who covered?

Mayor says that refers to me right here. It involved a child and we can talk about that here if you want.

Solicitor Vigilante advised against that.

Miklos stated it does matter to the Mayor who does what. I get it, that's how we operate Ford City Borough. That's how we operate the Police Dept. If you are a buddy of his you can do what you want.

Mayor asks Mr. [Andy] Rudosky if he paid a fine?

Miklos says it's a cover up.

Mayor again asks Mr. Rudosky is he paid a fine?

Schaub stated she didn't say any first name, I said just the last name.

Andy Rudosky stated he actually knows the truth about what happened. Rudosky explained he was charged and paid a fine. I was not charged with use of a firearm because I did not shoot off the firearm.

Schaub stated it was your firearm.

Everyone is talking....

Caroline Hassa asked about the incident with Misty Corbett, she was naked on your porch.

Schaub asked was it not your gun?

Hassa stated the incident was never in the paper.

Miklos asks what incident?

Schaub stated she didn't mention a first name.

Hassa explained it was his porch or something.

Rudosky explained someone was walking by and collapsed and one of the neighbors called the cops.

Schaub stated she heard a different story.

Bartuccio stated we need to work together. Bartuccio explained she has a question for Rep. Pyle why aren't we getting any royalties on this property? I do want to know that.

ADJOURNMENT

Miklos made a motion at 7:43 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Kathy Bartuccio
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary