

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
Location: Ford City Borough Office
May 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the Emergency Meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. for Saturday, May 14, 2016.

Fenyes advised the audience the meeting will be audio taped by Ford City Borough.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Beth Bowser, Carol Fenyes, Ray Klukan, Tyson Klukan, and Mayor Cogley were present. Kathy Bartuccio and Marc Mantini were out of town.

ATTENDANCE

Fire Chief Ron Wojcik, Foreman Bill Stivason, Officer Wilford, and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

PROPERTY 417 O'CONNOR STREET

Council President Fenyes stated the property located at 417 O'Connor Street is owned by Connie Bish. [There is a white building and a red building on the property. The east side of the white building fell.] [Jeff Richardson – Richardson Inspection the BCO [Borough Code Official] was contacted, and did not return any calls.]

Fenyes explained a contractor is needed to push the building in. Insurance agents must be notified. Abbey Norton [Property owner along with Jessie Stivason - at 419 O'Connor St.] has notified their insurance agent.

T. Klukan stated the gas company has been contacted and will be sending someone. There is no power, lines are cut. The water is already off. The inside is dangerous. T. Klukan makes a recommendation to knock down.

Fire Chief Wojcik stated to make sure the contractors are insured. It should be pushed in and cleaned up. It should be up to Bish.

B. Bowser stated the number of days to clean up should be the same as Dinko was given, 45 days.

Wojcik stated everybody should be given 45 days. Wojcik stated the building is dangerous to go inside.

ATTENDANCE

Connie Bish – property owner of 417 O'Connor Street and Dan Blackburn arrived.

Fenyas explained the Borough has contacted two contractors and they are on standby.

Ms. Bish stated she has been looking for somebody to take it down. She explained she has been having health problems.

R. Klukan stated this is a Public Safety concern now.

Wojcik asked if there is insurance on the building? Ms. Bish answered no.

Mr. Blackburn stated they have been trying to get in touch with a contractor.

Fenyas stated this must be resolved now, it's structurally unsound.

Mayor suggested our contractor collapse the building and your contractor can clean it up.

T. Klukan stated the whole white building must come down.

Ms. Bish stated the red building has no power and no gas and no water.

Mr. Blackburn stated to have the Borough contractor push it down and stated the buildings are attached.

B. Bowser stated the Borough doesn't know how structurally sound the red building is. Something may happen when the white building is pushed in.

Stivason disagreed, stated they are not connected.

Mr. Blackburn explained there is a beam the whole way across.

T. Klukan made a motion to contact Jase Hiles and Van Ferraro to contract one or the other to demolish [White Building] 417 O'Connor Street as an emergency act of Ford City Borough Council. Seconded by B. Bowser. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

Ms. Bish asked if both contractors will be providing an estimate? Fenyas stated they will provide the Borough a cost estimate.

Wojcik asked if the red building is the same address as the white building? Ms. Bish answered yes.

B. Bowser made a motion to amend the previous motion to the white building 417 O'Connor Street [former Bish Motors]. Seconded by R. Klukan. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

R. Klukan made a motion to overturn previous motion to authorize Jase Hiles or Van Ferraro to demolish 417 O'Connor Street as an emergency act of Ford City Borough. Seconded by B. Bowser. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

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R. Klukan made a motion to entertain bids from Jase Hiles and Van Ferraro to demolish Bish Motors Garage [417 O’Connor Street] as an emergency act of Ford City Borough Council. Seconded by B. Bowser. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

Mr. Blackburn explained Wade Bowser contractor is coming down.

B. Bowser expressed concern for the stability of the red building.

Wojcik stated this needs done today and cleaned up in 45 days.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Klukan made a motion at 9:13 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary