

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
FOURTH MONDAY
Location: Latin American Club
May 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Carol Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, May 23, 2016 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner.

Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping the meeting. Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper and Brad Pedersen – Leader-Times are audio taping the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Fenyes lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ATTENDANCE

Solicitor Paula Willyard, Police Chief Roger Wright and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

PENNVEST LOAN - ORDINANCE

R. Klukan made a motion to enact an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of and awarding not in excess of \$3,196,800, principal amount, guaranteed revenue bond, and the private sale thereof to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority at par, bearing interest at the rate of 1.000 % per annum as a general obligation of the Borough of Ford City and directing all officers to do all acts necessary and proper for the issuance and securing of said Bond. The purpose of the bond is for construction of a new Water Treatment Plant. Seconded by Mantini. (Attachment) Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

WPPC – STREET LIGHT AGREEMENT – BOROUGH PARK

T. Klukan explained this agreement with WPPC was made possible by Rep. Jeff Pyle. There is now a switch located on 8th Street that will operate the independent lighting system for the lights around the park. They can now be turned off. This was done at no cost to the Borough. The remainder of town is scheduled to have the lights changed to LED's in 2019.

Bowser made a motion to ratify the Council President signing the agreement with West Penn Power Company authorizing installation of new wiring and upgrading street lighting to LED energy saving lighting around the Borough Park. (Attachment) Seconded by T. Klukan.

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Mantini stated WPP should be commended for what they have done for the Veteran's service and to honor the people that have kept this great Country free. Many made the ultimate sacrifice. Remember to put out your candles.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FIRE DEPARTMENT DOORS

R. Klukan stated the doors have been ordered. It will take about 3-4 weeks for delivery. The new doors have an R-22 value and are replacing the original doors.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Fenyas explained that a bid opening was held on Friday, May 20 for the equipment.
(Attachment)

T. Klukan stated since there were no bids received for the Vactor Truck, he would like to scrap it.

Solicitor Willyard stated it would have to be voted on. She will have something ready for the 6-13-2016 Council Meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crooked Creek LECA

Bowser made a motion to authorize the Ford City Police Department to work the Crooked Creek LECA Contract at the proposed reimbursements pending approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

T. Klukan explained the Emergency Siren does not work. Murry Electric will be onsite to make necessary repairs. Murray Electric will also submit options for upgrading the Siren.

ENGINEERING

2016 Paving Project – Engineering Bid Tabulation

T. Klukan explained the \$150K paving project will not cost us \$150K. The County Commissioners awarded \$15K in County Liquid Fuels money to Ford City Borough. Also, \$28,625 will be received from PNGCo for restoration of 6th Avenue they will not have to do, because of our 2016 Paving Project. May need Liquid Fuels money to address the FEMA issues. Also, might be looking at additional paving later this year.

Bartuccio made a motion to accept, based on the recommendation of Borough Engineer Gibson-Thomas, the low responsible bidder K. Dolan Corporation, 110 Conemaugh St. Blairsville, PA, the 2016 Paving / Reconstruction Program in the amount of \$150,185.50. (Attachment)
Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

WTP – ENGINEERING UPDATE

T. Klukan stated Armstrong County has awarded the contracts for construction of the new WTP. Looking at construction beginning this Summer.

PAVING/ STORM WATER MANAGEMENT – ENGINEERING UPDATE

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T. Klukan explained several meetings with Doug Siler – Gibson-Thomas have been held to discuss the FEMA issue. Engineer drawings from 1977 of the Pump Stations are being used. The FCBMSDA has been very helpful, by providing maps of the storm water management system for town. There is no update on the status of the Flood Mitigation Grant. FEMA wants to see that our systems are working and that they can pump out water. Also, looking at the water coming off the Hillside that contributes to water in our system. The next step is for the prepared SOP to spell up what happens in an emergency. Both the Borough and the FCBMSDA have daily logs at each pump location. These will be used to create a manual.

WTP

Bowser explained she contacted the Southwest Regional Office of DEP regarding the discharge permit for the New WTP. A verbal ok has been given, this is the standard operating procedure. Bowser will continue to contact DEP to verify this information is correct.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

First Friday Food Truck Rally

President Fenyes stated the First Friday Food Truck Rally was a success. The next will be held in June, nothing in July, then August, September & October. Fenyes suggested making it a Community Event too. Any games that anyone would like to bring to the park, cornhole, please do. Get some competition going?

Storage Container – 14th Street & 3rd Avenue – Ford City Renaissance Council President stated there is nothing new to report.

FCHS Cannon

Bartuccio stated there will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 31 to discuss moving the cannon. What color should it be? Restore to original color or leave purple and gold.

Fenyes stated while Fenyes, T. Klukan and Bowser were at a meeting with ASD [Armstrong School District] it was told to them they want the cannon out of there. ASD will help in any way necessary.

Farmer's Market

Bartuccio stated the first week was successful. More vendors will be participating. T. Klukan asked if additional signs are needed. Bartuccio answered no.

FINANCE

Bowser asked if the Finance Committee could meet soon. T. Klukan stated Council is still working with till working with Holsinger – firm auditing 2015.

RECYCLING

Bowser explained the company, MVS Security, that installed the surveillance equipment located at the Borough Garage found the equipment to be unplugged and the last recorded activity was 9/2013. Bowser explain the quotes from MVS for repair and upgrade of the current system. [Attachment]

Bowser explained long range plans to move existing cameras to new locations and install cameras that would allow for easy viewing of license plates, to catch illegal dumping, has been discussed with MVS and FCPD.

Mantini volunteered to ask the Armstrong County Commissions to use a portion of State Act 110 to assist the Borough with adding additional cameras.

T. Klukan added the access points to the Borough Building Truck Room Area are already under surveillance.

PARKS & RECREATION

Council President stated there is a lack of applicants for the Playground Supervisor positions needed for the staffing at the three (3) playground locations. The ad was run again and the deadline is 5-27-2016. Sites may need to be combined. Bill Oleksak suggested contacting the AHS Leo Club.

Bill Olekask asked if the Lions Club could do a community project and refurbish the Fit Stations located along the Rails to Trails. They would like to install wood preservative over the existing wood, clean out the fall area, install landscape fabric, and mulch. Oleksak stated he already spoke to Bill Stivason [Borough Foreman] who will have the Borough weed whack and spray round up.

T. Klukan made a motion that Ford City Borough Council give approval to the Ford City Lions Club in refurbishing the Fit Stations located along the Armstrong Trail, they refurbish the landscaping fabric, and the Borough provides fall material for those stations

Solicitor Willyard asked if the [Lions] Club will be purchasing the material from the Borough or will the Borough be providing it?

Motion fails for lack of a second. Tabled until 6-13-2016

SHADE TREE

Council President stated how nice the [Borough] Park looks since tree topping took place. The Borough is keeping it mowed.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission Board Member Dick Wakefield explained Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor James Favero attended their last meeting. At the suggestion of Favero they are now looking forward to a meeting with Council to discuss the long range plan. They are continuing to work on the Landlord Tenant Ordinance, Animal Ordinance, and the Parking Ordinance.

Council President explained Council would like to schedule a work session with Planning to see how Ford City can move forward. Having difficulty getting a date that works for everyone.

PARKS & RECREATION

Bill Oleksak requested permission to put wood preservative on the Fit Stations.

Bowser made a motion to permit Ford City Lions Club to initiate the process to refurbish the Fit Stations along the Ford City portion of the Trail as well as addressing the fall areas as to what will be done in those areas.

Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

T. Klukan made a motion to remove Mel Marin as a member of Ford City Borough Planning Commission per section 206 of the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Zoning

Nothing to Report

Policy

Nothing to Report

Special Projects:

T. Klukan explained existing Code of Ordinances will be put in digital format use on the WebSite. Klukan is creating the digital content. Klukan explained on line payments will be available. Looking to have cost estimates at the June meeting and then have it up and running in one (1) month.

Council President explained the Borough Ordinances have been codified and are in books in a file drawer in the Borough Office. Council never formally adopted the codified ordinances, the process is not complete. There are additional ordinances that have not been codified. They will be dealt with separately. This will be an agenda item for 6-13-2016.

IT UPGRADE

Council President explained the Information Technology Upgrade has been complete. FCPD has its own server and the Borough has its own server. There are problems with the printers. Still have a dot matrix printer. This will be phased out. The next step is to enter into an agreement with Davis Consulting for remote access for trouble shooting purposes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

R. Klukan, Mantini and T. Klukan made comments that required no action.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Klukan made a motion at 7:44 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary