

**MINUTES**  
**Ford City Borough Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Location: Latin American Club**  
**July 11, 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, July 11, 2016 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Is anyone audio or video taping the meeting? Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Council President Fenyes asked for a moment of silence for the families and victims in Baton Rouge, Michigan, Dallas, and Minnesota.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Police Chief Roger Wright, Solicitor Vigilante, and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were present.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Vicki Schaub** stated she has received calls and there are 10 children unable to participate in the lunch program because of transportation problems. Schaub stated she hoped Council did all they could to staff Boulder Park with a Playground Supervisor. President Fenyes explained an additional interview was conducted. The intent was to hire an additional Playground Supervisor and open Boulder Park. A current Playground Supervisor accepted Full Time employment elsewhere. Because of one Supervisor resigning, the number of playgrounds staffed for the summer will remain at two (2).

**MINUTES**

Bowser made a motion to approve draft #1 of the minutes for 4-25-2016 the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.  
Seconded by R. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

T. Klukan made a motion to approve draft #1 of the minutes for 5-23-2016 the Special Council Meeting. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

R. Klukan made a motion to approve draft #1 of the minutes for 6-13-2016 Regular Council Meeting. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Bowser made a motion to approve draft #1 of the minutes for 6-27-2016 Special Council Meeting. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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R. Klukan made a motion to approve draft #1 of the minutes for the 7-1-2016 Special Council Meeting. Seconded by Bartuccio. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Mantini made a motion to approve draft #1 of the minutes for 7-5-2016 Special Council Meeting. Seconded by R. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Bartuccio made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2016. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

Bowser made a motion to ratify payment of recurring insurance and utility bills in the amount of \$12,138.56. Seconded by Bartuccio. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

Bowser made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$49,077.54 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by R. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

#### POLICE REPORT

R. Klukan made a motion to approve the Police Reports for June 2016. Seconded by Mantini.

T. Klukan asked for an update to the call sent out by Armstrong 911 on Sunday morning about 12:30 a.m. regarding a citizen being at large. Police Chief Wright stated he is still at large. He is a black male, mid 20's, dreadlocks and approx. 5'10".

President Fenyes called for a vote. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### SALT – 2016 to 2017

Bartuccio made a motion to accept the quote from Compass Mineral as the primary supplier for Bulk De-Icing Salt in the amount of \$61.17 and to accept the quote from Cargill as the secondary supplier for Bulk D-Icing Salt for the period of time October 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

##### PLAYGROUND SUPERVISOR

President Fenyes explained there is currently one (1) Supervisor at Ford View and one (1) Supervisor at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Due to the resignation of another Supervisor we are shorthanded at the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Due to the lack of applications for Playground Supervisor, Boulder Park was unable to be opened for the Summer Lunch Program. Some wanted to help with the staffing problem and applied and was interviewed.

Mantini made a motion to hire Vicki South as a Playground Supervisor for the summer of 2016 at a rate of \$7.25 an hour pending the receipt of Act 33 and Act 34 clearances, FBI Fingerprinting and background check and successful completion of Community Action Training. Seconded by Bartuccio. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Dave Kneppshield** asked, with regard to the Salt, if the Borough participated in a consortium to purchase bulk supplies? President Fenyes stated there are and we are not a participant. T. Klukan added there is a Costars program and Council will look into it for next time.

**4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY MEETING**

Bowser made a motion to change the purpose of the 2016 remaining 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting of Council to Special Council meetings for the purpose of Finances and any other Business. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Solicitor Vigilante asked if these meetings will be re-advertised? President Fenyes stated they were advertise but not as voting meeting. They will be advertised, just the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meetings will be.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME**

**Bob Ware** explained he received a letter from PNGCO. They are claiming he failed to apply to have the sidewalks fixed. The [PennDot] contractor had two (2) years' time..... Ware stated he has been complaining after the first year. PNGCO is claiming the pictures, of the sidewalk, were taken in within the last month. There are dates on pictures, 2008. PNGCO is offering \$350 to fix the sidewalk. Ware stated he has a repair estimate in the amount of \$12,325. Ware will provide Council with a copy of the letter from PNGCO. T. Klukan will follow up with Mr. Ware.

**Amy Moody** thanked Police Chief Wright for permitting Officer Spencer to spend time at Ford View & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Playgrounds. Officer Spencer explained to the children his job and what equipment he uses. Moody stated the kids really like the handcuffs.

**Paul Klukan** requested follow up to his request for road closures for the FCRCP bike race [Saturday, August 27] and Labor Day parade [Sunday, September 4]. Klukan needs permission before submitting road closure requests to PennDot. Klukan stated the race was approved by the Borough Manager.

Bowser made a motion to approve the Car Cruise & Parade for Sunday, September 4, 2016 pending PennDot approval and pending FCPD approval of the road closures. Seconded by Mantini.

P. Klukan stated the Parade Route will be [from FCHS] North on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Dollar General [15<sup>th</sup> Street East toward 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue] South on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to St. Mary's Church [8<sup>th</sup> Street West toward 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue] North on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to FCHS.

Council President calls for a vote. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

**Vicki Schaub** asked Council President Fenyes to clarify a statement made by Fenyes at previous meeting. According to Schaub, Fenyes stated they were not paid with Tax Payer dollars out of the General Fund. Schaub stated they payment was not made out of the General Fund, but with Tax Payer dollars. Fenyes apologize and agreed with Schaub. Fenyes stated the payment was made for the doors out of the Fire Tax Fund, which is Tax Payer dollars. Schaub stated she has the PA Laws including measurements needed when painting the corners. Schaub asked Chief Wright to have the officer's drive slower. Schaub offered the use of her porch to the Police Officers, so they can view the traffic flying along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

David Knepshield – explained he works for Klingensmith Health Care. This is a personal project and does not have anything to do with Klingensmith Health Care or Allegheny Health Network. In April 2016 a Medical Marijuana Law was passed by the State of Pennsylvania. This will allow 25 growers/ distributors have a PA License. Knepshield explained he along with David Cippel and two others are owners of the former Eljer Property. This property is Zoned Industrial. They have bids to redo the building, making it secure. Compared to other states, Pennsylvania will have the highest amount of regulations. It will be no butt form, no smoking, all oils, tinctures, everything will be lab tested, low THC levels. The CBD will be high, these are the oils that relieve pain. There are approx. 21 serious different conditions the state of PA has allowed for. There will be 50 distributors, those 50 distributors are allowed three (3) distribution points. Four (4) to \$5M has to put into this project. Between 30/50 people will be employed. Chemists, Engineers, Botanists, Horticulturist. This is a very sophisticated industry. There is a bill in the State of PA for recreational marijuana. The Dept. of Health will be on site between six (6) and 10 times each year. Knepshield stated, if they are awarded a permit, they will be a manufacturer of pharmaceutical grade medicine. The United States Government is in the process of changing it from a Class 1 (has no value) to a Class 2 (medical product). Once it becomes Class 2, research and development can take place. The Federal Government has stated they will not interfere with State Laws. Knepshield stated he needs a clarification on the Zoning. Knepshield stated he will be taking a raw product, the [marijuana] plant, growing it, grinding it, emulsion processing it, there will only oils.

Solicitor Vigilante will review the Zoning.

T. Klukan thanked Mr. Knepshield for bring this to Council. Council wants Economic Development. T. Klukan asked to meet and discuss the business plan.

Bowser added Council is working with the Planning Commission for Re-Zoning of the properties along the River. They are antiquated and massive manufacturing is a lost art. Our Zoning.

Knepshield suggested making it a mixed use. You want people living within Business and Retail areas.

Bowser asked when the application deadline is.

Knepshield answered approximately two (2) years from April 2016. The very first thing will be the growers/ processors. Right now there are laws allowing parents of children, 18 and under, they are permitted to have marijuana for those children.

**Jerry Miklos** asked Mantini, since he is the Ford City Borough representative to the Armstrong UCC Group, if he is in favor of this and why. Mantini answered he is in favor because the County is helping us now. Miklos asked Mantini to explain the advantage and disadvantages. Mantini answered it is because we have County expertise and it is free. Mantini stated he doesn't find any disadvantages. T. Klukan suggested bringing in Mr. Kanish – Bureau Veritas. Council President will ask for a representative from the COG to attend the meeting. Miklos asked if the meeting for 7-5-2016 was advertised? Council President answered yes. Bowser added when Mr. Richardson vacated his role, we had to take immediate action. Without someone to issue permits,

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any permit request would be granted after 15 days. Members of Council met with representatives from Armstrong UCC Group.

Dave Knepshild added the inspections are being done by FCPD and his went very well. Council President added there are two (2) officers qualified as BCO.

T. Klukan explained the 2016 Paving Project. Sixth Avenue Ext. & Cyprus Alley, is scheduled to begin at the beginning of August. Weather permitting the construction period should last approx. 30 to 45 days. The Contractor will notify the Citizens in the construction area. Planning Commission has submitted their Parking Study to Council. At the next 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting of Council, the Planning Commission will be discussing with Council the Parking Study. Council has received complaints from residents and business owners regarding parking. T. Klukan stated the Football Boosters had a successful 5K. [Master Sgt.] Michael Dobrosky – [stationed in Afghanistan with the 518<sup>th</sup> Brigade] donated flags that were flown overseas at Bagram Airforce Base. One of the flags will be displayed in the Borough Building. T. Klukan thanked the Veterans and the current military for serving and it was an honor to accept the flag from Mr. Dobrosky.

Mantini thanked the Borough Workers for preparing the park for Summerfest and thanked all the people involved in Summerfest.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, July 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the L. A. Club.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

#### ADJOURNMENT

R. Klukan made a motion at 7:22 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Mantini.  
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous