

MINUTES
Ford City Borough Council
Special Meeting
Location: Ford City Public Library
July 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Bartuccio called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, July 20, 2015 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner.

Is anyone audio or video taping the meeting? Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper and Julie Martin – Leader-Times.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bartuccio led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ATTENDANCE

Solicitor Anthony Vigilante, Solicitor Paula Willyard, Borough Manager Eden Ratliff, Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner, Caroline Hassa, Dean Hutchison, Tyson Klukan – FC Planning Commission, Tom Ondrusek, Kim Bish, David Milito, Carol Fenyes, Jamie Thompson, Richard Wakefield, Douglas McElfresh, Amy Moody, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper and Julie Martin – Leader-Times.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kim Bish asked how many Council Members interviewed potential candidates for the Council Vacancy position and who they were and when they took place?

Four (4) – Wednesday Banks, Bartuccio, Miklos and Schaub were present for interviews on this day.
One (1) – Friday
One (1) – Sunday
One (1) – Monday [Bartuccio & Miklos]

Bartuccio asked Bish to explain why she asked?

Bish answered no.

COUNCIL VACANCY

Bartuccio read the names of the Citizens submitting letters of interest for the Council Vacancy:

Beth Bowser	Jeff Cogley	Ryan Duncan	Tyson Klukan
Darlene Scopel	Louis Vergari	Richard Wakefield	

Borough Manager asked the Solicitor to explain what will happen if the successful candidate is present this evening at the time of appointment.

Solicitor Vigilante explained the appointed person could be sworn in and then take their seat as a member of Council.

Banks made a motion to appoint Tyson Klukan.

Solicitor Vigilante explained these nominations do not require a second. If there is more than one nomination, you take them in the order in which they are received.

Schaub nominates Beth Bowser,

Bartuccio called for any additional nominations.

Bartuccio states there are no further nominations, the nominations are closed.

Bartuccio called for a vote a roll call vote for Tyson Klukan.

Abernathy	Yes	Banks	Yes
Bartuccio	No	Miklos	No
Schaub	No		

VOTE Yes – 2 No – 3 Nomination fails

Bartuccio called for a roll call vote for Beth Bowser,

Banks	No	Bartuccio	Yes
Miklos	Yes	Schaub	Yes
Abernathy	Yes		

VOTE Yes – 4 No – 1

Bartuccio states the nomination for Beth Bowser passed.

Kim Bish states you [Council] violated the Sunshine Law by having a quorum. Kim insists she gets to talk.

Schaub explained the Solicitor stated this is not the appropriate time.

Bish asked the Solicitor if he would like her to read it?

Solicitor Vigilante explained he knows what it says.

Bish stated again you are in violation of the law and read from a passage from the Sunshine Law. “Open meeting laws apply not only apply to the Public Bodies but to the Committees they appoint as well. Generally open meeting laws require that the entire deliberation process be open to the Citizens including the committees”. This is the law. Now, how did they get away with the law?

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Bish explained Mr. Miklos would not attend the meeting with Vicki, Kathy and the Mayor because there would have been a quorum. How can you hold committee meetings to appoint a person to represent the Second Ward without the Citizens being notified? This is the open meeting law. You are illegally doing business. I will pursue it and so will a bunch of people.

Schaub stated there was no deliberation.

Solicitor Vigilante stated he wasn't consulted whether or not the meetings were going to be Private or Public. Generally I agree that a meeting like that should be held in Public. That's the way I've handled in the past with other clients. That's the way I prefer it to happen. That said, just from knowing what the Sunshine Law says in terms of what is defined as a meeting there are some issues there in terms of whether official action or deliberation takes place. You could make the argument that if no deliberation took place it wasn't "a meeting" of the Sunshine Law. That's what I was told, there was no deliberation. I was asked after the interviews happened. So, I can't comment more than that.

Bish [former Council person] stated when she was involved interviewing people and we [Council] always deliberated after they left. There was always verbalization as to whether they approved or didn't approve a client. So, I totally do not believe that they walked out and no one said a word about a person.

Vigilante stated he was not there, so he cannot comment.

Bish stated she doesn't believe that.

Schaub asked Mr. Banks about interviewing the first four people and I asked should there be any discussion, Jerry stated we should not have any discussion and we all left.

Banks agreed with Schaub and said that's right.

Bish stated Mr. Banks wasn't in the other three (3) though.

Miklos stated there was no deliberation, Kim, totally different from the meetings when you were on Council. You guys actually made decisions. You (Kim) made decisions.

Bish asked how can you make a decision now?

Miklos answered because we come to the meeting and we evaluate what we discussed. There was not discussion, no deliberation. Totally contrary to the meetings that you were used to Kim in your day. There was actually deliberation, there was actually decisions made. I can voice my opposition at that time.

Bish stated you are still in violation.

Borough Manager asked if Ms. Bowser is present. She is not.

Jamie Thompson asked since everybody was required to send a letter of interest, are you able to say what her credentials are? No one here knows who she is. Ford City is small.

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Schaub stated there was one thing that stood out was that she was the only person interviewed that said she is not in favor of raising taxes and to look at everything on the budget before raising taxes. Everybody else has other answers to those things. That is the one main thing that stood out to me.

Bish asked what are her credentials?

Miklos agreed with that as well. She voiced the strongest opposition to putting a further burden on the Tax Payers. That to me is of paramount importance. We can't continue adding a burden on the Tax Payers of this Borough. We can't continue adding to the good people of this Borough moving out because the taxes have just continued in an upward spiral so that was very, very important to me.

Thompson asked if that was the only thing....

Schaub stated she has a business at home, she also has a degree in Business [should be Biology]. She has the qualifications educationally, I checked some references. I was pleased with the references.

Thompson asked if Schaub is able say the Business that she owns and the to say the degree that she has?

Schaub answered she would prefer not to.

Miklos added that Council would not be able to state a lot of

Thompson stated she understands and she is just asking.

Abernathy stated that is a question you can ask her.

Miklos stated she [Bowser] will be here at the next meeting and ask her whatever questions you like.

Miklos added that he thought we had some very good candidates overall and it would have been nice if we could have combined a lot of the traits, a lot of the beliefs and opinions of these people and put them in to one (1) person. But, obviously that's not possible. I think we all had to make our own selection about what we considered a priority.

Thompson stated to Miklos, so taxes to you, which is kind of unrealistic, especially when you will have to raise them....

Miklos asked why?

Thompson stated because there are no Businesses coming in here, so how are we going to get money?

Miklos asked why? You have a Business, right?

Thompson answered yes, with my Father, I run a Business, yes.

Miklos asked when you look at your Profit & Loss Statement, you say gee I'm not making any money. Do you automatically say I'll have to raise the price of my pizzas?

Thompson answered yes.

Miklos asked you do?

Thompson explained if the prices of our food, the food coming in that we have to buy throughout the year, yes. It's not like a huge amount, but we have to raise, you have to make profit. We are a Business.

Miklos asked you won't look at other potential suppliers to see if you can get a better price or if you can make some adjustment otherwise? What I'm getting at.....

Thompson stated we don't want to change the supplier because it's something different.

Miklos we are not making pizzas here.

Thompson stated she knows, that is using my Business as an example.

Miklos agreed he is. My point is no one ever looks at cutting costs. It's how can we get more money in this Borough, well raise Water Rates, ok we can do that, now let's raise garbage rates, hey great idea, lets do that, even raise taxes because we are not at our taxing limit yet. I think that kind of thinking has to stop.

Thompson said change is positive. We have to start changing here.

Abernathy asked to return to the agenda. There is time for Public comment at the end.

Schaub asked that any person interviewed to consider getting on the ballot in November. For those that don't know, this position [Council appointment] is only good until the end of this year.

Miklos stated so ultimately the people will decide.

MINUTES

Abernathy makes a motion to approve Draft #2 of the July 14, 2014 minutes, which is the final draft. Seconded by Schaub. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

DISCUSSION

FLOOD MITIGATION GRANT

Borough Manager reads the letter of support from Senator Don White and Representative Jeff Pyle for the Flood Mitigation Grant. Borough Manger stated we are appreciative and thankful for their support. (Attachment)

RIDGE AVENUE

Schaub explained at the last Council meeting there was some discussion about holding off some of the paving projects until next year so we can do a better job by checking the infrastructure, the lines and we aren't sure what we are going to get into there. There are a few places that we feel we can still get done this year and one is Ridge Avenue. I even suggested that we not just stop at the alley, like they did at the other alleys that they paved before. Because the sidewalks that go on to the side streets that is all crumbling and in horrible shape too. If we are going to do it, I feel like we need to do it right. It's time to quit band aiding everything.

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Miklos stated he agrees with that. I see little sense in putting something on a crumbling foundation. We really need to start getting the undersurface under control.

Borough Manager explained at the last Council meeting it was decided to move the Paving to 2015 Paving proposal to 2016 so that this year we can take the time to work on the utilities that are under the roads for 2016. Everyone seemed to be on board with that last month. My question is are you now wanting to look at paving Ridge Avenue?

Miklos explained Ridge Avenue is very bad. But, we have a lot of very bad Streets and Alleys. Miklos asked Tyson [Klukan – member of the FC Planning Commission and project manager for the Paving 2014 Project] if they looked at Ridge Avenue?

Klukan answered it was to be looked at next year [2016].

Miklos stated Ridge is one of the worst.

Klukan explained the plan was to do Ridge and shoot down the alley, the CU and church alley and see what also Streets and Alleys. The projection for the Liquid Fuels is to be higher. Possibly six figures.

Borough Manager is asking if that proposal is being pushed to 2017? Unless you were to alter the 2016 proposal and include Ridge Avenue?

Abernathy asked if patching can be done?

Borough Manger stated they have and it's a little bit better.

Klukan stated he understands the Planning Commission gave their proposal to Council. Council makes the final decision. We saw the figures from Dan [Schmitt – GTE] and I understand the Borough Manger stated the ADA Sidewalks would be done hopefully. Some of those Avenues are still sinking. For example, there is no base. We recommended doing the whole Street. Why can't we still do half of that? There is no base. I understand on Ridge there is basically no roadway left. But what about, Twelfth Street is a safety concern. I am nervous. Klukan asked Council to reconsider. We have the figures. It was very expensive to do those six Alleys, maybe cut the project back. Maybe Ridge and two of the worst ones?

Borough Manager explained he has a hard time grasping the concept of doing ADA corners now when we just applied for or are in the process of applying for a very large sum of money to redo every corner.

Schaub and Miklos agree with the Borough Manager.

Borough Manager explained if we give the gas company and all the other utilities a few weeks notice we are going to be paving as opposed to a few months notice, I get exactly what Tyson is saying. I think that if we start digging on a brand new road because we didn't give all the utilities enough time, including ourselves to repair those utilities we will be kicking ourselves.

Miklos stated we have limited resources. We can't do everything that we want to do. So, we have to spend that money as wisely as we possibly can. We talked about the corners. But, if we are applying

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for a grant I certainly don't want to spend that money and then find out later that we got this grant and guess what, we spent Borough money to do it. That doesn't make sense.

Klukan agreed. If we're applying for the MultiModal for 200+ corners, I totally agree. If we don't get it next year, can we reapply?

Borough Manager stated we should continue to reapply whether we get it or not.

Miklos stated we all want to do paving, as much as we can. We have some issues on the paving that we did in the Alleys. We are all feeling some heat with what was done with paving in the Alleys. Some of it wasn't very good. We don't want to repeat that. We want to make sure whatever we do is done right.

Klukan stated we just gave our recommendation and it is your hands.

Borough Manger asked for some direction from Council? Whether they are going to stick with what was decided at the last meeting or we want to look at putting out for bid Ridge Avenue this year or anything else. Ultimately it is Council's decision.

Miklos suggested the Borough Engineer be brought in again and look at Ridge Avenue, look at 12th Street to see if we can make any fixes. Or if we could possible do Ridge in a reasonable bid. Maybe there are no underlying problems. I don't know that. Until we get a green light from the Engineer I won't feel comfortable doing it. Then have to worry about coming back and tearing it up or redoing something.

Borough Manager explained we are bringing in the Borough Engineer to look at Ridge Avenue. So that's an appropriate discussion for that time. We can report at the next Council meeting.

Schaub asked about the cleaning of the Catch Basins?

Borough Manager explained at the last meeting it was decided to take money to clean out the Catch Basins and the Storm Lines under the current 2016 Paving Proposal. If you guys are going to change that, we need to make a decision and stick to it so that we can.....

Miklos explained the Catch Basins are very important. They are something that we have heard about for the last 20 years and they never get done. So, we have to make sure that we get this done.

Borough Manger stated we have to make sure we are doing the Catch Basins and the Storm Lines that are set to be worked on for Paving 2016. So, the fact that we are still having discussion about what is in the 2016 Paving proposal it makes me nervous to say ok to say clean this basin and this line.

Miklos stated whatever needs done in regard to the Catch Basins needs done, let's do it.

Abernathy stated we want to fix the Catch Basins on the Paving Project.

Borough Manager stated if the Paving Project is going to change I need to know that. Most of the Catch Basins are a real problem.

Miklos stated we need to get that resolved.

Borough Manger asked that the 2016 Paving be set as best we can.

Miklos suggested we do the same thing Kittanning did. Let's get the Streets fixed here, let's get it done.

FOR ACTION

PENNVEST LOAN

Abernathy made a motion to approve Resolution to Reimburse Public Utility Funds/General Funds used to construct improvements. Seconded by Miklos

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Miklos made a motion to approve advertisement of Notice of proposed ordinance to authorize issuance and awarding of Guaranteed Revenue Bond not in excess of \$3,196,800.00, principal amount, at a private sale, for the purpose of construction of a new water treatment plant in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Unit Debt Act "LGUDA". Seconded by Abernathy.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Schaub made a motion to authorize President, Secretary and Treasurer to execute any and all documents necessary for the consummation of the PennVEST Funding for the Water Treatment Plant. There is an Omnibus certificate to be signed by the President and a separate one to be signed by the Secretary. Seconded by Abernathy.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Miklos made a motion to approve payment of the \$84 fee to "The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" for the filing fee of the UCC Financing Statement required by PENNVEST. Seconded by Abernathy.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Borough Manager explained an effective date must be decided upon for this next motion.

Solicitor Willyard explained for clarification the Pennvest Loan requires that it be effective no later than three (3) months prior to the date the amortization is ready for the loan. So, you can actually, theoretically approve it anytime between now and December 1, 2016 based on the documents that we have at this time.

Abernathy asked is this just when the ordinance will become effective? Solicitor Willyard answered yes.

Borough Manager answered this is just to advertise. You will see this again.

Solicitor Willyard explained you still have to decide when the Ordinance will become effective, because the Ordinance has to be approved in order to proceed with the loan.

Abernathy made a motion to approve advertisement of proposed ordinance for the implementation of a 3% increase in water service rates or revenues to cover all operational and maintenance costs of the system, the debt service on the PENNVEST loan, and all other outstanding debt of the Borough of Ford City, which rates shall be effective 11-1-2016. Seconded by Schaub.

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Secretary Bittner asked which billing cycle will this be? Abernathy answered November.

A short discussion took place about which billing cycle should be used. Abernathy stated to let this motion fail.

Bartuccio calls for a vote. Motion Fails. 0 – 5

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Abernathy explained this is mandated by our Pennvest Loan. They have looked at the Borough as a whole and all our debt and everything else. For us to get this loan and payback the loan we have to do a water increase of 3%. Abernathy stated he doesn't want to increase anything. For this to go through as a low interest loan, and what they see what Ford City has, obviously we are not in the greatest shape, because they are making us raise rates. I hope the rest of Council sees this and votes for it, because we need this Pennvest Loan.

Miklos stated I won't vote for it. Because in principle I don't agree we should be mandated by anybody to raise rates.

Abernathy stated we weren't mandated for our Water Plant, were we.

Schaub stated initially that said it would be an increase of \$1.00 per month.

Abernathy stated that is about what this is, 3% is about one dollar a month.

Solicitor Vigilante stated mandate is probably a strong word. It's a provision. Mandate means you have to do it. If you don't want to do it, you don't have to. You got problems though. You won't get the loan.

Borough Manager explained you don't have to do it, but it means you are not getting the loan.

Bartuccio calls for a vote. Motion Carried. 4 – 1 Miklos is opposed.

Abernathy made a motion to authorize the Council President to execute the fee agreement for legal services relative to the Borough of Ford City Water Plant Project funded by Pennvest. Seconded by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, August 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ford City Public Library.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kim Bish asked if the Mayor knew he was being audio taped at the Special session you has with him?

Schaub explained everybody was asked about it being audio tape.

Mayor stated he came late. Schaub disagreed. Mayor stated he was late, he was downstairs. I didn't realize everybody was upstairs.

Borough Manager stated he and the Mayor walked in at the same time. I had the recorder and asked everyone if it was ok to record. Everyone indicated that they were.

Miklos asked Bish why would she ask that question.

Bish explains the legality of taping.

Mayor stated Bish can ask any question she wants.

Miklos asks Bish why she didn't ask if the others knew they were being taped.

Bish stated she has not spoken to the Mayor for weeks.

Bartuccio explained both the Leader-Times and the Kittanning Paper both asked if they could [tape].

Borough Manger added so did he.

Schaub added that everybody shook their head in agreement.

Bartuccio asked Bish why she brought that up?

Bish answered because she wanted to know.

Miklos stated she is watching out for the Mayor.

Bish asked if there will be a Special Ballot in November for this position? Am I correct? Is she Republican or Democrat?

Schaub answered Democrat she thinks.

Unidentified male [in the audience] asks what difference does it make?

Bish explained if she is a Republican then she is on the ballot, if she is s Democrat then the Democratic person that represents this area, who is Lou Vergari, may choose a Democrat to be on the ballot.

Unidentified male [in the audience] says maybe he [Vergari] will choose himself.

Bish answers, guess what, maybe he would.

Miklos added if anybody would.....

Bish says this is her time. Unidentified male [in the audience] asks Bish if she wanted to help us, why didn't she stay on Council?

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Bish asked Mr. Abernathy when will he will be leaving.

Abernathy answered he will be submitting his letter. I'm submitting, Council will have it.

Bish asked Miklos why was he opposed to the ¢ 90 [90 cent] a month increase in the Water Rates for the Water Plant? That is the only way we can get the loan.

Miklos said he already explained that. In principal I don't believe that we should be mandated by anyone to raise Water Rates. I personally think that we will be able to reduce Water Rates. I personally think contrary to what some people think that we will be able to reduce taxes. I think if this Council keeps going the way it's going we are going to do all kind of great things here.

Bish stated to Miklos that he knew that was a condition of the Pennvest Loan. However, you chose to vote against it.

Abernathy added he [Miklos] hasn't wavered in the whole time he has ever been. He is opposed to raising taxes, he is opposed to raising anything. As long as he has ever been on Council.

Miklos said he doesn't understand why Bish didn't get it.

Abernathy stated she should have stayed on Council.

Bish explained she is not well and it's not his freaking business. She submitted her letter of resignation and it stated why I left and that is all you all need to know.

Carol Fenyes asked if there was an update on the EDA \$581,000?

Miklos answered no. Bartuccio answered not at this time.

Bish asked if Council has decided who you are suing?

Schaub stated this is Carol's time.

Fenyes asked is there litigation are we suing somebody?

Miklos asked who said there is litigation? Who said we are suing somebody.

Fenyes answered for months about that loan.

Schaub added the word "potential".

Miklos explained this will be clarified when the time is appropriate. When we get clearance from our legal counsel.

Fenyes asked if there were any further developments since Eden's appeal?

Borough Manager explained we have not heard anything from the EDA in regards to the June 22 appeal.

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Miklos agreed, we did make the appeal. I think that was clarified a couple of times at the public meetings.

Borough Manager stated we have not heard anything from EDA regarding our appeal.

Julie Martin asked Miklos because he mentioned legal Counsel in reference to potential EDA litigation. Is that your Borough Solicitor or are you working with other attorneys on the matter.

Miklos explained he thinks we have answered that question, you have asked that before.

Martin explained she did not think that she had.

Miklos disagreed, you will have to look back in the minutes, we have answered that question.

Miklos stated we have consulted outside legal Counsel. How many times can we keep asking the same questions and expect different answers. That isn't going to happen.

Bish stated because you don't give us answers.

Martin asked if he could say who the Counsel is?

Schaub answered no.

Martin asked why not.

Schaub said potential litigation.

Miklos stated we have said all we are going to say.

Bish added that doesn't mean you can't disclose who the attorney is.

Martin asked if the EDA has responded to your letter about potential litigation?

Miklos asked what is the question?

Martin asked has the EDA had anything to say about the potential litigation? Is that something that you are working on with them? You sent the letter at the end of December that referenced the potential litigation.

Miklos explained we said earlier they haven't responded. So, how could they ask a question if they haven't responded.

Martin said you said you were approaching the EDA and have you actually set up a meeting?

Miklos answered were are waiting to get a date and time. That has not happened yet.

Unknown man [in the audience] asked if Third Avenue is included in the proposed paving?

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Tyson Klukan answered yes.

SOLCITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Vigilante asked to reiterate how he thinks a meeting should occur. When there is an audience portion at the beginning for agenda items and there is audience portion at the end. We seem to be back and forth with people having discussion when we are past the audience portion. Not to say you shouldn't give people an opportunity to talk. But we are getting into a situation where it is a spiral in to bad behavior on all parts. Just try to confine it to, like we have said before.

Abernathy added we have work sessions for discussions. You can come and speak and talk.

Vigilante added he has no problem with people talking at the meeting. That's great. Talk as much as you want. But talk at the appropriate times. Because we get in to a situation where it makes for a bad meeting.

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BOROUGH MANAGER COMMENTS

Ratliff congratulates Ms. Beth Bowser. Also that so many people applied for that position. Its great month after month more Citizens come out and voice their opinions, get involved and try to play a role in local government. Hopefully, that continues.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor thanked the seven (7) individuals that applied for this position. Gives a lot of hope that there are good people step up to care about their community. God Bless.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Schaub stated there were very good candidates for the position, and highly recommend that each one consider running in November. There a lot of rumors out there, a lot of bad information out there, there is a group out in town that is spreading some very bad a dangerous cancer, deadly cancers, these people are hiding behind fictitious names, detrimental to our town. If anybody does want to know something, or where we get our information, I will gladly print you out meeting minutes, show you my research on line where I get my information from, call me instead of going through the gossip mill, spreading rumors and getting half-truths. Come up and talk to Eden. Talk to somebody and get the answers. I will show you proof. Virginia Finnegan that was something that was spreading around through blogs. Apparently, I like to call this group the cowards of our city because they do hide behind names. I can pretty much pin down who they are by the comments they make. When Susan worked here she charged \$1700 per month. When she move to Florida, she dropped it down to \$1100 per month. Same amount of work but suddenly we got a \$600 per month discount. Virginia will be charging \$42.50 per hour for 20 hours per week. That is \$850 per month. Her mileage for three (3) visits to Ford City. Borough Manager corrected the amount of hours to 20 hours per month not per week. Schaub agreed that it is 20 hours per month. The mileage is ¢57.5 per mile. Which comes out to \$92.00. Schaub adds this is the standard IRS rate. The savings between Susan and Virginia is \$158.00 per month. Also, we verified with CRA and Virginia to see if there were any problems making this transition midway through the year. None had anything bad to say and felt there was no reason this could not be a smooth transition.

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So, where you see and hear these things out there, what you should be questioning is where are they getting their information. Because they are not putting out the truth.

Abernathy had no comment at this time.

Miklos stated he really had no comments other than to second everything Vicki said. The venom is pouring in the Streets. It is really, really pathetic, because there is no basis for the vast majority of the stuff other than to discredit people. That is sad, when you have to resort to those types of tactics to simply try to get someone. It tells me and should show everyone that these people are truly not concerned about Ford City. They are more concerned about going after someone. If you have any guts, put your name on all this garbage you are spreading around.

Banks stated that for all the years he has served we have always encouraged volunteerism, wanted our young people to get involved with Council with the town. We had a Planning Commission last year that had just me and one members. Tyson Klukan stepped up to head it up and spearheaded the Paving project for us. I feel appalled that he was not put in as Council. He has already proved himself. He's diligent and gives us reports like we want. Also, Ms. Schaub you talk about people that hide behind letters, there was a letter sent to the Leader-Times about me walking out of a Public Meeting. Is that underhanded, we are friends, you could have given me a call, you chose to send a letter to the Leader-Times slam basting me about walking out of a meeting. Before you call the kettle black.

Schaub asked Banks if he could respond.

Banks said no he doesn't need a response.

Schaub asked Madame President if she could respond? Bartuccio answered yes you may.

Schaub explained first of all I did make several attempts to contact Mr. Banks to get his side of the story.

Banks stated no you didn't.

Schaub explained she has copies of two emails she sent. I also feel that if Mr. Banks knew he had another engagement to be at that night he should have come to the Council President or the Manager and asked if we could possible hold the meeting first. That did not happen.

Banks asked Schaub why she felt it necessary to put his name in the paper? There was one statement that you made, you don't like the Leader-Times reporting our stuff. But you felt the need to go up there and put my name up there. Mr. Abernathy hasn't been at three (3) meetings. Public Meeting the Special Meeting none of them. How come his name wasn't involved in that letter?

Bartuccio thanked everyone who applied for the Council position. We had very good candidates who were well qualified. If they are still interested, get on the ballot in November.

ADJOURNMENT

Schaub made a made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Seconded by Abernathy.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

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Kathy Bartuccio
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