

MINUTES
Ford City Borough Council
Business Meeting
Location: Latin American Club
January 23, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Carol Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, January 23, 2017 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 Jon Andreassi – Leader-Times are audio taping the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Kathy Bartuccio, Beth Bowser, Carol Fenyes, Marc Mantini and Tyson Klukan were present. Ray Klukan and Mayor Cogley were absent because of work conflicts.

ATTENDANCE

Ed Schmitt – Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri, and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

GIBSON-THOMAS – Ed Schmitt

Ed Schmitt submitted the reports the WTP Construction Project. (Attachments)

WATER TREATMENT PROJECT

Bowser made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign Change Order #2 for the Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$11,138.66 for Wagner Electric as recommended by Gibson-Thomas Engineering, this is an increase. Seconded by Bartuccio.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Bowser made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign Change Order #6 for the Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$18,293.18 for Kukurin Contracting as recommended by Gibson-Thomas Engineering, this is an increase. Seconded by T. Klukan.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Bowser made a motion to approve Pennvest Pay Estimate #6 in the amount of \$131,932.57 and authorize the Council President to sign as presented by Gibson-Thomas. Seconded by Bartuccio.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

LOWER PUMP HOUSE

Schmitt explained the first pump was installed and is working. The second pump will be installed at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

Schmitt explained there was a conference call with representatives from FEMA last week.[Wednesday, January 18, 2017] Schmitt stated he is looking for a commitment from FEMA. Looking for something from FEMA so that Ford City Borough would be re-rated. Schmitt explained some assurances were given that would improve the situation. FEMA will be reviewing the area again [at no cost to the Borough]. It will be six (6) months before FEMA is ready to begin. Unless a complete re-certification of the levee is done, there will still be some pockets of the Borough that will be affected by the higher rates. Some of the Borough could be in Zone D, which means the insurance is not required and would still qualify for a one (1) time disaster situation.

Schmitt explained the Storm Sewer Upgrade Project –PENNVEST informational sheet. Schmitt stated they met with representatives from PENNVEST about this project. (Attached)

This is an eligible project and the preliminary engineering work is reimbursable. There is a potential of grant money available too. Council needs to make a decision and not a lot of permitting is required. The camera work could be done early Spring. There is an August deadline for the PENNVEST application.

Schmitt stated they would prepare a general budget and would prepare an engineering contract. Quotes from Red Zone would be needed, this would be considered a professional service. A letter of no prejudice is needed for the camera work and the emergency pump. Schmitt will ask CFA [Commonwealth Finance Authority] if those monies could be used now while the PENNVEST application is in progress.

Schmitt explained the Waterline Replacement Project – PENNVEST informational sheet. (Attachment)

No action is needed at this time, not a lot of permitting is required with this project. There is a May cut off for a July meeting. The Waterline Project is ready to proceed at anytime.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Emma Craven – American Cancer Society explained banners and signs are available for purchase for this event. All money raised stays in the County. The date this year is June 10 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until midnight.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Alyssa Golfieri explained a “Consent Agenda” would permit the approval by one (1) vote routing non-controversial items. This is a time saving action and does not affect Public participation. Included could be minutes, routine bills and reports. A Council member may ask to have an item removed from the list to be approved. A motion would have to be approved by Council before they would be able to begin using a “Consent Agenda”.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Council President Fenyes stated Council would like to return to the “4th Monday” open forum type of meeting and voting on action items would take place at the “2nd Monday” meeting. Council would like to receive reports from Departments and Committees at the “4th Monday” meeting.

This is a sample agenda and no reports or action was taken on the following list:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Ron Wojcik

LIBRARY

Anita Bowser

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Greenlee

ESTABLISH NEW 2017 COMMITTEES

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITIZEN COMMITTEES

PARKS & RECREATION

PLANNING COMMISSION

SHADE TREE

ZONING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Fenyes stated there would be an Executive Session immediately following this meeting.

Alyssa Golfieri added it will be to discuss potential litigation and receive advice from their Solicitor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mantini made a motion at 7:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary