

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Location: Latin American Club
December 11, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, December 11, 2017 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Is anyone audio or video taping the meeting? Caroline Hassa and David Croyle – WTYM are audio and video taping the meeting. Vicki Schaub and Nick Vercilla – 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, Tyson Klukan, Marc Mantini and Mayor Cogley were present. Raymond Klukan was absent because of a work conflict. .

ATTENDANCE

Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri, Michael Greenlee – Police Chief/Borough Manager and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Vicki Schaub asked questions about the Bill List & Treasurer's Report, Mini Casino, and the 2018 Proposed Budget.

Jerry Miklos asked about the auditor [Maher Duessel] for 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes for Borough Council's 10-23-2017 meeting. (Attachment A)
2. Minutes for Borough Council's 11-13-2017 meeting (Attachment B)
3. Minutes for Borough Council's 11-27-2017 meeting (Attachment C)
4. Bills to Approve Bill List Dated 12-11-2017 meeting (Attachment D)
5. Bills to Ratify - 12-11-2017 (Attachment E)
6. Treasurer's Report – October 2017 (Attachment F)
7. Water Reports – November 2017 (Attachment G)
8. Police Report – November 2017 (Attachment H)

Council President Fenyes asked if there were any objections to the Consent Agenda. Fenyes stated since there are no objections the Consent Agenda Items are adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

TAX ORDINANCE – 2018

Bowser made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 729, on ordinance fixing the real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2018 at 17.40 mills. There is no tax increase. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

BUDGET – 2018

Bowser made a motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2018 as presented. Seconded T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) – 2018 REVISED POLICE PENSION PLAN

Bowser made a motion to accept and approve the Revised 2018 Uniform (Police) Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) prepared by Mockenhaupt Benefits Group in the amount of \$97,365. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

MINI CASINO – RESOLUTION 34-2017

Bowser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 34-2017 prohibiting the placement and operation of a Category 4 licensed facility within the Borough pursuant to Pennsylvania Legislative Act 42 of 2017. Seconded by T. Klukan.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Bartuccio	nay	T. Klukan	nay
Bowser	yea	Mantini	nay
Fenyas	yea		

Motion Carried. 3-2

Motion Fails nay = 3 yea = 2

Solicitor Golfieri stated that without approving this Resolution Council will not have any say.

WATER PLANT PROJECT

Bowser made a motion to approve Pennvest Pay Requisition #16 FINAL in the amount of \$95,404.31 and authorize the Council President to sign as presented by Gibson-Thomas. Seconded by Bartuccio. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

NEW BUSINESS

DOCUMENTS TO DESTROY – RESOLUTION 35-2017

Bowser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 35-2017 authorizing the disposal of certain municipal records pursuant to the Municipal Record Act and the Municipal Record Manual. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE STATE PENSION ALLOCATION

Bowser made a motion based on the recommendation of Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, to distribute the 2017 State Aid in the amount of \$41,294.28 in the following manner, the amount of \$12,955 to the General Employee Pension Plan and the amount of \$28,339.28 to the Police Pension Plan. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

Bowser made a motion to use money from the Escrow account in the amount of \$31,797.72 to fund the remaining 2017 MMO balance in the Police Pension Plan. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

CHEMICAL BIDS 2018 – ACCEPTANCE

BID OPENING HELD 12-1-2017

T. Klukan made a motion to award based on the recommendation of Borough Engineer Gibson-Thomas the following chemicals to the listed vendors for calendar year 2018:

Sodium Hypochlorite	UNIVAR	\$1.76 / Ga;
Solar Salt	SAL CHEMICAL	\$.16/lb - \$8.80/bag
Anti Scalant Liquid	AMERICAN WATER CHEMICALS	\$5.38/lb
Caustic Cleaner	AMERICAN WATER CHEMICALS	\$6.22/lb
Acid Cleaner	AMERICAN WATER CHEMICALS	\$4.00/lb

Seconded by Bartuccio.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

HIRING PT POLICE

Bowser made a motion to hire Andrew Festa, based on the recommendation of Mayor Cogley and Police Chief Greenlee, as a part-time police officer for the normal six (6) month probationary period, passing a drug test and background check to be performed at the direction of the Police Chief and the Mayor and to be paid the current wage of the part-time police officer. Seconded by Bartuccio. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Mantini made a motion to hire Collin Haag, based on the recommendation of Mayor Cogley and Police Chief Greenlee, as a part-time police officer for the normal six (6) month probationary period, passing a drug test and background check to be performed at the direction of the Police Chief and the Mayor and to be paid the current wage of the part-time police officer. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

HANDICAP

Bowser made a motion to authorize a handicap sign to be placed on the Southern Side of the 500 Block of 14th Street, as recommended by the Handicap Committee. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

USDA – GRANT

Bowser made a motion to authorize the proper Borough Officials to submit a grant application and any associated documentation necessary to secure the grant to USDA for calendar year 2018. Seconded by Bartuccio. Council President Fenyes

Borough Manager explained the grant will be used to secure a new Borough Vehicle. Our match to the grant is 25%. The maximum amount of the grant is \$50,000.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Borough Secretary read from a prepared statement.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

JoAnn Scopel asked who voted no for the Mini Casino Resolution.
[Bartuccio, T. Klukan and Mantini]

Vicki Schaub spoke about the number of men riding on the rear of the Garbage Truck, Road Salt Bids, Taxes, and Managers Report.

Jerry Miklos asked for an explanation of not bidding Road Salt. Solicitor Golfieri explained the expectation is the amount to be used will be under the bidding threshold.

Rae Stitt expressed concern over possible business district “free” parking before the Christmas Holiday. Stitt is against this happening. Stitt stated worker from Ford Street businesses will park in front of her store and there will be nowhere for her customers to park. Borough Manager explained this was brought up at a prior meeting. He is still speaking with businesses in the Business District and no decision has been made at this time. Mayor Cogley added this is being considered and they are aware of employees parking in the “free” areas and not moving.

Kristen Angehr stated the Mini Casino Resolution more of a protection for the Borough. It could be changed quickly. Angehr stated it would be prudent for the Borough to pass this for our protection.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – RECAP 2017

Council President Fenyes read from a prepared statement. (Attachment)

Vice President T. Klukan echoed comments made by Fenyes. Klukan made addition comments that required no Council action.

Bartuccio asked if she may change her vote. Solicitor Golfieri stated Council has until 12-31-2017 to send their decision to the PA Gaming Board. Council must vote to bring the topic up again and then Council must revote for adoption.

Bowser made a motion to reconsider the vote taken on the Mini Casino [Solicitor Golfieri explains this motion is to reconsider the Resolution to prohibit location and operation of a Mini Casino within the boundaries of the Borough.]. Seconded by Bartuccio.

Motion Carried. 3-2 T. Klukan and Mantini are opposed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Bartuccio	yea	T. Klukan	nay
Bowser	yea	Mantini	nay
Fenyes	yea		

Vote Tally yea = 3 nay = 2

[Resolution 34-2017 was rescinded. This was agenda item #4A.]

Council President asked if any additional discussion is needed.

Comments were made by T. Klukan and Bower.

MINI CASINO RESOLUTION – 36-2017

Bowser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 36-2017 prohibiting the placement and operation of a Category 4 licensed facility within the Borough pursuant to Pennsylvania Legislative Act 42 of 2017. Seconded by Bartuccio. (Attachment)

Council President asked if members the Public had any comment? There were no comments.

Solicitor Golfieri explained if the Council adopts the Resolution to prohibit a Mini Casino, could not come in the Borough. If a future developer was interested in a site in Ford City, Borough Council could rescind/revoke the Resolution at any time. Once the Resolution is revoked a Mini Casino would be permitted.

Golfieri explained by not adopting the original Resolution, after 12-31-2017 any PA Gaming Board licensed facility would be permitted to place a casino in the Borough. The Borough would not have control.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Bartuccio	yea	T. Klukan	nay
Bowser	yea	Mantini	nay
Fenyas	yea		

Motion Carried. 3-2

REORGANIZATION MEETING – Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the L.A. Club.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the L.A. Club.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bartuccio made comments that required no action by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Klukan made a motion at 7:54 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bartuccio.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyas
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary