

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
4th MONDAY – WORKSHOP
Location: Latin American Club
March 27, 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, March 27, 2017 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. Jon Andreassi – Leader-Times & David Croyle – Kittanning Paper 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, Ray Klukan, Tyson Klukan, and Marc Mantini were present. Mayor Cogley was absent because of a work conflict.

ATTENDANCE

Ed Schmitt – Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri, Kathy Heilman – Armstrong County Planning, Police Chief/ Borough Manager Michael Greenlee 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 approve Pennvest Pay Requisition #8 in the amount of \$626,980.23 and authorize the Council President to sign as presented by Gibson-Thomas. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

OLD BUSINES

2015 FORD F350 – BID ACCEPTANCE

Bowser made a motion to accept, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the bid from Tri-Star in the amount of \$24,800 plus taxes, title or fees as applicable for a 2015 Ford F350 Utility Body Truck, this was the only bid received. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

3rd AVENUE PROJECT

Bartuccio made a motion to authorize and direct Gibson-Thomas to seek bids for the replacement of Borough waterlines located on 3rd Avenue between 12th and 14th street and to take such other actions as shall be reasonably required to effectuate the same. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FLOOD MITIGATION

Bartuccio made motion to authorize and direct Gibson-Thomas to prepare and submit an application to Pennvest requesting additional funding for a flood mitigation project involving updates to the Borough's existing storm water pump stations to reduce localized flooding within low-lying areas of the Borough, including without limitation the scoping and repair of the Borough's storm water management system. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Bowser made a motion to authorize and direct Gibson-Thomas to request a Letter of No Prejudice from Pennvest for a flood mitigation project involving updates to the Borough's existing storm water pump stations to reduce localized flooding within low-lying areas of the Borough, including without limitation the scoping and repair of the Borough's storm water management system. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

HIRING - PART-TIME POLICE

Mantini made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Police Chief and Mayor Cogley, to hire Douglas Dale and Josh Krizmanich as part-time police officers at the current rate of \$16.00 per hour. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 8-2017 – COOPERATION AGREEMENT – COUNTY OF ARMSTRONG

Bowser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 8-2017 approving an Amendment to the Cooperation Agreement dated May 19, 2016 for the purpose of allocating additional Competitive Community Development Block Grant funds toward the construction costs associated with the Borough's Water Treatment Plant Project. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment) [add amount]

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department	Library
Parks & Recreation	Planning Commission
Shade Tree	Other

Council President explained there are no attendees from Fire Department, [Fire Chief Wojcik is attending a County Fire Chief meeting and Anita Bowser – Librarian is attending another meeting too.] Library or Planning Commission tonight.

Stacy Klukan stated the Shade Tree Committee discussed planting new trees, beginning an In Memory Of/ In Honor Of program to raise funds to offset the cost of trees. They will provide additional information at the meeting in April. Suggested removing the tree planters/ cages along 4th Avenue from Ford Street to O'Connor Street be removed. Removing the Ginko trees too. Asked the Borough to remove the trees cages along 5th Avenue from Ford Street to O'Connor St. Keep these tree cages, because they will be repurposed along the trail or in the park.

T. Klukan added Business Assoc. members would like to see shrubbery/ dwarf trees planted to add "Green Space" to the Business District Area. Borough Manager Greenlee will work with Shade Tree and the Business Assoc.

Ed Schmitt added rain gardens are part of the MS4 requirements and will be looked at. That is brought in during sidewalk work.

Trees at 7th Avenue, the wall side of the Alley, need removed now. There are three (3) to five (5) trees. S. Klukan volunteered to mark them. Borough Manager is aware of the ones S. Klukan is talking about. S. Klukan there are maple trees by the slides and near the swing that need removed too.

S. Klukan explained she had met with a representative from DCNR and it was suggested to keep an open field at 7th Avenue for possible softball field.

Borough Manager Greenlee explained a meeting was held to discuss what could be done with all the parks. Parking is a concern. The plan for 7th Avenue must wait until 2019. Greenlee used concept drawings [prepared by Gibson-Thomas] to explain the proposed projects. (Attachments)

The idea is to have playgrounds that appeal to all ages. Something for kids, young adults and adults. 7th Avenue would totally be redone and include keeping an open field. Trees would be planted along the hillside to address some drainage issues. Including a Water Feature for kids in one of the tot lots was discussed. Ed Schmitt added the requirements for a municipal pool would have to be followed. They are a lot more complicated than they look.

Greenlee stated he would like to include Boulder Park in the 2018 grant process [DCNR deadline 4-12-2017] Adding additional parking, a small tot lot and a Multi-Court. The Court would be for four (4) different sports, including deck hockey and basketball. Exploring using solar lighting too. The Court would be a composite material.

Greenlee explained there might be some money able to be repurposed along the Rails to Trails [at the Southern end near the bridge] There is nothing clearly designated for parking for trail users. Parking would be added, ADA access and a small tot lot. Joe Peters added by having Rails to Trails designate the spot as a trail head, that would draw trail users to come to town.

T. Klukan stated if there is any extra money for the existing trail grant from 14th Street to McCain, town map signs be added to the project.

Bowser asked about adding additional lighting. Greenlee stated some Solar Lighting has been added to the pavilions along the trail. They are dim until activated by walking close to them they brighten. They have been successful, but still in the experimental phase.

S. Klukan explained she has volunteers to assist with rebuilding the pavilion along the trail that was burned. Council President stated it should be consistent with the existing pavilions.

Kathy Heilman – Armstrong County Planning stated the delineators have been installed along the trail and a total of the costs to date will need updated to determine the balance remaining on the project.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

There were not Citizen Comments at this time.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary read from a list of prepared announcements. (Attachment)

3-27-2017 Minutes – Draft #1

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

NEXT 4th MONDAY

Monday, April 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Klukan made a motion at 7:23 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bowser.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary