

**MINUTES**  
**FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY – WORKSHOP**  
**Location: Latin American Club**  
**July 24, 2017**

**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 24, 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. Nick Vercilla – Leader Times and David Croyle – Kittanning Paper & WTYM is 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. Mayor Cogley was absent because of a work conflict.

**ATTENDANCE**

Police Chief Michael Greenlee, Peter Buss - Gibson-Thomas, Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri & Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council President stated immediately following the meeting to discuss personnel and receive advice from the Solicitor.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

**GIBSON THOMAS – Peter Buss**

Peter Buss stated the WTP project is 90% complete. The last phase will be the demolition of the “Old Plant”.

Buss stated Kukurin has received their notice to proceed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Waterline Replacement Project.

Buss explained the Storm Sewer Camera and Cleaning work is continuing. They have not been on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Finding flooded lines and debris filled lines. They will continue with the camera work and then proceed with cleaning the lines with any available project money.

**WATER PLANT PROJECT**

Bartuccio made a motion to approve Pennvest Pay Requisition #12 in the amount of \$158,006.68 and authorize the Council President to sign as presented by Gibson-Thomas. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

**OLD BUSINESS**

No action items.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No action items.

**COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A report from the Fire Department was not provided.

Dick Wakefield – Planning Commission, explained they sought professional help to prepare a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Members of Planning met with Dennis Puko – DCED and Rich Palilla – Armstrong County Planning. They assisted with preparing a RFP [Request for Proposal]. Planning reached out to 19 companies with their RFP. Four responses were received. Using a steering committee [members of Planning and two Council Members] it was narrowed to two companies. Interviews will be conducted with these two companies and they will be ready to provide a recommendation to Council for their meeting on 8-14-2017.

Anita Bowser – Ford City Public Library explained the painting of the Library has been completed. They are preparing for an open house to be held at the end of Summer. They are searing for grant funding [handicap accessibility]. Council President added the Borough Engineer, Ed Schmitt, was on site to look at the Library with regard to the [CDBG] grant.

Stacy Klukan – Shade Tree, stated the trees have been taken down at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. [Behind the homes along 12<sup>th</sup> Street and the park]. They are continuing to work on a process to replace trees in Ford Memorial Park.

Joe Peters – Parks & Recreation, explained they are working to complete the DCNR grant and provided a list of items that need to be ordered for completion of the grant. A pavilion, handicap table, bike station, bike rack, solar lighting and a pergola. Council President added there is \$21,000 remaining in the grant and also \$21,000 to be used as in kind match. Peters stated they are looking to add signs to identify food establishments and businesses.

Council President Fenyes provided a short report on Finance. Members of the Finance Committee met with representatives from First Commonwealth regarding investment strategy. The Police Pension Plan strategy was changed and is doing well. The June 2017 Treasurer's Report shows the balance in the General Fund is approx.. \$546,000 and the Public Utility Fund is approx.. \$1,027,000.

T. Klukan explained since the Borough entered the COG [Armstrong Uniform Construction Code Group] we have not been receiving any fees. T. Klukan suggested adopting an administration fee for Demolition. Currently Manorville has a 20% fee in place and Burrell has a \$15 fee in place. T. Klukan is suggesting the Borough adopt a 10% to 15% administration fee. The Secretary will email sample resolutions provided by Grant Kanish to the Council Members.

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

**Bob Ware** explained he paid \$3,468.90 to replace concrete that was damaged by a gas company project. Ware asked for the Borough Solicitor to write a letter to PNGCO concerning the damage to his property. Ware stated the previous Council gave permission to the Solicitor to write such a letter and to his knowledge, it was not done. Ware also stated he had trees, because

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they were a danger to his house, cut down that belong to the Borough. Ware provided invoices for the cost of the work he had done for the sidewalks and tree removal. Ware was asking for reimbursement.

**JoAnn Scopel** stated she is hearing good things about Ford City Police Department.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no meeting announcements.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

NEXT 4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY

Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

ADJOURNMENT

Mantini made a motion at 7:07 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes  
Council President

Lisa Bittner  
Borough Secretary