

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
4th MONDAY – WORKSHOP
Location: Latin American Club
October 23, 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, October 23, 2017 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping. Vicki Schaub and Nick Vercelli – Leader-Times are audio taping.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Kathy Bartuccio, Beth Bowser, Carol Fenyes, Ray Klukan, Tyson Klukan, Marc Mantini and Mayor Cogley were present.

ATTENDANCE

Ed Schmitt – Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Nathaniel Parker – Parker Law, Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri, Police Chief / Borough Manager Michael Greenlee and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

JoAnn Scopel had no comments at this time.

Vicki Schaub spoke about the Oil & Gas Lease and the proposed 2018 Budget.

GIBSON THOMAS – Edward Schmitt

WATER PLANT PROJECT

Bartuccio made a motion to approve Pennvest Pay Requisition #15 in the amount of \$99,426.79 and authorize the Council President to sign as presented by Gibson-Thomas. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

3rd AVENUE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Bartuccio made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$94,700.15 and authorize the Council President to sign as presented by Gibson-Thomas. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

OIL & GAS LEASE – FORD CITY BOROUGH & SNYDER BROTHERS, INC.

Nathaniel Parker – Parker Law, explains the agreement is a lease not a sale. The term is 10 years. This will be for all gas shallow and deep. Nothing will be permitted to be placed on the surface. (Attachment)

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NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET 2018 – PROPOSED BUDGET – NO TAX INCREASE

Council President Fenyes provided members of Council a copy of the proposed budget for their review. Fenyes asked for comments regarding the budget to be submitted by noon on 11-3-2018.

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were no representatives from the Fire Department or the Library.

Dick Wakefield – Planning Commission explained they received proposals for updating the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. A grant application was submitted to DCED for funding of Phase 2 through the EIP program. Still waiting for a decision from DCED.

Stacy Klukan stated volunteers are needed on Sunday for trimming trees. Klukan stated the metal cages around the Ginkgo Trees need to be removed. She would eventually like to have more trees planted along the trail. They are working on memory benches and trees.

Linda Peters - Parks & Recreation explained the Trail Project [14th Street DCNR Trail Grant] is coming along. There will be a pavilion, benches, bike repair station, pergola and a [solar] light.

Stacy Klukan – Parks & Recreation added Jack Clevesy -YMCA met with members of the Parks & Rec. Committee and is interested in forming a partnership with our town. Meetings will be scheduled.

Nothing to report from the Police Department or the Finance Committee.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

Patty Lynn Baker – Mid County Transit Authority (MCTS) DBA Town & Country Transit explained they receive State Funds referred to as 5311, with these funds there is a requirement of a local match. For every dollar of local match, they receive \$13.65. Ford City Borough is a member municipality. They are in the process of changing the vehicles used on the fixed routes to blue vehicles. This will help identify the fixed route from the share ride vehicles. The Ford City Green Line was 26% of their trips. They transported 620 bikes. 66% of the riders have no alternate transportation. Baker stated they have shelters and would have to be placed in an ADA accessible location.

Vicki Schaub spoke about the Gas Agreement. [Available at the Borough Office.]

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

NEXT 4th MONDAY

Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Klukan made a motion at 7:37 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by R. Klukan.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

