

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
4th MONDAY – WORKSHOP
Location: Latin American Club
April 23, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Advise the audience that the meeting for Monday, April 23, 2018 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping the meeting. Melissa [last name unknown] -Kittanning Paper is audio taping. Nick Vercilla – Leader-Times is audio taping the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Beth Bowser, Mary Alice Bryant, Carol Fenyes, Ray Klukan, Tyson Klukan, Marc Mantini and Mayor Cogley were present.

ATTENDANCE

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

PENNVEST – STORMWATER

Bowser made a motion to authorize and direct Gibson-Thomas to prepare an application to Pennvest for grant funds to be used for a stormwater pump station and storm sewer repair project in the Borough. Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

A short discussion took place concerning the Pennvest Application, Additional information is needed..

Bowser made a motion to table Resolution 12-2018. Seconded by Mantini.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-2018 authorizing the execution of a Reimbursement Resolution for Project Costs and associated documents to be submitted with an Application to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST) for grant funds to be used for a stormwater pump station and storm sewer repair project in the Borough.

TOWN & COUNTRY (MCTA)

Bowser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13-2018 authorizing the contribution of local funds in the amount of Eleven Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-One Dollars (\$11,181.00) to the Mid-County Transit Authority for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. (Attachment)

Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

ARMSTRONG COUNTY LAND BANK

Council President Fenyas explained a letter of intent is need, along with an investment of \$500. This is a non-binding letter. The monies collected will be used to purchase “blight” properties out of the tax rolls. Fenyas explained in 2017 she was a representative on the Blight Task Force. At that time the Borough submitted a list of blighted properties. We are able to add to that list at any time.

T. Klukan made a motion to authorize the proper Borough Officers to execute and submit the letter of intent to the municipal service coordinator with Armstrong County evidencing the Borough’s intent to participate or interest in the Armstrong County Land Bank subject to the \$500 fee not being applicable at this time but rather at the time of execution of the intergovernmental cooperation agreement. Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department	Library	Parks & Recreation	Finance
Planning Commission	Shade Tree	Police Report	Public Works
Fleet Advisory Committee	Borough Manager	Emergency Mgmt.	Other

Fire Department did not present a report.

Planning Commission – Dick Wakefield explained they have a new member, Steve Dobranski, they met with representatives from Fourth Economy. Fourth Economy will be present for the First Friday event on 5-4-2018. They will be gathering information.

Council President explained citizens might be approached and would appreciate any volunteers.

The Library did not present a report.

Shadetree – Stacy Klukan explained trees were cut down in the Borough Park and asked people to not use anything that attaches to the trees. They are ready for planting and will provide costs in May. Students from ASD participated in Earth Day and work in town at the parks on 4-21-2018. Klukan spoke about special programs for playgrounds during the Summer. Klukan stated mulch is needed at 7th Avenue. Council President stated Klukan should work with the Borough Manager for the mulching.

Public Works – Vice President Tyson Klukan stated aggressive pot hole patching is needed. The downtown district needs evaluated. Klukan explained the paving projects depend on the ADA Sidewalk Project.

Council President added the paving would only be in the ditch and would further impact the use of High Way Aid Project Funding. We could use a grant request to USDA for possibly replacing the Street Sweeper. We can’t make any paving promises.

Borough Manger Greenlee the Library Project is waiting to go out to bid. The Boulder Park Project is ready to go, just waiting for paperwork. The Trailhead Project is waiting to go out to bid. We may not have to haul dirt out of town during the Flood Mitigation Project. The contractors may be able to dump locally. The Bid Opening for the ADA Sidewalk is Friday, May 4.

Police Chief Greenlee explained the police will be working to clean up the garbage around town. Greenlee suggested Citizens should take advantage of the Spring Clean Up days scheduled for May. The Police want to with the Citizens not against. There will be enforcement of abandoned vehicles.

Hazard Mitigation – VP Tyson Klukan explained the recently formed Adhoc committee met and worked on completing the form provided by the County. They have a list of blighted properties and are focusing on four (4) troubled areas. This is a process the County updates every four to five years. This committee will continue to meet over the next six to eight months.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Golfieri explained she is still accepting comments from Elected Officials and the general public. With direction from Council President she could update the draft a recirculate the proposed ordinance combining Parks & Recreation with Shadetree.

Golfieri explained she has been in communication with the Manor Twp. Solicitor and they are on board with transferring Fort Run Park to Manor Twp. At the 5-2-2018 Manor Twp. meeting they will be taking action on a Resolution to authorize acquisition on the Ft. Run Property. Ford City Borough would then be required to take action, via Resolution, on the disposition of the property. Once both municipalities pass their resolutions, the transfer on the property may take place.

Golfieri explained under State Code Real Property may be transferred to another Municipality. No public bidding is necessary. It will kept as a Green Space. There is a condition in the deed to keep as a park or open green space.

T. Klukan reminded everyone Manor Twp. requested conveyance of this land to them.
[Attachment]

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

Bob Ware spoke about the new Water Treatment Plant.

Council President added once the plant is completely finished, there will be a Grand Opening.

JoAnn Scopel had no comments at this time.

Chris Trego – President Ford City Eagles spoke about their revenue being down. Their patrons are scared to come to Ford City. This is the situation for all clubs in the Borough. If their revenue is down, they will not be able to provide donations as they have in the past. Trego stated the police are being aggressive and are stopping drivers for frivolous reasons. Other clubs are having the same troubles.

Mayor Cogley suggested a meeting be set up to talk about these issues.

Greg Hika – President Latin American Club spoke in support of a meeting to discuss these matters involving the police.

A meeting will take place on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the F.C. Eagles.

Jerry Miklos has not comments at this time.

Ray Charney – Ford City Eagles stated they don't have the revenue. They don't have the money to give away. Anything to do with the Borough is going to suffer until this is resolved.

Mr. Trego disagreed with Mr. Charney concerning donation to Ford City Borough.

Sue Colton stated she is having trouble with some of the Ordinances. This may not be the forum to discuss. Colton expressed interest in assisting with the review of existing Ordinances. A meeting will be scheduled with Mayor Cogley.

Cathy Poorman is here in support of the LA Club.

Don Mains spoke about creating a F.C. Glass College. Mains requested Council set up a Town Hall meeting to discuss. Mains suggested V.P. T. Klukan [employee of Armstrong County Industrial Development Council] recuse himself from this topic.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Secretary read from a prepared list of announcements.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

NEXT 4th MONDAY

Monday, May 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss personnel and take advice from Solicitor Golfieri & Solicitor McCreary

ADJOURNMENT

T. Klukan made a motion at 8:19 a.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Bowser.
Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary