

**MINUTES**  
**FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY – WORKSHOP**  
**Location: Latin American Club**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

**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, February 25, 2019 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Caroline Hassa and David Croyle -- Family Life Media & WTYM are audio and video taping the meeting. 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, Tyson Klukan, Marc Mantini, Mayor Cogley and Chief Paul Hughes were present. Ray Klukan arrived at 6:35 p.m.

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

There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

**ATTENDANCE**

Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri, Administrative Assistant Julia Nortrup and Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION – SPC PILOT PROGRAM**

**Claire Jordy** – Water Resource Planner with Southwest Pennsylvania Commission. The SPC represents a 10 County Region. Jordy spoke about the Flood Education Program. They deal with water issues concerning Storm Water, Drinking Water, Flooding and Sewage. Ford City is the Pilot Program for Flood Resiliency Education. SPC is working with CETA COG out of Lewisburg. CETA COG has done this type of survey before and will be advising SPC how to proceed. Residents, who reside in the FEMA map Floodplain, will be sent a survey. Results of the survey will be shared with the public on 4-24-2019 at the Latin American Club at 6:00 p.m. A Task Force will be formed and community driven. T. Klukan added this survey is for Ford City Borough residents only. Jordy provided a sample of the survey. (Attachment)

**SIREN – CURFEW & FIRECALLS**

Greg Dinko – Emergency Management Coordinator explained Paul Murry is to be calling the Borough Office after he has all the information he needs for the Siren.

Council President Fenyes read from Ordinance #599 “No child under the age of 18 shall loiter on the Streets after 10:00 p.m.” Fenyes advised the Police will begin enforcing the curfew.

Fenyes asked for comments concerning use of the Siren for Fire Calls. T. Klukan stated it should not be used for Fire Calls. Bowser concurred with T. Klukan and added she would like it to be used for Weather Emergencies. Dinko stated it is already set up for use during Weather

Emergencies. Dinko agreed with T. Klukan and suggested it be used once a month as a test for the Weather Emergency. Council President stated the test date would be placed in the paper, Facebook, and Website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**STREET SWEEPING – 2019**

Council President Fenyes would like to discuss the Sweeping Schedule. Is it necessary all year? Does it need to be done as regularly as it has in the past? Tom Ondrusek [Borough Worker] stated the first two months the Sweeping gets the streets cleaned. After that there is no need for Sweeping each week. A short discussion takes place. The Street Superintendent will prepare the Schedule.

**TRASH DAYS – 2019**

Council President Fenyes explained there was a request to have Trash Days for one week for both wards. It would be more manageable with only one week. A short discussion took place. T. Klukan added it will still include extended evening hours. Fenyes suggested May 13 to May 17.

**WTP – VEHICLE**

Council President Fenyes explained the vehicle used by the Water Treatment Plant did not pass inspection. Rather than replacing with a truck we are looking at a Fusion [approx... \$16,000] or Eco Sport [approx... \$20,700]. The Fusion may be purchased thru the CoStars program. The Eco Sport is not offered under CoStars. Fenyes stated there is \$33K in the budget for a vehicle for the WTP. A short discussion took place.

Bowser made a motion to purchase the 2019 Ford Fusion in the amount of approximately \$16,000 and authorize Council President to sign all documents relating to the purchase. Seconded by R. Klukan.

Council President called for Public Comment.

Dinko asked if a Hybrid was considered. Mantini stated that’s a lot of money.

Roll Call vote was requested.

Bowser	yea	Bryant	yea
Fenyes	yea	R. Klukan	yea
T. Klukan	yea	Mantini	nay

Motion Carried. 5-1 Mantini is opposed because we should look at all options.

**COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fire Department	Library	Parks & Recreation	Finance
Planning Commission	Shade Tree	Police Report	Public Works
Fleet Advisory Committee	Mayor	Construction Committee	EMC
Construction			

Fire Department – no report at this time.

Planning Commission – **Dick Wakefield** explained the Comprehensive Plan is in the final edits stage. Updating of the Zoning Ordinance will follow. A Public Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club to present the plan to the Public. After a 45 day review period the plan will be presented to Borough Council for their approval.

Fleet Advisory Committee – no report at this time.

Library – **Helen Taylor** explained the construction is ongoing at the Library. There is a concern about the patrons using the ramp. There is a survey available for completion for rebranding the Library Logo. The Library is closed when school is closed. T. Klukan suggested caution tape be placed on the ramp until it is finished. Taylor stated Kathy Heilman – County Planning has the punch list. Bowser suggested withholding payment until the project is completed to our satisfaction.

Shadetree – **Linda Peters** in March trees will be removed from the Borough Park & the Trail. They are on track for a tree survey by DCNR. They are still accepting Memorial Tree orders. Could Memorial Trees be placed along the River Trail in the Brownfield area?

Parks & Recreation – **Linda Peters** plans are ongoing for Boulder Park and also First Friday Events.

Police Report – **Chief Hughes** stated they have been extremely busy. The most recent officer hired has resigned as he accepted full time employment with another department. Thursday an audit of the department will take place. They are working on several high profile incidents.

Personnel Committee – **Council President Fenyes** stated there will be two employees off for surgery and one possibly two retirements. We will be looking for full time and part-time people. If another advertisement is needed, it will be placed in the paper. Public Works director will review applications and make a recommendation.

Construction Committee- **Council President Fenyes** stated an application has been submitted to USDA for funding for the Storm Water Project. Hopefully, we will be awarded a combination of a grant and a low interest loan.

Public Works Committee – **Vice President T. Klukan** spoke about the Borough working with First Energy to change the Street Lights to LED. Our current 10 year contract is scheduled to expire in the near future. We will be evaluating a new 10 year contract. The potential cost saving will be reported at a future meeting. Updating the Street Signs will hopefully happen this year.

David Croyle – Kittanning Borough Council Member stated Kittanning Borough changed their lights. There is much more lighting toward the front of the light. A beam toward the back of the light is almost non-existent. When you install the LED, you won't have the back lighting [sidewalk area].

EMC – **Greg Dinko** stated he provided what is recommended by PEMA for this position and suggested not having a term limit. Bowser suggested a five (5) year term limit. Solicitor

Golfieri stated there is no term and stated it should be treated as with any other position they will serve at the pleasure of Council. Dinko spoke about the CERT - Community Emergency Response Team. Dinko spoke with Principal Dinga – Divine Redeemer. Possibly using the Head Start building. Dinko will research a Generator thru a surplus depot at Letterkenny. Mayor added we could purchase at a low low price.

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

**Jerry Miklos** spoke about the light on the trail not in working order.

**Lou Vergari** stated the Borough receives a bill each month on a per pole basis for each electric pole.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Borough Secretary read from a list of prepared announcements.

Julia Nortrup explained the “go live” date for the ability to use the on-line payment option is 3-11-2019. Credit card payments may now be accepted at the window. A fee of \$5.50 will be charged for a credit card payment and a \$1.00 fee for a check payment. Payments may still be placed in the blue box and no additional fee will be charged for this type of payment.

Nortrup reminded Citizens to call 911 to report a broken water line. Outside of Business Hours Citizen should call 911.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Immediately following the meeting to take advice from Solicitor Golfieri.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

**ADJOURNMENT**

R. Klukan made a motion at 7:43 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. Klukan, Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes  
Council President

Lisa Bittner  
Borough Secretary