**MINUTES**

**FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Location: Latin American Club**

**MAY 13, 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, May 13, 2019 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa

Bittner. Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping, Eddie Armstrong – Leader-Times is audio

taping and Marci Crow – Family Life Media is audio and video 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, and Marc Mantini were present.

Ray Klukan is absent because of illness. Mayor Cogley is absent because of a work conflict.

ATTENDANCE

Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Personnel

Matters.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes for Borough Council’s 4-8-2019 meeting.
2. Bills to Approve – 5-13-2019
3. Bills to Ratify – date 4-12-2019
4. Bills to Ratify – dated 4-19-2019
5. Bills to Ratify – dated 5-3-2019
6. Bills to Ratify – dated 5-13-2019
7. Water Reports – January to April 2019
8. Treasurer’s Report – March 2019
9. Police Report – March & April 2019

Council President asked if there were any objections to the Consent Agenda items. Bowser asked for the March 2019 Police Report be removed. Clarification was needed with revenue amounts reported.

Council President asked if there were any additional objections. There were none.

Council President stated the March 2019 Police Report be removed and that all other items were adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

ORDINANCE – 2015 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

No Action Item for this meeting. Moved to 5-28-2019

**NEW BUSINESS**

DOCUMENTS TO DESTROY – RESOLUTION 6-2019

Bowser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 6-2019 authorizing the disposal of certain municipal records pursuant to the Municipal Record Act and the Municipal Record Manual. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous (Attachment)

HIRING – PART TIME POLICE

Bowser made a motion to ratify the hiring of Christopher J. Arthur based on the recommendation of Mayor Cogley as a part-time police officer for the normal six (6) month probationary period and to be paid the current part-time police officer wage of $17.00, conditioned upon Officer Arthur’s successful completion of a background check and a negative drug test.   Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 4-1 Mantini was opposed.

RESIGNATION – PAUL HUGHES

Bowser made a motion to accept Chief Paul Hughes’ resignation from the Ford City Police Department, effective immediately. Seconded by Bryant.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

HIRING – FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

Bowser made a motion to hire Scott Hazlett based on the recommendation of Mayor Cogley as a full time Police Officer for the normal six (6) month probationary period and to be paid $23.31 per hour, conditioned upon Officer Hazlett’s successful completion of a background check, a negative drug test and a signed offer letter.   Seconded by Bryant.

Mantini asked if benefits were included? Council President stated he declined benefits

A roll call vote was taken.

Bryant yea T. Klukan abstain

Fenyes yea Bowser yea

Mantini nay

Motion Carried. 3-1-1

F.C.R.C.P. – ELECTRIC

Paul Klukan – FCRCP explained the request to install a 20’ tall telephone pole to be used to attach an electric box. The electric box is needed for their events. The cost would be $1,926.62. They are looking for permission to install the pole and electric service at no cost to the Borough.

Council President will contact the Borough Solicitor.

A discussion was held about the specifications for pole installation including the panel box and pole installation location. P. Klukan stated he would like to have the pole installed so that he can make use of it for the carnival.

A discussion was held concerning where the existing permit parking holders would be moved to during the carnival. P. Klukan was instructed to provide a copy of the parking notice he would be issuing to the existing permit parking holder to the Police Department. The notice will explained they will be displaced during the carnival event and where they would be able to park.

Council President will speak with Solicitor Golfieri.

P. Klukan stated the 9th Street Electric Panel should have someone take a look at it for safety concerns.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary read from a list of prepared announcements.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

**Jen Ray** spoke about the Memorial Service and having the [Veteran] Memorial lite. Ray requested a light be placed on the [Veteran] Memorial.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President spoke about the shortage of man power at this time and the impact it has on maintaining the Street Sweeping schedule. It was recommended by Kevin Nelson to cancel the remainder of the Street Sweeping schedule and sweep after events.

T. Klukan spoke about the Emergency Siren. It was suggested by Greg Dinko – EMC to bring a representative in from the Siren Company [Federal] to speak to Council. T. Klukan explained the F. C. Lion’s Club uses the Siren to broadcast their Memorial Service. They won’t be able to make use of the Siren this year. Look to Social Media and a Press Release to explain how the Memorial Service will be broadcast to everyone.

Council President stated the cost repair estimate is $6,000.

Bowser reminded everyone the Siren amplifiers are not working. [Three (3) of the Four (4) are bad].

CITIZEN COMMENTS

**Lt. Eric Simko** – PSP Kittanning Station Commander introduced himself and advised Council PSP is able to supplement the local police force or able to provide a full time service.

T. Klukan asked if PSP could provide to the Borough the number of calls they respond to within the Borough? Simko agreed that is something they could provide.

**Jerry Miklos** spoke about the position of Chief of Police.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

ADJOURNMENT

Bowser made a motion at 7:12 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. Klukan.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes Lisa Bittner

Council President Borough Secretary