**MINUTES**

**FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**4th MONDAY – WORKSHOP**

**Location: Latin American Club**

**AUGUST 26, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Advise the audience that the meeting for Monday, August 26, 2019 will be audio taped by

Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Caroline Hassa and David Croyle – 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 and Marc Mantini were present.

Ray Klukan and Mayor Cogley were absent due to work conflicts.

ATTENDANCE

Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri, OIC Scott Haslett, and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner

were also present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no comments at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

FLOOD MITIGATION

Mantini made a motion to award the Checkmate Ultraflex Slip-Inline Check Valves contract to low bidder Marion Hill Associates, Inc., 1740 5th Avenue, New Brighton, PA, 15066 in the amount of $220,200 as tabulated by Gibson-Thomas and authorize the Council President to sign all necessary documents. Seconded by Bowser. (Attachment)

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS**

PARK BENCHES

New Life Center Pastor Craig Riggle spoke about the “Summer of Serve”. They would like to redo the park benches with a composite bench to replace the existing wooded park benches. They are considering building the pavilion on the Rails to Trails that was damaged by a fire. The Borough already has the material, they would be providing the labor. A memorial bench project may be started too. Pastor Riggle explained they have provide mowing services to properties needing to be cut. Pastor Riggle stated they may consider providing snow removal services too.

PA OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION – [OVR]

Ivan Jagersky – a Social Worker with Vocational and Psychological Services a Human Services Agency spoke about the programs offered by Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. There is a new program for students with disabilities. The student must be between the ages of 14 to 21. OVR will work with the student to find a job and provide pre-employment transition services. There is a representative of OVR in each school district.

2019 PAVING PROJECT

T. Klukan explained we are working with Peoples Gas Company (PGC) on a Public/Private Partnership and this project was dependent on their installing gas lines prior to paving. PGC has pushed their project forward to Spring 2020. After much discussion at the Public Works level, it is being recommended the 2019 Paving Project be halted for this year.

Bowser made a motion to rescind the 2019 Paving Project, Option #1 awarded to Shield Asphalt Paving on August 12, 2019. Seconded by T. Klukan.

**Jerry Miklos** asked about the high yellow posts the gas company installed in their project along 6th Avenue. Why were they allowed to install them?

T. Klukan responded that is a PUC regulation.

**Caroline Hassa** added she contacted PGC and a cap can be placed on the pipe at the consumer’s expense.

**Lou Vergari** asked if PGC is giving us anything back? T. Klukan answered no.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Bowser made a motion to reject all bids for the 2019 Paving Project – Option #1. Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department Library Parks & Recreation Finance

Planning Commission Shade Tree Police Report Public Works

Fleet Advisory Committee Mayor Construction Committee EMC Business Assoc. Stormwater Ad Hoc Event Committee MCTA

Flood Task Force

Fire Department – no report at this time.

Planning Commission, **Kristen Angehr** explained they continue working on updating the Zoning Ordinance.

Fleet Advisory – no report at this time.

Business Association, **Richard Wakefield** explained they participated in the Movies in the Park and working on their membership. They are a registered 501C3 and willing to assist with any projects that may arise. Wakefield stated the Movies in the Park should continue next year.

Flood Task Force – **Council President Fenyes** explained they have had three (3) meetings. The membership has various qualifications and soon the SPC will be stepping back from their participation with the Task Force.

Library – **Helen Taylor** stated the contractor was on site and the ramp may be completed. Taylor asked if there were provisions for any anti-skid material for the ramp. The problems with the bathroom still exits. Taylor announced they have the PA Gold Star Library status now.

Jerry Miklos stated he donated a video to the library and it is missing. Lou Vergari suggested he attend the next Library meeting [next meeting 9-4-2019 @ 6:00 p.m.]

Shadetree – no report at this time.

Mayor – no report at this time.

Stormwater Ad Hoc – Council President stated they had their first meeting and the members were provide materials to read before their next meeting to be held 8-28-2019.

Parks & Recreation – no report at this time.

Police Report, **OIC Scott Haslett** stated July was a low volume month. The department responded to 45 calls. So far in August they have responded to over 100 calls.

Construction Committee – no report at this time.

Event Committee, **Council President** explained they have had two (2) meetings so far. They may be recommending repealing Ordinance #478. The Solicitor will be involved in creating a new Event Application.

Finance Committee, Council President stated Treasurer MaryLouise Bittner will have the mid-year report ready by the end of September.

Public Works, **Vice-President T. Klukan** advised the Street Workers are painting curbs, they will be repairing the catch basin at the corner of 16th Street & Ash. All the Street Lights have not been converted to LED. T. Klukan will be meeting with a representative from West Penn Power to discuss the remaining lights. There has been a decrease in the Street Lighting. T. Klukan asked for the safety of the Borough Workers that road barriers not be driven around. The barricades are to keep everyone safe.

EMC – no report at this time.

MCTA – no report at this time.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

**JoAnn Scopel** had no comments at this time.

**Anthony Shea** introduced himself and stated his is running for Commissioner. Shea spoke about all communities having similar concerns.

**Anthony Boyles** spoke about the Library, Officer Haslett, and volunteerism.

**Caroline Hassa** spoke about the trees behind Bob Wares, Codes Officer, gas project, the Gibson Thomas writ

Solicitor Golfieri explained the Borough has had a few issues with the WTP. The Municipal Bond or Maintenance Bond is close to expiring and to preserve the Borough’s rights and to protect the Borough a writ was filed. The Borough is working well with Gibson Thomas in an attempt to resolve the issues so no further legal needs to be taken. Golfieri stated this is a confidential matter.

Jerry Miklos stated he disagrees and it is not confidential. Miklos spoke about the web site.

**Vicki Schaub** spoke about the yellow curbs.

**Tom Ondrusek** added they used measurements from the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary read from a prepared list.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session will follow the meeting to take advice from Solicitor Golfieri concerning personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Klukan made a motion at 7:44 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bryant.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes Lisa Bittner

Council President Borough Secretary