

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
4th MONDAY – WORKSHOP
Location: Latin American Club
JANUARY 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, January 27, 2020 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough, Vicki Schaub, and Lisa Bittner. Kendra King Munk – Leader-Times is audio taping the meeting. Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Josh Adams, Mary Alice Bryant, Carol Fenyes, Tyson Klukan, Vicki Schaub and Mayor Cogley were present. Beth Bowser was absent.

ATTENDANCE

Solicitor Golfieri, Scott Haslett – OIC FCPD and Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

EVENT MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Council President Fenyes explained an Event meeting will take place on Monday, February 3 at the Latin American Club at 6:00 p.m. The new Event Policy will be reviewed and schedule all events.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Bittner explained attendance was down at 7th Avenue Playground last year. A meeting has been scheduled with Tabby [Tabitha Reefer – Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank] to discuss the Summer Lunch Program.

Helen Taylor – Director Ford City Public Library has been invited to discuss their snack program.

CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

ZONING HEARING BOARD SOLICITOR – APPOINTMENT

Schaub made a motion to reappoint Robert Giardino to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire on 12-31-2022. Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

GARBAGE TRUCK

Council President Fenyes explained the Garbage Truck has broken down again. Kittanning Borough has provided their old Garbage Truck to assist us. Their truck is smaller than our truck.

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Vice President Klukan explained our truck is not cycling properly and the problem could be electrical. A repair to the truck has already been made and the cost was approximately \$5,000. Fenyes stated they have four options: dispute the bill, new hopper and keep the chassis, new truck, or outsource. Klukan asked everyone to use a 30 gallon bag.

Fenyes explained only four (4) bags are to be collected from each service address.

This topic will be updated at the February 4th Monday meeting.

STREET SWEEPING – RFP

Council President stated the Street Sweeper has not been working properly for a number of years. Council is reviewing all options.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Kathy Bartuccio spoke about the Citizen Complaint she submitted. A bag of garbage has been on her property for a number of weeks and has not been removed. OIC Haslett stated the owner of the bag has been identified.

RESIGNATION SEWAGE AUTHORITY – BENNETT

Fenyes stated a resignation has been received from Tim Bennett. Anyone interested in serving, submit a letter to the Borough Office.

Schaub stated she attended the recent Sewage Authority meeting and toured the facility and met with their accountant. Schaub will provide a report at the 4th Monday meeting.

TRASH DAYS

Schaub suggested having two. One in the Spring and one in the Fall.

Klukan stated last year the Electronic Collection was taken advantage of. Klukan suggested charging \$10/\$20 for collection of an electronic item. There are also places outside of Armstrong County that will collect the electronics.

Mayor suggested finding a secure location and collect items all year long.

Council President stated the Borough Administration will be tasked with preparing the Annual Trash Schedule for 2020.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

COMPOSTING

Council President asked if there was interest in establishing a Composting area. Stacy Klukan stated Shadetree will research and made a recommendation to Council.

RECYCLING TRAILERS

Council Present explained there is in moving the Recycling Trailers to another location. The existing area is targeted for being cleaned up.

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Klukan suggested placing them in the gravel lot behind the WTP there is access to cameras in that area too. Schaub agreed.

Audience members had no problem with traveling up on the hill to recycle.

LAWN MAINTENANCE & LEAF REMOVAL - RFP

Council President asked for the 2019 advertisement be provided for review. Council President added the first year [2018] a review was made and it was determined outsourcing would save Borough money.

SUMMER HELP – CAREER TRACK – OVR

Council President explained personnel from Career Track, OVR, Work Release, Summer of Service [New Life Center] may be used to complete some projects this year.

Schaub suggested using Progressive Workshop.

HIRING – PART TIME LABORER

Adams made a motion to hire Justin Rupert based on the recommendation of Kevin Nelson as a part-time laborer for the normal six (6) month probationary period and to be paid the current part-time laborer wage of \$12.85 per hour, not to exceed 32 hours per week, conditioned upon successful completion of a background check and a negative drug test. Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 4-0-1 Schaub abstained. (Attachment)

Adams made motion to hire Tom Ondrusek based on the recommendation of Kevin Nelson as a part-time laborer for the normal six (6) month probationary period and to be paid the current part-time laborer wage of \$12.85 per hour, not to exceed 24 hours per week, conditioned upon successful completion of a background check and a negative drug test. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

HIRING – FULL TIME LABORER

Bryant made a motion to hire Greg Kelly based on the recommendation of Kevin Nelson as a full time Street Laborer for the normal six (6) month probationary period and to be paid \$17.45 per hour, conditioned upon successful completion of a background check and a negative drug test. Seconded by Adams.

Schaub asked for the Council Members who were present at the interview to be named in the motion.

Original motion fails and is restated.

Schaub made a motion to hire Greg Kelly based on the recommendation of Kevin Nelson, Josh Adams and Carol Fenyes as a full time Street Laborer for the normal six (6) month probationary period and to be paid \$17.45 per hour, conditioned upon successful completion of a background check and a negative drug test. Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Fenyes stated as part of the hiring process a physical is also required.

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 UCC
Flood Task Force	Composting	FCBMSDA	Events TCC

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Kristen Angehr stated now that the Zoning Ordinance has been adopted the Planning Commission will focus their work on following what is outlined in the Comprehensive Plan for years 1 thru 3.

FLEET COMMITTEE

No report at this time.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

No report at this time.

FLOOD TASK FORCE

Bryant stated they will be making a presentation on 2-24-2020 what they have been working on and working toward.

LIBRARY

Helen Taylor provided summaries on the services they provided to the community in 2019. The Library will be closed until 2-4-2020. They received a grant from the Community Foundation and will be creating a Teen Area. Citizens will be able to respond to the 2020 Census questions using the Library computers. (Attachment)

SHADETREE

Stacy Klukan stated 14 trees were in the park and along the trail. The more donations they receive will result in more trees. The cost of a tree is \$150, forms are available at the Borough Office. The Spring Clean Up day is scheduled for 4-4-20 with a rain date of 4-10-20.

MAYOR

The Mayor's Report will follow the Police Report.

STORMWATER AD HOC

Vice President Klukan explained he will be scheduling meetings with Allegheny Twp. Manager Greg Primm in February. Planning to make a recommendation to Council at the end of 1QT20.

PARKS & RECREATION

No report at this time.

POLICE REPORT

OIC Haslett summarized the November & December 2019 Police Report. Haslett stated Saturday night a report was received about shots fired. It was fireworks and the two individuals were caught by Ford City Police.

MAYOR

Mayor Cogley added the State Police assisted. At the beginning of March more shifts will be covered by Ford City Police.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

No report at this time.

EVENT COMMITTEE

Will be removed from future meetings since the Event Policy has been created.

FINANCE

Council President added Finance Committee is waiting for Treasurer Reports from the end of the year.

PUBLIC WORKS

Adams stated they are evaluating the Garbage Collection situation.

Klukan stated the Public Works Committee met with representatives from Peoples Gas to talk about the recent project [Phase 1] from Ford Street to 11th Street including a few side streets. John Poproch – Penndot and Kevin Nelson – Director of Public Works will calculate the amount of asphalt that is needed and Peoples Gas will cut the Borough a check for the amount that needs paved.

A portion of Ford Street [bricks at the intersection of Ford Street & 4th Avenue on the North West corner] had to be disturbed. The bricks will be replaced when the concrete work is completed.

Phase 2 would be from 8th Street to Joseph Cippel Way. There is Red Thread Pipe and it has met its life expectancy. There is no funding at this time. They would use directional boring underneath the streets. Only a couple of holes will be needed and no need for trenching.

Adams expressed concern with directional boring causing settlement. Peoples Gas representative advised there is mitigation for that and it should not be a problem.

Klukan explained there are no heaters in the PPG Pump House and the Lower Yard. Heaters are need to keep the diesel fuel from gelling. The cost for one heater is \$675. Finance Committee approved the purchase of two. Council President added there were heaters in place since the 70's and they are not working.

Adams explained two submersible pumps were pulled and found to be covered with debris and not working properly. The debris was pumped out and everything is working properly. Adams stated he believes the Borough will be able to provide future maintenance on the pumps.

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Klukan stated over \$200K has been budgeted for road work. Micro Surfacing and Tar & Chipping has been discussed. Also, Crack Filling is being discussed. Klukan stated they are looking to be ready to go out for bid at the end of February.

Adams added Tar & Chip is a good alternative when applied correctly. Seal Coating is not really an option when the road surface is full of Spider Cracks.

Schaub asked for curbing to be taken into consideration with the road projects.

Adams added curbing and also drainage will also be taken into consideration.

EMC

No report at this time.

MCTA

No report at this time.

UCC

Schaub stated no appeals have been filed.

COUNCIL GOALS FOR 2020

Council President read from a prepared list. (Attachment)

A discussion was held concerning the Armstrong Trail and the Allegheny Land Trust. Solicitor Golfieri will provide a copy of an article she wrote on a similar situation.

Schaub added she would like to see no wasteful spending.

Klukan added to look at USDA for redoing the [Borough Building] windows and compliance with ADA Accessibility.

Adams stated he would like to see more projects done “in house”.

Schaub added to be available when needed, to listen to Citizens, and get the Manager in place, looking forward to working on the Ordinances, and for Council to take time to search for Grants.

Fenyas stated they are also looking for ways to have the Levy certified.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

Brad Baillie asked about the Status of the Emergency Siren. Klukan will contact EMC – Dinko and ask him to attend the next meeting to provide an update.

Kathy Bartuccio had no comments at this time.

Jerry Miklos spoke about Borough Services, Street Sweeping, Garbage Collection, consistent Police protection, lawsuits and hiring a Borough Manager.

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Borough Secretary read from a list of announcements.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

ADJOURNMENT

Klukan made a motion at 8:11 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary