

**MINUTES**  
**FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY – WORKSHOP**  
**Location: Latin American Club**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, February 24, 2020 will be audio and or videotaped by Ford City Borough, Caroline Hassa and Lisa Bittner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Solicitor Golfieri and Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

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

There were no comments at this time.

**PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

Council President Fenyes read from a prepared statement. (Attachment)

**OLD BUSINESS**

**F.C.B.M.S.D.A. - APPOINTMENT**

Bowser made a motion to appoint Carol Mikula to the F.C.B.M.S.D.A for a term to expire on 12-31-2021. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HUNTER ACCESS PROGRAM – PA GAME COMMISSION - Hunter Ruby**

Hunter Ruby – PA Game Commission spoke about the Hunter Access Program. This provides landowner liability protections, free tree seedlings and free bird boxes. This program is not that same as gamelands. The number of hunters may be limited. Mr. Ruby is asking for the Borough Property located in North Buffalo Twp. to be considered for the Hunter Access Program.

**FLOOD TASK FORCE – Dick Wakefield & Rob Watt**

Dick Wakefield explained the purpose of the Flood Task Force. The committee was formed to explore and make a recommendation to return properties to their former Flood Zone status. Prior to the latest Flood Map changes most of the Borough was in Zone X

Rob Watt – spoke about flood insurance. Watt explained NFIP, Private Market Flood Insurance which uses FEMA mapping and Neptune. Watt only spoke about Flood Insurance for homes. Watt wrote to FEMA and is asking for a meeting. A new Flood Map is still under review. Watt

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explained a Certificate of Elevation may be obtained. This requires a surveyor and there is a cost and no guarantee of reducing the home owner Flood Insurance Rate.

#### COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department	Library	Parks & Recreation	Finance
Planning Commission	Shade Tree	Police Report	Public Works
Fleet Advisory Committee	UCC	Mayor	EMC
Business Assoc.	Stormwater Ad Hoc	Sewage Authority	MCTA
Flood Task Force			

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Fire Chief Scott Gaiser** provided the report for January 2020.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

**Kristen Angehr** stated there is nothing new to report.

#### FLEET ADVISORY

No report at this time.

#### BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**Dick Wakefield** stated the “HERO BANNER” Program is underway. The deadline for ordering new banners is 4-16-2020. They are holding Spring Mix and Mingle on 3-19-2020 for businesses. It will be at the Latin American Club.

#### LIBRARY

**Helen Taylor** explained they will be closed for improvements and more space will be available.

#### SHADETREE

**Linda Peters** announced they will be holding a work day in the park with member of the Armstrong Leo Club on 3-28-2020 or 4-4-2020. Everyone is welcome to attend.

UCC **Vicki Schaub** stated there is nothing new to report.

#### STORMWATER

**Tyson Klukan** explained a meeting is being rescheduled.

#### PARKS & RECREATION

No report at this time.

#### POLICE REPORT

No report at this time.

#### MAYOR

No report at this time.

#### SEWAGE

**Vicki Schaub** stated there is nothing new to report.

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FINANCE

**Council President** stated there will be a report submitted for the next 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Tyson Klukan stated our Garbage Truck is back and added his appreciation to Kittanning Borough for assisting us. Klukan provided pricing for rental of a garbage truck, \$4900 per month with a minimum of 12 months.

Josh Adams added costs for a new Garbage Truck are being researched. Considering side loading type, alley widths and overhead wires.

Klukan stated cost estimates are being obtained from Penndot for the 2020 Paving Project. Considering using tar & chip on low volume roads. If used their life would be extended by 7 to 10 years.

Adams added seal coat is the same as tar & chip.

Adams explained they are considering the purchase of a mini excavator.

EMC No report at this time.

MCTA

Beth Bowser stated their meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m. There is a mandatory 5% annual increase to the Borough Contribution.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

**Anthony Boyle** had no comments at this time.

**Brad Baillie** stated his question was asked and answered.

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

**Mr. Henderson** – Second Baptist Church, spoke about the damage to their property and asked what is happening? Solicitor Golfieri explained the Borough is actively discussing the matter with our insurance carrier. Golfieri added the Borough can only move as fast as the insurance company does. The Borough has asked for reconsideration and we will be in touch to set up a meeting.

**Lou Vergari** spoke about previous paving projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Klukan made a motion at 8:24 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes  
Council President

Lisa Bittner  
Borough Secretary