

**MINUTES  
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
VIA - ZOOM MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Vice President Klukan called the meeting for Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:34 p.m. and advised the audience the meeting will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice-President Klukan led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri – Babst Calland and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss potential litigation matters.

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

There were no comments at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes for 9-14-2020, 11-9-2020, 11-30-2020, 11-23-2020, 12-14-2020, 12-28-2020, 1-11-2021
2. Payment Activity – December 2020
3. Water Reports – December 2020
4. Treasurer's Report – November 2020 & December 2020
5. Police Report – November 2020 & December 2020

Council Vice President asked if there were any objections to the Consent Agenda items. There was no response. Council Vice President stated since there were no objections, these items are accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**LGUDA INCREASING INDEBTEDNESS – ORDINANCE #752**

Bowser made a motion to enact Ordinance No.752 increasing the indebtedness of the Borough by the issue of a general obligation note in the amount of \$900,000 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue waterline project; fixing the form, number, date, interest, and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the note; providing for the filing of the required document; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale, and delivery thereof. Seconded by Schaub. (Attachment)

Approved 2-8-2021

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Bowser	yea	Bryant	yea
Klukan	yea	Schaub	yea
Adams	yea		

Vote Tally        yea = 5        nay = 0  
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

**PPG CONSENT SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION – RESOLUTION 1-2021**

Schaub made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1-2021 approving and authorizing execution of a consent settlement in the civil action filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania captioned PennEnvironment and Sierra Club v. PPG Industries, Inc., Borough of Ford City, and Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. (Attachment)  
Seconded by Bowser.

Vice President Klukan reads from a summary submitted by Mr. Alan Miller. (Attachment)

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Bryant	yea	Klukan	yea
Schaub	yea	Adams	yea
Bowser	yea		

Vote Tally        yea = 5        nay = 0  
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

**DCED – PEER ASSISTANT PROGRAM FOR FEE STRUCTURE**

Bowser made a motion to approve and authorize appropriate Borough officials to execute a Scope of Services Contract with the Commonwealth's Department of Community and Economic Development Governor's Center for Local Government Services for the provision of 75 peer consultant hours of technical assistance for review and evaluation of (i) the Borough's current fee structure, and (ii) the establishment of a SWM user fee. (Attachment)  
Seconded by Schaub.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Klukan	yea	Schaub	yea
Adams	nay	Bowser	yea
Bryant	yea		

Vote Tally        yea = 4        nay = 1  
Motion Carried. 4-1

**NEW BUSINESS**

**WATERLINE – 5<sup>th</sup> AVENUE**

Vice President explained the project is out for bid and the bid opening is scheduled for the third week of February. There is a potential for another Public Private Partnership with Peoples Gas Co. in this project area.

Approved 2-8-2021

**BROWNFIELD SUBDIVISION**

Vice President explained the Brownfield is now two parcels. The Borough is working with Borough Engineer Gibson-Thomas to survey the Brownfield and create small lot. The smaller lots would make the area more attractive. There is interest from private industry. Once the new areas are created it will be forwarded to Armstrong County Planning for their review.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

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

There were no comments.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Comments were made by Adams, Bowser, Schaub, and Klukan and no action from Council was needed.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – via ZOOM

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – via ZOOM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Schaub made a motion at 7:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Adams.  
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Tyson Klukan  
Vice-President

Lisa Bittner  
Borough Secretary