

**MINUTES  
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Location: Latin American Club  
APRIL 12, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Fenyes called the meeting for Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:32 p.m. and advised the audience the meeting will be audio taped by Ford City Borough, Vicki Schaub and Lisa Bittner. Caroline Hassa was audio and video taping. Nick Vercilla – Leader-Times was audio 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 (via telephone), Vicki Schaub and Mayor Cogley were present. Beth Bowser was absent.

**ATTENDANCE**

Police Chief Scott Haslett, Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri – Babst Calland (via telephone) Darin Alviano - Planning Director Armstrong County, Pat Fabian – Commissioner Armstrong County and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

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

There were no comments at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session was held on Monday, April 5 to discuss personnel and real property.

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There were no comments at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes for Borough Council's 3-8-2021 meeting.
2. Minutes for Borough Council's 3-22-2021 meeting
3. General Fund Payments to Approve – January 2021
4. General Fund Payments to Approve – February 2021
5. General Fund Payments to Approve – March 2021
6. Treasurer's Report – January 2021
7. Police Report – February 2021
8. Water Report – February 2021
9. Water Report – March 2021

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CIVIL SERVICE**

Council President Fenyes explained the Ford City Civil Service Commission put together their Rules & Regulations on how they will operate. Fenyes stated Solicitor Golfieri must review and will then forward to all Council members for review.

**PAVING – 2020 & 2021**

Vice President Klukan explained the 2020 Paving contract was left open for the Tar & Chip work and that value is approx.. \$52,000. The Public Works committee has met several times and discussed with Penndot 2021 road repair projects.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PA DCNR 2021 – ARMSTRONG SPORTS COMPLEX**

Mr. Darin Alviano – Planning Director Armstrong County explained they are in conversations with Armstrong School District [ASD] about obtaining the old Ford City High School Athletic Field. There is a DCNR State Grant available and would change the area to a premier multi-sport facility. They are working to have the property turned over to the County.

Mr. Pat Fabian – Armstrong County Commissioner explained they looked at many properties and it makes sense to have it here in the center of the county. They have had an engineer on site looking at the property. Because it is a DCNR Grant there must be a lot of greenery. They must get the school district to donate the property. It would enhance the property and provide an economic shot in the arm. They will need a letter of support from Ford City Borough. The track will stay. The field house and bleachers are not addressed at this time. There is more of the property to be developed and would lead to Phase 2 and Phase 3. Fabian has spoken with representative of Ford City Youth Football [FCYF]. FCYF currently leases from ASD.

**PA DCNR 2021 - PROJECT SUPPORT LETTER -**

Schaub made a motion authorizing Council President to sign letter of support for Armstrong County's DCNR Grant application and supporting the Armstrong County Sports Complex as presented by the County Commissioners. Seconded by Adams. (Attachment)  
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

**FOOD TRUCK - ORDINANCE**

Council President stated this will be moved to 4-26-2021.

**HIRING – PART-TIME AND/OR SEASONAL**

Council President explained Public Works made a recommendation that three (3) part time or seasonal works be hired. Council approval is not needed because the advertising dollars have been included in the budget. An advertisement will be place in the paper. Fenyes will be meeting with the union to make sure they understand the positions the borough is hiring for and the responsibilities they will have.

AGREEMENT – TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Bryant made a motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to execute an agreement with Manor Township related to shared electrical and maintenance costs associated with the traffic lights situated at the intersection of Pleasant View Drive and State Route 66. Seconded by Adams. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

AGREEMENT – BRIDGE LIGHTS

Council President explained North Buffalo has requested some changes to the agreement and it must be provided to Manor for additional review. There will be no action on this topic tonight.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary read from a list of prepared announcements.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

**Craig Klukan** – President Ford City Men’s Softball Association explained they are grateful for use of the fields and have been responsible for all the maintenance. They are struggling to field eight (8) teams. The grass cutting cost is \$6,000, garbage removal & porta-john cost is \$3,000, and re-crowning two fields is \$2,000 plus an electric bill. They have a damaged concession stand. Anybody using the facilities uses the porta-johns and their garbage removal. He provided three (3) quotes for the roofing repairs. Klukan asked if there is anything the Borough can assist them with for the repair of the concession stand and dug outs at the Ford City Community Ballfields? Klukan stated he is working with One Nation Softball to have their league become a sanctioned league. Klukan stated they are willing to accept millings for the parking lot.

Adams asked if the Borough staff could make the repairs? Fenyes stated there is a limited Parks & Recreation budget and that could be a possibility.

**Kathy Bartuccio** spoke about complaint forms submitted for the alleys during winter time and ticketing cars parking in the alley. Fenyes will review the complaint forms. Chief Haslett explained he needs to know the width of the alley. Eighteen vehicles have been cited over the weekend for parking in the alley. Ordinance #474 section 2 was recently provided to him and is the information he needed.

Mayor Cogley stated parking is a problem. Ticketing for vehicles will be done at the discretion of the officer. If the officer feels an emergency vehicle can pass a ticket will not be issued.

Schaub stated approx.. 95% of the alleys are a 16’ Right-of-Way and there are maps hanging in the office.

Council President Fenyes added the Planning Commission is currently reviewing all the parking ordinances.

Klukan advised there are Penndot maps that show this information and the Secretary was instructed to provide Chief Haslett this information.

**Caroline Hassa** asked if there will be “Trash Days” in 2021? Council President stated Council must discuss this. The ordinance requires one (1) Trash Day. Historically, Council has scheduled multiple days. Hassa spoke about the openings for 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Council, that Helen

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Taylor – Library director leaving, Donna Piper – Borough Manager leaving and the water project including the 1600 Block of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Bill Petrus** stated he has had enough of the discolored water. He has just moved to town and has had seven (7) months of yellow water. When will the project be done and there is a health hazard.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - BOROUGH BUILDING**

Will follow the meeting to discuss Personnel and Real Estate matters

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adams made a motion at 7:48 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes  
Council President

Lisa Bittner  
Borough Secretary