

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Location: Latin American Club
OCTOBER 26, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting for Monday, October 26, 2020 to order at 6:30 p.m. and advised everyone the meeting will be audio taped by Ford City Borough, Lisa Bittner and Nick Vercilla - Leader-Times. Caroline Hassa is audio and video 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, Vicki Schaub and Mayor Cogley were present. Josh Adams was absent.

ATTENDANCE

Chief Haslett and Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes 8-24-2020 no meeting,9-28-2020, 10-12-2020
2. Water Reports – August 2020 & September 2020
3. Police Report – August 2020 & September 2020
4. Treasurer’s Report – August 2020 & September 2020
5. Payment Activity – July 2020 & September 2020

Council President Fenyes asked if there were any objections to the Consent Agenda. There were none. Consent Agenda is adopted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Council President explained there will be some items on the agenda that require no action. Just keeping them listed on the agenda so everyone knows they are being worked on.

PHONE SYSTEM

No report, working to upgrade the phone system.

BOULDER PARK

Continuing to work on the multi-use court.

AUDIT

Schaub made a motion based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to reject all bids and re-advertise. Seconded by Bowser.

Klukan stated he would like to be able to accept electronic bids.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Council President stated there was one (1) response to the RFP. The Borough Manager is working on a cost analysis.

HIRING – PART TIME LABORER

Klukan made a motion to ratify the hiring of Samuel White as a part time laborer based on the recommendation of the Borough Manager and Public Works Director at a rate of \$12.85 per hour and having successfully satisfied pre-employment requirements. Seconded by Bowser.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

LAND BANK

Council President explained a number of years ago creating a Land Bank was discussed. At that time ASD [Armstrong School District] was unwilling to give up losing any Tax Revenue to the Land Bank. ASD would like to revisit the creation of the Land Bank.

PAVING

Vice President Klukan explained Shields Paving was awarded a Paving work and a Seal Coating work. At a preconstruction meeting it was brought to Borough Official that attended that the base is gone in the 900 to 1000 Blocks of the Dogwood Alley. A Change Order will be needed. Public Works worked on the base repair to this section of Dogwood. Estimates for repair range from \$12,000 to \$28,000. The contractor, Russell Standard, performing the work for Shields was concerned the repairs to Dogwood would not hold because of the temperature at this time of year. Per John Poproch – PennDOT the Paving Contract suggested keeping the contract open until Spring 2021. The additional work must be advertised.

Klukan explained estimates were received to pave the entire length of Neale Avenue. They ranged from \$90,000 to \$100,000. There are infrastructure issues. With the Paving Contract this year Shields will be scratching and leveling. Then the entire Hill will be tarred and chipped.

There is a Public/ Private partnership with Peoples Gas. [They replaced their gas lines prior to our road paving project.] The reimbursement details are being worked out with Peoples Gas. [Peoples Gas will be paying the Borough.]

SHADETREE – APPOINTMENT

Bowser made a motion to appoint Vicki Orr as an alternate to the Shadetree Commission. Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY

Klukan will address the letter sent to the Borough regarding repairs that need to be made at the Ford City Public Library. Klukan advised everyone to not be surprised when a new roof is needed at the Library.

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Council President explained there were repairs made to the A/C unit and advised that the roof is dangerous to be up there in the winter. There is no framing around the unit for safety. There is no roof hatch.

BUDGET

Council President announced the time line preparation of the Budget for 2021.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

No Citizen Comments at this time.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary read from a list of prepared announcements.

Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session will follow the meeting to discuss personnel & property.

ADJOURNMENT

Klukan made a motion at 6:53 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schaub.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary