

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
Location: Latin American Club
November 23, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice President Klukan called the meeting for Monday, November 23, 2020 to order at 6:30 p.m. and advised the audience the meeting will be audio taped by Ford City Borough, Caroline Hassa and Nick Vercilla – Leader- Times.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

ATTENDANCE

Chief Scott Haslett, Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri – Babst Calland and Secretary Gail Sigler were also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Jerry Miklos stated he would wait until later.

OLD BUSINESS:

PHONE SYSTEM

Council will revisit 1QT2021

BOULDER PARK

Vice-President Klukan explained a time extension has been requested until June 30, 2021. Kathy Heilman – Armstrong County Planning expects the request to be approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A. AUDIT AWARD

Schaub made a motion to award the bid for independent audit services for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2020, 2021, and 2022 to Myers, Patsy & Associates, LLC at a cost of \$5,200, \$5,300, and \$ 5,400 respectively and authorize appropriate Borough officials to execute all documents associated with, and necessary to effectuate, the same. Seconded by Adams. (Attachment)
Motion Approved 4-0 Unanimous

B. Waterline Project Financing Discussion

Vice President Klukan stated this is a \$1,000,000 project to replace distribution lines and curb box connections on 5th Avenue from 14th Street to 17th Street and on 17th Street from 5th Avenue to 3rd Avenue. A grant in the amount of \$100,000 has been secured from CFA [Commonwealth Financing Authority] the balance will be borrowed from S & T Bank. To provide for the repayment of the loan the Finance Committee is recommending a \$5.00 increase per month per customer. The estimated amount of the loan is \$900,000 but will be adjusted to reflect the final cost of the project. Council President Fenyes and Solicitor Golfieri will complete the necessary Local Government Uniform Debt Act {LGUDA} paper work required by DCED. Once the increase in debt is approved by DCED the Borough Engineer will be authorized to place the project out for bid. Estimated project start date is Spring 2021.

Klukan will be contacting Peoples Gas to discuss a Public/Private partnership for gas line replacement in this project area.

The project is ready to go out to bid when the Financing is approved.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION – AWARD

Adams made a motion to award the bid for the collection and processing of municipal solid waste for calendar years 2021, 2022, and 2023 to Vogel Disposal Services, Inc. at the costs articulated in the bid tabulation and with a senior citizen discount, but no billing collection services and authorize appropriate Borough officials to execute all documents associated with, and necessary to effectuate, the same. (Attachment)
Seconded by Bryant.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Jerry Miklos asked what is the profit/loss on the Garbage Service? Klukan answered the profit is approximately \$225,000. Miklos asked how will Council account for the difference? Klukan answered in year one we will be showing a loss of \$41,000. Adams stated the Borough is not permitted to profit from this service. Miklos asked what is the profit on the Water Plant? Klukan stated the profit/loss document is not available at this time.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Schaub	nay	Adams	yea
Bryant	yea	Klukan	yea

Motion Carried. 3-1 Schaub is opposed.

LAND BANK

Moved to 2021.

CHEMICAL BIDS - WTP

Will discussed at the 12-14-2020 meeting.

STATE ROAD ASPHALT RESTORATIONS

Schaub made a motion to accept and approve, per the recommendation of the Public Works Committee a change order in the amount of \$1800, for an additional waterline patch repair on 5th Avenue completed by Gillette Paving, for a project total amount of \$6480. (Restoration completed per the State Highway Pavement Restoration Detail.)
Seconded by Adams. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

SEWAGE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION – FORCEMAIN PROJECT

Adams made a motion to enact Resolution No. 9-2020 adopting and submitting to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for its approval as a revision to the Borough’s “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” the Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Disposal Authority’s Proposed Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the 12th Street pump station upgrade & forcemain land development project. (Attachment)
Seconded by Schaub. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER – ORDINANCE

Schaub made a motion to enact Ordinance No. 749 amending the Borough’s Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance no 746) to (i) create the position of assistant zoning officer, (ii) establish the duties and responsibilities of the assistant zoning officer, (iii) repeal all prior inconsistent ordinances, and (iv) establish the ordinance effective date. (Attachment)
Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

LIBRARY

Vice President Klukan explained the Library may need a new roof and a heating/cooling system. Quotes for a new roof are being obtained. Temporary roof repairs have been made. The Finance Committee will be completing an application to USDA for a Facilities Grant. Items needed for the Borough Building may be included with the application.

DROUGHT PLAN

Vice President Klukan explained the Borough is required to submit a Drought Plan because of our Public Water Supply. Public Works will be reviewing the requirements and reporting back to Council.

TRICONTY WORKFORCE GRANT

Vice President explained this grant covers Armstrong, Butler and Indiana Counties. Their focus is workforce development. The Personnel Committee will work with the Finance Committee to submit an application.

ACCUFUND ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

Vice President explained the software has been purchased and will be implemented for a January launch.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

Jerry Miklos spoke about the privatization of Garbage Collection and extending the Sewage Authority for another 50 years.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no prepared announcements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following the meeting to discuss property, personnel, and litigation.

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, November 30, 2020 – Special Budget/Tax Meeting 6:30 pm at the Latin American Club

Monday, December 14, 2020 at the Latin American Club at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 28, 2020 at the Latin American Club at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Schaub made a motion at 7:54 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

Tyson Klukan
Vice-President

Gail Sigler
Administrative Assistant