

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
VIA ZOOM
DECEMBER 14, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting for Monday, December 14, 2020 to order at 6:30 p.m. and advised the audience the meeting will be audio taped by Ford City Borough, and Lisa Bittner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Fenyes led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ATTENDANCE

Police Chief Scott Haslett, Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri – Babst Calland and Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Held on Monday, December 7, 2020 to discuss real property matters.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Water Reports – October 2020 & November 2020
2. Police Report – October 2020
3. Treasurer's Report – October 2020
4. Payment Activity – October 2020 & November 2020

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 accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

PHONE SYSTEM

Will be revisited 1QT2021.

BOULDER PARK

Will be revisited 1QT2021.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

To amend the motion previous passed by Council at its November 23, 2020 regular meeting to now read:

Minutes – Approved 1-25-2021

Bryant 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 with no senior citizen discount or billing collection services and authorize appropriate Borough officials to execute all documents associated with, and necessary to effectuate, the same. Seconded by Klukan. (Attachment)

ROLL CALL VOTE

Bryant	yea	Fenyas	yea
T. Klukan	yea	Schaub	nay

Vote Tally yea = 3 nay = 1
Motion Carried. 3-1

LAND BANK

Will be revisited in 2021.

PAVING

Will be revisited in 2021.

LIBRARY

Will be revisited in 2021.

BUDGET - 2021

Schaub made a motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2021 as presented. Seconded by Bryant. (Attachment)

ROLL CALL VOTE

Fenyas	yea	Klukan	yea
Schaub	yea	Bryant	yea

Vote Tally yea = 4 nay = 0
Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

TAX ORDINANCE - 2021

Bryant made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 750, an ordinance fixing the real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2021 at 19.40 mills. There is a 2.00 mill increase. (Attachment)
Seconded by Klukan.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Klukan	yea	Schaub	yea
Bryant	yea	Fenyas	yea

Vote Tally yea = 4 nay = 0
Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

FEE RESOLUTION – ADOPTION

Schaub made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-2020 amending and revising the schedule of fees per Borough ordinances. Seconded by Bryant. (Attachment)

ROLL CALL VOTE

Fenyas	yea	Klukan	yea
Schaub	yea	Bryant	yea

Vote Tally yea = 4 nay = 0
Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

LERTA

Will revisit in 2021.

SHIELDS CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Klukan made a motion to approve and authorize appropriate Borough officials to execute a First Amendment to Proposal and Contract with Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. in order to extend the deadline for completion of work and imposition of liquidated damages set forth in the original Proposal and Contract dated June 18, 2020 until June 4, 2021 and June 9, 2020, respectively. Seconded by Bryant. (Attachment)

ROLL CALL VOTE

Bryant	yea	Fenyas	yea
Klukan	yea	Schaub	yea

Vote Tally yea = 4 nay = 0
Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

MOU - FLANDERS

Bryant made a motion to approve and authorize appropriate Borough officials to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Edward Flanders, III related to Mr. Flander’s abatement of various ordinance violations on the property located at 235 Main Street, Ford City, PA 16226 in the Borough, subject to the Memorandum being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor and Borough Council Executive Committee. Seconded by Schaub. (Attachment)

ROLL CALL VOTE

Fenyas	yea	Klukan	yea
Schaub	yea	Bryant	yea

Vote Tally yea = 4 nay = 0
Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

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DCED – LETTER OF INTENT

Klukan made a motion to approve a Letter of Intent requesting technical assistance from the Department of Community and Economic Development to review and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a Stormwater management fee and a review of all current fees levied by the Borough. Seconded by Schaub. (Attachment)

ROLL CALL VOTE

Klukan	yea	Schaub	yea
Bryant	yea	Fenyas	yea

Vote Tally yea = 4 nay = 0

Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

APPROVE SALE OF PROPERTY:

Schaub made a motion to approve Resolution No. 11-2020 declaring certain personal property in the Borough as surplus and authorizing its disposition by Public Bid. Seconded by Bryant.

2012 Mack Refuse Truck
1996 Tymco Street Sweeper
2002 Ford F-250

ROLL CALL VOTE

Schaub	yea	Bryant	yea
Fenyas	yea	Klukan	yea

Vote Tally yea = 4 nay = 0

Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

2021 COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION & ZOOM

A discussion took place about in person Council meetings or ZOOM meetings.

Schaub suggested using ZOOM for the first quarter.

Solicitor Golfieri suggested advertising all meetings will be conducted using ZOOM.

No vote was taken, but all agreed to advertise using ZOOM and when in person meetings will take place an advertisement will be made alerting every one of the change.

Council President Fenyas reminded everyone the LA Club has been very gracious to offer their space to us at no charge. They were able to offer that to us because of their Small Games of Chance. Their Small Games of Chance has been non-existent because the club has been shut down for most of the year. Fenyas asked Council to consider, when we begin meeting “in public” again a reimbursement to the Club that is fair.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

There were no Citizen Comments.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no meeting announcements.

Monday, December 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. will be conducted using ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

Klukan made a motion at 7:02 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bryant.
Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Seretary