

**MEETING MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
BC3 Armstrong
April 28, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and the audience was advised that the meeting on April 28, 2025, is being audio taped by Ford City Borough to be made available for borough council members.

Is anyone else audio or video taping the meeting?

Leader Times, recording audio.

Vicki Schaub, recording audio.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Carol Fenyes, Vice President Richard Chimka, Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant, Councilwoman Vicki Schaub, Councilman Tom Ondrusek, Mayor Tim Bureau, Borough Manager Charles Stull, Solicitor Anna Hosack, and Engineer Joel Romagna

Absent: Councilwoman Sally Beck

CITIZENS AGENDA COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – On April 9th, Ford City Borough Council held an Executive Session for the purpose of receiving contractual and legal advice from the Solicitor.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bill Lists, March 24-April 25, 2025
- ~~2. Fire Department Report, March 2025~~
3. Police Report, March 2025
4. Treasurer's Report, February 2025
5. Treasurer's Report, March 2025
6. Water Report, March 2025
7. Code Enforcement Report, March 2025
8. Zoning Report, March 2025
9. Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2025

After striking Item 2, the consent agenda was passed.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Charles Stull, Ford City Borough Manager, has prepared an update regarding recent borough matters as well as his existing projects.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION REPORT

Stacy Gladysiewski, Chair of Ford City Borough Shade Tree Commission, has prepared a 2024 year-end report as well as a 2025 first quarter update.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Joel Romagna, Sr. Project Engineer with Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, prepared an Engineer's Report for existing projects within the Ford City Borough.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval and Authorization to Submit Payment Requisition #7 to PennVEST for Cast Iron Waterline Replacement Project

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to submit Payment Requisition #7 in the amount of \$719,459.79 to PennVEST related to the Cast Iron Waterline Replacement Project. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion Carried: 5-0

2. Approval and Authorization to Submit Payment Requisition #7 to PennVEST for Lead Service Line Replacement Project

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to submit Payment Requisition #7 in the amount of \$179,222.83 to PennVEST related to the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

3. Authorizing Payment to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC Pay Estimate #6 for Contract 2023-1 Mainline Work

Vice President Richard Chimka made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to remit payment for Pay Estimate #6 in the amount of \$663,546.25 to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC submitted pursuant to Contract 2023-1 related to Waterline Replacement Project – Mainline Work (Project No. 22-0018). Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

4. Authorizing Payment to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC Pay Estimate #5 for Contract 2023-1 LSL Work

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to remit payment for Pay Estimate #5 in the amount of \$175,090.50 to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC submitted pursuant to Contract 2023-1 related to Waterline Replacement Project – LSL Work (Project No. 22-0018). Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

5. Approval of Change Order NO 1A-5 from J.S. Bova Excavating LLC

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve Change Order No: 1A-5 submitted by J.S. Bova Excavating LLC increasing the original contract price by \$25,600.00, with a new final cost being \$8,604,020.50, and authorizing proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

6. Approval of Change Order NO 1A-6 from J.S. Bova Excavating LLC

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve Change Order No: 1A-6 submitted by J.S. Bova Excavating LLC increasing the original contract price by \$33,658.24, with a new final cost being \$8,637,678.74, and authorizing proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

7. Approval of Change Order NO 1A-7 from J.S. Bova Excavating LLC

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve Change Order No: 1A-7 submitted by J.S. Bova Excavating LLC increasing the original contract price by \$3,486.00, with a new final cost being \$ 8,641,164.74, and authorizing Borough officials to take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

8. Approving Agreement with Stiffler McGraw for Professional Services

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to effectuate an Engineering Service Agreement in a form acceptable to the Solicitor for design and engineering for Water Treatment Plant improvements as outlined in said Agreement. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

9. Purchase of Water Treatment Membranes

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to purchase sixty (60) Veolia AG-400-H membranes at a cost of \$598.00 per membrane from PumpMan Pittsburgh (a COSTARS Vendor) and to authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

10. Resolution 4-2025: Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Application

Vice President Richard Chimka made the motion to adopt Resolution 4-2025 authorizing Ford City Borough to apply for a grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority’s Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program for the Ford City Trail Improvement Project and authorizing proper borough officials to execute all documents and take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

11. Resolution 5-2025: Small Water & Sewer Program Application

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to adopt Resolution 5-2025 authorizing Ford City Borough to apply for a grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Ford City Borough Water Treatment Plant Dehumidification Project and authorizing proper borough officials to execute all documents and take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

12. Authorizing Support for FCBMSDA Small Water & Sewer Application

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to authorize the Borough Manager to draft and supply a letter of support to the Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Disposal Authority for their application to the PA Small Water & Sewer program for modifications to the 8th Street Pump Station. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

13. Authorizing Support for Armstrong Trail Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Application

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to authorize the Borough Manager to draft and supply a letter of support to Armstrong Trail for their Application to Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program for continuing rehabilitation of the Mahoning Bridge. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub asked about the significance of Ford City Borough submitting a support letter for this project. She also asked to see copies of the support letters.
Motion carried: 5-0

14. Amending the April 28, 2025 Agenda

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to amend the agenda for the purpose of adding two motions related to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Annual Conference June 1-4, 2025. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

15. Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Alternate Voting Delegate Appointment

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to appoint Vicki Schaub as the alternate voting delegate at the PSAB Annual Conference June 1-4, 2025. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

16. Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Conference Reimbursements

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve reimbursement of expenses for Carol Fenyes, Vicki Schaub, and Charles Stull to attend the PSAB Annual Conference. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Assistant Secretary Abby Nimerosky announced that Ford City Borough Spring Trash Days will be on May 27th and 28th, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING –May 27, 2025, 6:30 PM at Ford Memorial United Methodist Church


ADJOURNMENT – 7:35 PM

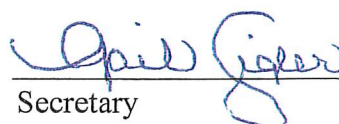
Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion for adjournment. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

AUTHORIZING MINUTES


Assistant Secretary


Council President


Secretary