

**MEETING MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Ford Memorial United Methodist Church
July 28, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and advise the audience that the meeting on July 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 Vicki Schaub, Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant, Councilwoman Sally Beck, Councilman Tom Ondrusek, Mayor Tim Bureau, Borough Manager Charles Stull, and Engineer Joel Romagna
Via Phone: Solicitor Anna Hosack

CITIZENS AGENDA COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bill Lists, June 21-July 25, 2025
2. Treasurer's Report, June 2025
3. Fire Department Report, June 2025
4. Police Report, June 2025
5. Code Enforcement Report, June 2025
6. Zoning Report, June 2025
7. Water Report, June 2025
8. Meeting Minutes, June 23, 2025

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval and Authorization to Submit Payment Requisition #10 to PennVEST for Cast Iron Waterline Replacement Project

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to submit Payment Requisition #10 in the amount of \$524,867.41 to PennVEST related to the Cast Iron Waterline Replacement Project. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 6-0

2. Approval and Authorization to Submit Payment Requisition #10 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 #10 in the amount of \$185,374.14 to PennVEST related to the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 6-0

3. Authorizing Payment to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC Pay Estimate #9 for Contract 2023-1 Mainline Work

Councilwoman Sally Beck made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to remit payment for Pay Estimate #9 in the amount of \$474,442.69 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: 6-0

4. Authorizing Payment to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC Pay Estimate #8 for Contract 2023-1 LSL Work

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to remit payment for Pay Estimate #8 in the amount of \$185,374.14 to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC submitted pursuant to Contract 2023-1 related to Waterline Replacement Project – LSL Work (Project No. 22-0018). Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 6-0

5. Approval of Change Order NO 1A-9 from J.S. Bova Excavating LLC

Vice President Richard Chimka made the motion to approve Change Order No: 1A-9 submitted by J.S. Bova Excavating LLC increasing the original contract price by \$19,345.94, with a new final cost being \$8,589,240.68, and authorizing Borough officials to take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 6-0

6. Softball Association License Agreement

Vice President Richard Chimka made the motion to table the execution of a License Agreement with the Ford City Softball Association for use of the Ford City Softball Fields and Facilities and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Vicki Schaub seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 6-0

7. Water Treatment Plant Operator Retirement

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to accept the retirement of Water Treatment Plant Operator, Patrick Cujas, effective July 31, 2025. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub expressed kind words regarding Patrick's tenure with Ford City Borough and wished him the best of luck in his retirement.
Motion carried: 6-0

8. Water Treatment Plant Operator Promotion

Vice President Richard Chimka made the motion to promote Jonathan Kotora from Relief Water Operator (CWO-2) to Certified Water Operator (CWO-1), increasing his hourly rate from \$21.74 to \$23.38 contingent upon obtaining all necessary certifications. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 6-0

9. United Steel Workers and Ford City Borough Collective Bargaining Agreement Memorandum of Understanding

Vice President Richard Chimka made the motion to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with United Steel Workers Local 158-02, adding specific language to Article VII (Holidays) of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub expressed some concern about misinterpretation of the current language in the memorandum.
Motion carried: 6-0

10. Authorizing Main Street Matters – Façade Program Cooperation

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to authorize the Borough Manager to prepare for submission a grant application for the Main Street Matters – Façade Program on behalf of the Borough, in cooperation with the Ford City Business and Professional Association's Façade Committee. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 6-0

11. Vialytics Road Management Software Proposal

Vice President Richard Chimka made the motion to approve a three-year contract provided by vialytics to implement a road management software for an annual price of \$4,958.00 and an additional one-time training cost of \$1,425.00 and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub expressed concern proceeding with this program at this current moment, and mentioned that she feels it would be better to implement at a later date. Motion carried: 5-1 with Councilwoman Vicki Schaub opposing.

12. Resolution 8-2025: Borough Records Destruction

Motion to adopt Resolution 8-2025 authorizing the destruction of certain public records pursuant to the Borough's Retention and Disposal Schedule authorized by the Municipal Records Act.

DISCUSSION & POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

Property Management Ordinance

Borough Manager Charles Stull debriefed on some notable points within the draft ordinance. Members of Council were instructed to direct their questions to the Solicitor after reviewing the draft.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Assistant Secretary Abby Nimerosky announced the upcoming First Friday event on August 1st in the Ford City Park.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

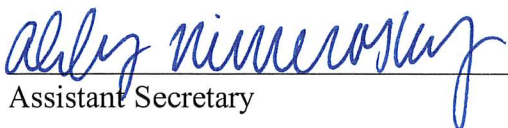
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING –August 25, 2025, 6:30 PM at BC3 Armstrong Campus


ADJOURNMENT – 7:33 PM

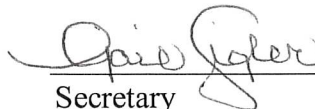
Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 6-0

AUTHORIZING MINUTES


Assistant Secretary


Council President


Secretary