

**MEETING MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Ford Memorial United Methodist Church
May 28, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Call the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and advise the audience that the meeting on May 28th, 2024, 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 is recording audio.

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub is recording audio.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS –Agenda Items Only

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS –An Executive Session took place on May 23rd to receive legal advice on litigation from the solicitor.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bill List, April 24, 2024
2. Bill List, May 13, 2024
3. Fire Department Report, April 2024
4. Police Report, March 2024
5. Police Report, April 2024
6. Treasurer's Report, April 2024
7. Water Report, April 2024
8. Code Enforcement Report, April 2024
9. ~~Zoning Report, March 2024~~
10. ~~Zoning Report, April 2024~~
11. Meeting Minutes, April 22, 2024

After striking items 9 and 10, the consent agenda was passed.

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,

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Starfire Corporation Agreement Approval – July 6th Firework Display

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to execute an agreement with Starfire Corporation, identified as Contract 2024-135, for July 6th, 2024, firework display with a deposit in the amount of \$5,000.00 due upon contract approval. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

Council comments: Council President Carol Fenyes shared that the contract was originally for \$10,000, but that the borough is slightly behind on donations. The company has agreed to work with the borough to provide a display at a lower cost if the goal is not met.

Motion carried: 6-0

2. Admission to SARPD - Kiskiminetas Township

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to approve the admittance of Kiskiminetas Township to the Southern Armstrong Regional Police Department. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub asked how many representatives would be on the commission for Kiskiminetas Township.

Motion carried: 5-1 with Councilwoman Vicki Schaub opposing.

3. Cast Iron Water Line Replacement Project Bid Award

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to authorize execution of the Notice of Award on Contract 2023-1A Mainline Work in the Amount of \$8,145,955, Contract 2023-1B LSL Work in the amount of \$3,925,760 for a total Project Cost of \$12,071,715 to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC contingent on review and approval by DEP and the Borough Solicitor. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 6-0

4. Stiffler McGraw & Associates, Inc Engineering Services Agreement #3 – 3rd Ave and BC3 Waterline Project

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve Engineering Services Agreement #3 with Stiffler McGraw & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$17,000 for the 3rd Ave and BC3 waterline project and authorize proper Borough officials to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 6-0

5. Resolution 14-2024: Flood Mitigation Program Grant Application

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to adopt Resolution 14-2024 authorizing application to PA DCED Flood Mitigation Program for upgrades to the Lower Yard Stormwater Pump Station. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

Council comments: Borough Manager Charles Stull discussed the process of applying for this grant in a very limited timeframe with the help of the Borough Engineer Joel Romagna.

Motion carried: 6-0

6. Resolution 15-2024: Cast Iron Water Line Replacement Property Easements

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to adopt Resolution 15-2024 authorizing the recording or condemnation of property easements related to the Cast Iron Water Line Replacement Project. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

Council comments: Solicitor Anna Hosack mentioned that this resolution is more of a formality for the process, but that all property owners are being cooperative, and that the borough is not looking at a situation where the power of eminent domain would be necessary. Borough Manager Charles Stull thanked the property owners involved in the easement process for their cooperation.

Motion carried: 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

-Lines-of-Credit for Interim PENNVEST Financing

Borough Manager Charles Stull outlined the process of reaching out to several banks and determining the best route for the borough based on the proposals he had received, and that S&T Bank ultimately gave the best proposal. Council was overall pleased to keep all financial business with S&T Bank.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Carol Feryes announced that Spring Trash Days were currently taking place on 2nd Ave. She also mentioned that the next First Friday would be on June 7th.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

-Dan Farester, resident of Ford City Borough, asked about Borough Manager Charles Stull's position as a supervisor in another municipality.

-Dennis King, resident of Ford City Borough, expressed frustration of a parking issue in the borough.

-Kathy Bartuccio, resident of Ford City Borough, asked about the availability of the restrooms located on the trail.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING –June 24th, 2024, 6:30 PM at the Ford Memorial United Methodist Church

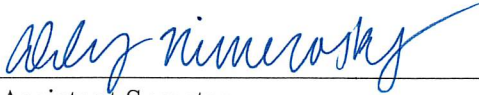
ADJOURNMENT – 7:14 PM

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

No comments

Motion carried: 6-0

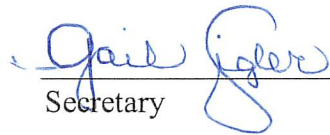
AUTHORIZING MINUTES



Assistant Secretary



Council President



Secretary