

**MEETING MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
BC3 Armstrong
September 22, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and the audience was advised that the meeting on September 22, 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?

Vicki Schaub, recording audio

Leader Times, recording audio

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Via Phone: Engineer Joel Romagna

CITIZENS AGENDA COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – An Executive Session was held on August 29th, 2025 for the purpose of receiving contractual advice from the Solicitor.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bill Lists, August 25-September 19, 2025
2. Treasurer's Report, July 2025
3. Treasurer's Report, August 2025
4. Fire Department Report, August 2025
5. Code Enforcement Report, August 2025
6. Zoning Report, August 2025
7. Water Report, August 2025
8. Meeting Minutes, August 25, 2025

Having no objections, 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.

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.

REORGANIZATION

1. Council President Resignation

- a. Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to accept the resignation of Carol Fenyes as Council President effective immediately. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments
 Motion carried: 6-0

- b. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to accept the resignation of Carol Fenyes from borough council effective September 23, 2025. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments
 Motion carried: 6-0

2. Council President Nominations

- a) Councilwoman Carol Fenyes made the motion to open the floor for nominations, and nominated Richard Chimka
- b) Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to close nominations for election of the President of Council.
- c) Vote on Presidential Candidate, roll call vote

Carol Fenyes: Richard Chimka	Tom Ondrusek: Richard Chimka
Mary Alice Bryant: Richard Chimka	Richard Chimka: Richard Chimka
Vicki Schaub: Richard Chimka	Sally Beck: Richard Chimka

Councilwoman Carol Fenyes left the meeting at 6:46 PM

3. Council Vice President Nominations

- a) Tom Ondrusek made the motion to open the floor for nominations, and nominated Sally Beck
- b) Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to close nominations for election of the Vice President of Council
- c) Vote on Vice Presidential Candidate, roll call vote

Tom Ondrusek: Sally Beck	Sally Beck: Sally Beck
Mary Alice Bryant: Sally Beck	Richard Chimka: Sally Beck
Vicki Schaub: Sally Beck	

ACTION ITEMS

1. Authorizing Payment to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC Pay Estimate #10 for Contract 2023-1 Mainline Work

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to ratify the approval and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to remit payment for Pay Estimate #10 in the amount of \$476,771.05 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

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

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to ratify the approval and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to remit payment for Pay Estimate #9 in the amount of \$199,910.63 to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC submitted pursuant to Contract 2023-1 related to Waterline Replacement Project – LSL Work (Project No. 22-0018). Vice President Sally Beck seconds the motion

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

3. Approval and Authorization to Submit Payment Requisition #12 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 #12 in the amount of \$556,183.20 to PennVEST related to the Cast Iron Waterline Replacement Project. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

4. Approval and Authorization to Submit Payment Requisition #12 to PennVEST for Lead Service Line Replacement Project

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to submit Payment Requisition #12 in the amount of \$169,885.57 to PennVEST related to the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

5. Authorizing Payment to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC Pay Estimate #11 for Contract 2023-1 Mainline Work

Vice President Sally Beck made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to remit payment for Pay Estimate #11 in the amount of \$500,190.69 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: 5-0

6. Authorizing Payment to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC Pay Estimate #10 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 #10 in the amount of \$160,956.72 to J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC submitted pursuant to Contract 2023-1 related to Waterline Replacement Project – LSL Work (Project No. 22-0018). Vice President Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

7. Approval of Change Order NO 1A-10 from J.S. Bova Excavating LLC

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve Change Order No: 1A-10 submitted by J.S. Bova Excavating LLC increasing the original contract price by \$54,075.00, with a new final cost being \$8,643,315.68, and authorizing Borough officials to take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

8. Resolution 12-2025: Comcast Franchise Agreement

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to adopt Resolution 12-2025 authorizing execution of a cable franchise agreement between the borough and Comcast of Colorado/Pennsylvania/West Virginia, LLC and authorize proper Borough Official to take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Vice President Sally Beck seconds the motion.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub had some follow up questions regarding the terms of the agreement.
Motion carried: 5-0

9. Minimum Municipal Obligation – General Employees’ Pension Plan

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to accept and approve the 2026 Non-Uniform Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$0.00, which said calculation was prepared by the plan’s Actuary, Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, recently acquired by Acrisure. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

10. Minimum Municipal Obligation – Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to accept and approve the 2026 General Employee’s Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO), administered by Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) in the amount of \$10,543.14. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

11. O’Connor Street Resurfacing

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to authorize the design and bidding of a project to resurface the 300 Block of O’Connor Street to be funded by People’s Natural Gas, PENNVEST, and Borough Liquid Fuel funds and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to effectuate the same. Vice President Sally Beck seconds the motion

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

12. Zoning Hearing Board Appointment – Tyson Klukan

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to appoint Tyson Klukan as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-term beginning September 22, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2027. Vice President Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

13. Resolution 13-2025: KOZ Extension Support

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to adopt Resolution 13-2025 authorizing support for an application to the Department of Economic Development for an extension of certain tax exemptions, deductions, abatements, and credits under the Keystone Opportunity Zone Act, which will be submitted by Projectile Properties LLC for Parcel 14-154.06-03-03.004. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

DISCUSSION & POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS – None

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Secretary Abby Nimerosky announced the upcoming Fall Trash Days on October 21st and 22nd. She also mentioned that Fall Street Sweeping was to begin this week, and that the last First Friday would be on October 3rd.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING –October 27, 2025, 6:30 PM at BC3 Armstrong Campus

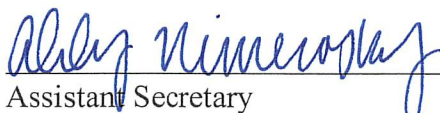
ADJOURNMENT – 7:26 PM

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Vicki Schaub seconds the motion.

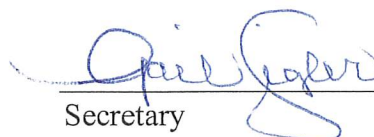
No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

AUTHORIZING MINUTES


Assistant Secretary


Council President


Secretary