

MINUTES
Ford City Borough Council
Regular Meeting
Location: Ford City Public Library
September 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Council President Bartuccio called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, September 14, 2015 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner

Is anyone audio or video taping the meeting? Julie Martin – Leader-Times.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Bartuccio lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Josh Abernathy, Gene Banks, Beth Bowser, Kathy Bartuccio, Jerry Miklos, Vicki Schaub and Mayor Mantini were present.

ATTENDANCE Solicitor Anthony Vigilante, Borough Manager Eden Ratliff, Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner, Bill Oleksak, Caroline Hassa, Gary Stivason, JoAnn Scopel, Debbie Turko, Rose Vasek, Randy Swartz, Dean Hutchison, Sandy Hutchison, Connie Fuksa, Paul & Barb Klukan, Julie Totos, Todd Kirkwood, Sandy Richey, Carol Fenyes, Andy Rudosky, Ray Smith, Lou Vergari, Mary Louise Edwards, Bryan Gilbertsen, Mrs. Carr, Steve Heffner, Tanya Gladysiewski, Fred & Mary Henderson, Leo & Linda Kamer, Michael Mraz, Dennis & Betty Piccoli, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, David Croyle – Family Life Media, and Julie Martin - Leader-Times.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Connie Fuksa asked why do we have to pay the 500 some thousand dollars [\$581,000] when they were only supposed to pay the 100 some [\$116,000]? Council President Bartuccio explained at this time only agenda items are to be talked about. Fuksa stated she thinks that is an important agenda item. Because, we are being laughed at. Bartuccio stated it is not on the agenda right now. Fuksa stated this whole town is being laughed at. I don't work in this town, I live in this town, but we're all being laughed at.

Miklos stated let's move on.

Bartuccio explained there will be a separate meeting for that, it will be announced tonight.

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Schaub made a motion to approve the draft #3 of the July 20, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Abernathy.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

Motion Carried. 5-1 Bowser is opposed. Bowser explained on page 3 her name was spelled wrong. On page 4, the line "She was most adamant about raising taxes" Bowser explained it should say "She

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was most adamant about NOT raising taxes”. [Listening to the tape of the 7-20-2015 Council Meeting Councilman Miklos spoke these words “She was most adamant about raising taxes.”]

Bartuccio asked how should those corrections be made?

Solicitor Vigilante explained there was already a vote to approve them. You could withdraw the first and second, make the editorial change and vote again.

Schaub withdraws her motion.

Schaub made a motion to approve draft #3 of the July 20, 2015 minutes with the corrections on page 3, the spelling of Ms. Bowser, and correction on page 4, “She was most adamant about NOT raising taxes”. [adding the word NOT]

The Public cried out they could not hear.

Miklos asked where their mics were?

Borough Manager explained these mics are being provided by Family Life TV so they can be heard on the television.

Miklos asked where are our mics for this room?

Schaub made a motion to approve the draft #3 of the July 20, 2015 minutes with the corrections on page 3, the spelling of Bower is to be Bowser, B-O-W-S-E-R and correction on page 4, were it says, She was most adamant about, the word NOT needs to be entered, raising taxes. [She was most adamant about NOT raising taxes.] Seconded by Miklos.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

POLICE REPORT

Mayor reads the Ford City Police Report for August 2015. Mayor thanked everyone involved in Bike Day 2015. It was a success. Mayor thanked the donors. Thank you cards were sent out and he thanked Sandy Hutchison for sending out the thank you cards. It helped a lot of young citizens of the Borough. Mayor thanked all the donors for the \$1945 donations for their Annual Bike Day 2015. (Attachment)

Abernathy made a motion to accept the Police Report.

Mayor explained he has the State Police Report. Abernathy stated he was going to ask about that.

Mayor reads the State Police report for August 2015. (Attachment)

Abernathy made a motion to accept the Police Reports. Seconded by Banks.

Schaub asked Mayor why he didn't sign the Police Report? Mayor stated he did sign it and submitted it four (4) days ago and it must have gotten mixed up. It was signed. Schaub explained there has been two (2) inter office memos asking you for the Xpeditor Reports. Mayor answered he has it here for her

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tonight. Schaub explained the reason asked for these reports, they are computer generated and if we have the technology to get these reports we should be using that technology.

Schaub provided Mayor Mantini with papers that explain how far a vehicle must park from a Fire Hydrant and a Cross Walk Intersection.

Mayor provided Schaub with the Xpeditor reports.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

WATER COMMITTEE

Abernathy reads the Water Reports for 8-3-2015, 8-10-2015, 8-14-2015, 8-17-2015, & 8-24-2015 [August 2015] and explained all samples passed the Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection standards for Safe Drinking Water for total Chloroform [should be Coliform] and E. Coli. [Reports are available in the Borough Office.] (Attachments)

Banks made a motion to approve the Water Reports. Seconded by Miklos.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Bill Oleksak asked Councilman Abernathy if it is a misprint, you read Chloroform. Abernathy spelled the word C-O-L-I-F-O-R-M. [The word is Coliform]

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Miklos asked if there was no Treasurer's Report?

Borough Manager stated that is correct there is no Treasurer's Report this month. The Accountant/Treasurer only recently started and hasn't been working long enough to prepare a Treasurer's Report for this month. We'll be all caught up by next month, the regularly scheduled meeting.

Schaub asked if there was some reason.

Borough Manager stated she just started.

Schaub stated we have two (2) right now working together.

Borough Manager stated we have one (1) Accountant working. Our former Accountant was asked to stop with the month of June [2015].

Schaub explained she spoke with the Solicitor about outstanding monies owed for Landlord License and Business License. The Solicitor will contact the Finance Committee about what needs to happen to collect the outstanding money.

Miklos added this has been a continuous problem. We need to take some steps to get this money collected. Just like delinquent Water bills.

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Bartuccio asked if there was an amount.

Schaub answered the licenses approximately \$30,000.

Schaub made a motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$61,797.21 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Abernathy. (Attachment)

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Miklos made a motion to ratify payment of the regular recurring insurance and utility bills in the amount of \$28,516.24 as approved by the Borough Manager Seconded by Bowser. (Attachment)

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FORD CITY RENAISSANCE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP - Train and Car Show

Paul Klukan explained the Car Show will be held this Saturday [September 19] in the Park. Klukan requested permission to close the Streets around the park from about 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Schaub asked Borough Manager is anything was going on.

Borough Manager stated he would have to go and check the calendar to make sure no one else is using the park...

Klukan added they have reserved the Gazebo.

Borough Manager explained if you have the Gazebo reserved, then it should not be a problem. Council doesn't have to take any official action.

Klukan explained back in the Fall of 2011 the Renaissance Committee was born. Born to do Light-Up Night and to bring people in to town. Some of my Committee is here. Back in the Fall of 2011, Mr. Coffey was your Borough Manager [actual title was Superintendent] at the time. Some of you people here, were on Council at that time.

Miklos disagreed. The only one here was the Mayor.

Klukan asked Miklos if he was on Council at that time. Miklos answers no. We come on 2012.

Klukan explained Coffey was scrapping a lot of stuff. Klukan stated he had a conversation with Miklos and some of the other [current] Council. Coffey spoke with Klukan and told him [Klukan] the he [Coffey] was going to scrap that Train. Klukan explained to Coffey the Train has a lot of history, and that's the beginning of the Renaissance Committee. Our registered logo is the front of that Train.

Klukan explained he approached Council back then and asked for permission to take that train, which was turned over to the Borough by Business Association. The Borough did not do anything with it and sat up on that lot [14th Street] for approximately 25 years. There was a 6" tree that grew up through it. We kinda rescued it before it went to the scrap yard. I came to Council about working on it and taking it out of town. They voted on it. Talked to Lisa [Borough Secretary] and talked to Larry [Coffey] about the title. Nobody knew nothing about a title, they couldn't find the title. Council voted and Klukan was given permission to take the Train out of town to see what needed to be done to fix it up. The Renaissance put all the money in it to fix it up. Up to this date we have over \$2000 in that train. Klukan

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introduced Ray Smith. He is the gentleman that did all the mechanical work. Completely made it road safe. Brought it back to town, did some research, Joe Klimkowicz - River Side Auto, did a lot of the work for the title. Got a title and came to the one meeting and asked Kathy [Council President Bartuccio], so that the process could begin to transfer it to the Renaissance Committee. Here's where the trouble begins. The Borough does not want to turn it over to the Renaissance Committee.

Miklos and Schaub asked who said that?

Klukan said to Miklos, you told me that in a phone call that you can't give Borough equipment away.

Miklos stated he has no.....Klukan tries to speak.....Miklos states let's get things straight because you are saying a lot of things that I didn't say I'm hearing that you're telling people I said that we were going to scrap this, I never said such a thing and I told you that I had no unilateral authority to give anything away. That has to be a Council decision. You told me.....

Klukan asked Mr. [Lou] Vergari, who was on Council back then, wasn't it to be scrapped by Mr. Coffey?

Vergari agreed, scrapping was mentioned. When Mr. Coffey was here Mr. Miklos was on Council.

Miklos stated to Vergari, Coffey was hired before Banks and Miklos got on Council [January 2012].

Vergari agreed.

Schaub explained there has been talk about this train. One suggestion was to transfer the title to the Renaissance Committee. You maintain all the insurance and everything. In the event you should dissolve, you are probably a 501C3 nonprofit.....

Klukan stated he did bring that up. If anything happens to us, it [Train] goes back to the Borough. Klukan explained he stated that at a meeting back in 2011.

Abernathy explained it has to be voted on at a meeting to give Kathy [Council President] the authority to sign it over to the Renaissance. I don't think anybody here on Council wants the Train.

Klukan stated that is why he is here. Right now it's in limbo. Our Committee wants to get it up and running. We have the insurance.

Schaub stated we would like to have the Solicitor to write an agreement that this is how it will happen. This Council gives our blessings to you folks to have it.

Klukan asked Solicitor Vigilante how long will that will take.

Miklos asked Klukan, he has said there was an agreement with Council at that time. Miklos stated if that is the case it should be in the minutes. That's why we have minutes. So, it would be a simple matter of finding what agreement was made at that time in the minutes. Would that agreement not be binding?

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Borough Manager stated he didn't know if that would be a simple matter. No one seems to know when that agreement took place.

Miklos stated Klukan said it was in the Fall of 2011.

Solicitor Vigilante stated whether or not they gave the authority to go sign the title over is one thing. That's fine if that already exists. Kathy can go and do that. If you are now going to worry about what happens to the Train if the Renaissance Committee becomes defunct. Then that is a separate issue. If you want to do both, I can do it.

Klukan stated basically that is how the Borough got the Train. The Business Association owned it. The Business Association went defunct and turned it over to the Borough.

Solicitor Vigilante stated he can't imagine it being a very complicated agreement.

Klukan stated this would hold us up for Christmas as far as trying to get it done for Christmas.

Vigilante asked if the meeting on October 12 would be soon enough?

Klukan stated if it has to be. Vigilante stated he could do that. A short discussion took place.

Vigilante will have the agreement for [Special Council Meeting date] September 28.

Klukan asked if Council will vote on it at that time?

Abernathy stated he would like to see the agreement before he votes on it.

Schaub asked Solicitor what they should do.

Solicitor Vigilante stated Council could do it either way. Council can approve it pending Solicitor approval. I'm not going to approve an agreement that I don't find adequate.

Miklos stated he will make that motion

Borough Manager asked how should that motion read?

Vigilante states motion to approve the transfer of the Train to Ford City Renaissance Community Partnership – FCRCP.

Miklos adds that Train cannot be transferred, sold, donated, whatever. It must come back to the Borough, if they cease to use it.

Vigilante stated he thinks Council is getting too detailed.

Borough Manager added why not just do pending....

Vigilante finished the suggested motion. Pending contract approval between Ford City Borough and Ford City Renaissance Community Partnership the Solicitor will prepare the agreement.

Solicitor stated he has none of the facts. Is there any documentation? Vigilante stated he didn't know trains had titles.

Klukan stated it is titled as an 87 truck. That the frame that's in it.

Vigilante asked if it actually goes on the road?

Schaub answers yes.

Vigilante stated he needs some facts so that he may write something.

Borough Manager stated he does.

Miklos states he will make that motion.

Motion to approve the transfer of the Train to Ford City Renaissance Community Partnership – FCRCP pending contract approval between Ford City Borough and Ford City Renaissance Community Partnership and the Solicitor will prepare the agreement. Seconded by Abernathy.

Abernathy stated its open for Public discussion.

Rose Vasek stated this is silly that it had to come to this. Because this was voted on by the other Council. It seems some people on this Council are just out to cause trouble and don't care what happens. I'm glad you will be voting on it.

Miklos stated that is not.....

Bartuccio explained Council doesn't have anything in writing and nobody remembers it here. We weren't on Council.

Schaub stated we don't have anything in writing.

Vasek asked if anybody looked it up? Who looked it up in the back minutes?

Borough Manager stated he tried to do some searching. I didn't know what year to even start with.

Vasek asked Borough Manager if he asked him?

Borough Manager stated of course he did.

Schaub stated that is sarcastic.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

Motion by Miklos. Seconded by Abernathy.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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Borough Manager reads his report for August 2015. (Attachment)

Schaub made a motion to accept the Borough Manager Report for August 2015. Seconded by Miklos.

Abernathy asked about the Fire Hydrant up next to his place [4th Avenue & 14th Street].....Borough Manager stated that will be the next one on the list and the last one. Abernathy stated is hasn't been operable since they fixed the Street.

Schaub explained a week ago Friday there was a situation where there was a water leak in someone's basement. The Street Department looked at it and it was not considered an emergency. I went up myself to take a look at it and rigged up a little piece of pipe kinda to direct the water to the drain.

Miklos stated Schaub did a great job, it was a nice piece of work.

Schaub stated to everybody, you are pulling your cars off the Street these lines in places get broke, that cost [to repair] comes out of your pocket. If it's not rising in your basement, and it's draining down the drain, that does not constitute an emergency. So, there was word and rumors going on saying we just wouldn't fix it because we wouldn't pay overtime. Overtime was not warranted because this was not an emergency. I just would like everybody to keep your things up off your floors. Keep a cement block or brick under your water tanks, your washers, your dryers. You never know when you may get that inch of two of water that could damage a lot of your equipment. Maybe your homeowners is not going to cover all that or you have a big deductible. Our lines are in very, very, bad shape. They are not getting any better. I just wanted to let people know there are situations, we had three (3) breaks in one (1) week.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

Motion by Schaub. Seconded by Miklos.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Council President Bartuccio stated there are a couple of things she would like to note. Assure the residents of Ford City we're starting to work a little bit better together. There are more people here than we have ever had. Bartuccio thanked them for coming. But, a lot of times we are just not quoted correctly in the paper. There's always one side of the story and they haven't been publishing the other side of the story. It's pretty sad. You know we are trying to bring people in to our town. It's a town we love. We're working hard to accomplish these things. Trying to build a Water Plant. Trying to deal with those fines before, dealing with the DEP. There's a lot of things going on in this town. Instead of people passing out information that's incorrect, try to find out the facts first. You know it's really horrible to read all this stuff that's not even true. Try to get the facts. Try to get the facts, that would be nice. We know about the \$581K fine. We're gonna have a separate meeting for that. I believe its next week. We know about it, we have not forgot about it. There are so many things we are trying to deal with right now. I think the paper has been very unfair to us. It has been. They call people at work. They call me at work. Which is very unappropriate. I have a job, I work Monday through Friday, sometimes weekends. They are calling me relentlessly. They call the Council people relentlessly too. We are here trying to serve our residents Ford City. They are making it so that people don't want to come here. We are trying to improve that. We are.

Banks stated he was told at a work session that he would receive a letter this morning, the last letter that was sent from the EDA. Do you remember that meeting we had?

Bartuccio stated she thought we all got it in our mail box.

Banks said to Bartuccio, you said I would get a copy on the 14th do you remember that? Bartuccio stated she thought we all got it in our mailbox then. Banks stated he hadn't got it.

Abernathy stated it was in the mail boxes. Schaub stated it was in her mailbox. Abernathy asked Banks if he checked his mail box. Banks stated he checks it every day. Borough Manager stated he would get Banks the letter. Borough Manager stated he could have sworn that it was in your mailbox. Stop up tomorrow and we'll get it to you.

Bartuccio stated she thought Banks had received it.

Banks asked if it could be read for the Public.

Bartuccio and Borough Manager stated they did not have the letter with them.

Miklos asked if Banks read the articles. There was at least one article in the Leader-Times, they had the whole thing.

Banks stated he wants to see the original paper, like you saw. Banks would like to see what Miklos saw.

Miklos told Banks he did not see the letter.

Schaub stated Miklos and Abernathy refused to see a copy of the letter.

Schaub stated she requested one. I know Beth.....

Miklos stated he is the thing about that situation, we all knew what we were facing. We all knew there was a deadline. We all had opportunities to provide input in to what was being sent out. The Solicitor and the Borough Manager compiled the letter. I did submit what I thought was appropriate to include in the letter. I don't believe they included it. Everyone else here, every Elected Official, every single Elected Official had the opportunity to do the same thing.

Solicitor Vigilante stated he did not compile the letter. Eden [Borough Manager] wrote the letter and showed it to me. I agreed with what was said.

Miklos said ok but you....

Vigilante state he did not write it. I said.....

Miklos stated you worked with him to construct the letter. Is that correct?

Vigilante stated he did not draft the letter to the EDA. I reviewed it after Eden drafted it. I found it to be acceptable. It said in there the proposed offers were pending approval at a Public Meeting. So, it was nothing definitive was the final answer.

Miklos asked Vigilante if he saw the input from Miklos?

Borough Manager stated Vigilante did see the input from Miklos. We talked about it.

Miklos asked what happened?

Borough Manager stated they determined that it should not go in to the letter.

Miklos said ok fine.

Banks stated but the rest of Council hasn't seen his letter.

Borough Manager stated he thought all the rest of Council has had the opportunity to see the letter. But you [Banks] said you didn't, so we'll get it to you tomorrow morning. That's no problem.

Banks asked if that was fair? Is that actually fair?

Bartuccio stated that was in the mail boxes. I apologize if you didn't get it.

Banks stated to Bartuccio he asked you about it last week. You told me it couldn't release me a letter until the 14th.

Bartuccio stated she thought he [Borough Manager] put it in all the mail boxes.

Borough Manager stated he did.

Miklos stated you did put it in all the mail boxes?

Borough Manager said absolutely.

Miklos stated somebody must have taken it out then.

Banks said must have.

Schaub said not me.

Unknown woman stated it is not fair to not give every Council member a copy of the letter that was sent.

Miklos stated the Borough Manager said he put it in everyone's mail box.

Bartuccio agreed with that.

Abernathy stated everyone receives emails. Some people refuse to check their email.

Schaub agreed.

Abernathy explained it all comes via pdf to be reviewed, everything. Some people don't have email.

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Gene asked if you guys failed to hear me that Mrs. Bartuccio said last month on the 27th that I wasn't to get the letter till today. Cause I talk to the media too much.

Bartuccio said no.

Banks said am I correct?

Bartuccio said I didn't say because you talk to the media too much. I didn't say that. I said the next day he [Borough Manager] was putting them in all the mail boxes.

Banks said no you didn't. You said I would get my copy on the 14th.

Bartuccio explained everybody else was getting it, on the 14th.

Unknown woman asked if there was some kind of law that states everyone must have emails? Is that the only form of communication between people?

Bartuccio explained Council has mailboxes.

Unknown woman stated she is asking Mr. Abernathy.

Abernathy stated there is no law. But, this is the 21st Century and business is done. When you want to read something you can get it and I can look at it within minutes of it going out instead of..... All of us have full time jobs. The majority of us do.

Banks said no we don't.

Abernathy said it's kinda hard.

Unknown woman asked what is the difference, you can still get a letter?

Abernathy explained that's why it was put in the mail boxes.

Unknown woman..... pain to be here and be our Council. [hard to hear, multiple people are speaking]

Bartuccio asked everyone to speak louder.

David Croyle – Family Life Media explained the speakers should step to the mic to speak.

Schaub added we should know who is speaking and they should know what they are asking.

OLD BUSINESS

BULK DEICING SALT

Abernathy made a motion to accept the quote from Mortimer [should be Morton] Salt for bulk deicing salt at the rate of \$69.74 a ton. Seconded by Schaub. (Attachment)

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Bowser asked what were the previous quotes prior to this year so that I can have some comparison?

Borough Manager explained previous quotes that were bid out this year, all of them were \$15 or more a ton. Most of them much more than 15. I think the cheapest one was around \$15 more. Last year the 2014 contract that expired was only a little bit less than this. This is the best number we've seen in 2015.

Miklos explained we advertised for bids, twice?

Borough Manager stated three (3) times.

Miklos explained bids came in very high. Miklos explained he was able to negotiate this deal. Which was significantly lower than any of the bids that we received. I think we did good here.

Schaub explained Miklos also negotiated, correct me if I'm wrong, about \$2500 off of the bill they [Morton Salt] had sent us.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

Motion by Abernathy. Seconded by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

WEBSITE

Borough Manager explains there is a summary of all of the proposals the Borough received he compared them to the ad, which was very detailed, for the RFP's. Tried to come up with a total cost to the Borough. There are cost in there for hosting, set up, design, consulting. All of the proposals are here, I don't think it will be efficient to pass them around. If anyone wants to see them, they are more than welcome to. I think the breakdown, which everyone has. (Attachment)

Miklos stated this is long overdue. Actually years overdue.

Lou Vergari asks if there were two (2) or three (3) people will to do the web page? Is there an amount?

Borough Manager explained there were six (6) proposals were received. The most expensive is \$4000 and the cheapest..... some of them bid it plus hourly, some didn't put a cost, some are basically letters that didn't have much substance to them. The cheapest comes in at \$2,898. That's kind of the range there.

Vergari asked Borough Manager and the technical aficionado, could he narrow that down so these people can actually

Borough Manager explained he could read this, I'm trying to enable the Council to kinda decide what direction they want to move in based off of cost. They are not all apples to apples. For instance some are offering e-commerce, most do not. Some offer content management, maintenance agreements involved. They are not all the same at a different price. It kind of depends on what direction the Council wants to go.

Miklos asked Borough Manager who has the lowest cost.

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Borough Manager answers MMW Designs. It kind of varies, and you don't really know what you are getting. You are not getting as much from MMW Designs as you would from Family Life Media. So, you are almost getting more for less with the Family Life Media aspect of it. But you could also, like I said it is not an apples to apples comparison. But, it depends on what you place value in.

Miklos asks what are we getting with MMW Designs for \$3,730 that we are not getting for \$2,898?

Borough Manager answers you are not getting a whole lot from MMW. You are not getting a maintenance agreement from them, which you would from Family Life Media. You are not getting e-commerce, where you can pay your bills on line like you would from Family Life Media. You are not getting your guarantee renewal, so you don't have to worry about your web site every year and what's happening with it. You are also paying for consulting, you know if you have issues with your website, you know if you want to add something to it anything like that and you need assistance you are going to pay for that with MMW. Where that is not necessarily true with Family Life Media.

Miklos asked if we are getting anything with that \$3,730 that we are not getting?

Borough Manager answers no. I thought that cost came in pretty high.

Abernathy made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the agreement with Family Life Media authorizing them to design, construct, and maintain the Ford City Borough as outlined in the agreement website.

Solicitor Vigilante asked if there was a price in there? Cost not to exceed.

Abernathy added the wording to the motion, and the cost not to exceed \$2,898.

Seconded by Banks.

Miklos asked what is the time factor here? For all of these quotes?

Borough Manager answered not more than two (2) weeks. Some of them were upwards of 12 weeks. Most of them are a couple of months. Family Life Media is less that two (2) weeks.

Solicitor Vigilante stated since wording was added to the motion, do you want to take Public Comment?

Abernathy stated the motion is open to Public Comment.

Carol Fenykes stated it would be nice to have e-commerce as part of the website. Residents would be able to pay their Water Bill and perhaps Landlord Fees, Business License. You could do all of that.

Abernathy agreed.

Bowser asked for "Content Management" to be explained.

Borough Manager do you have a specific question or just what "Content Management" is in general? Content Management is basically helping you to manage you web site, the content that is on it. Only one (1) said they wouldn't help you with it. What's going on the website, what coming going off of it.

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Documents, photos, everything else. Content Management is something we don't want to be involved with. We want the vendor to be involved with that.

Abernathy stated that includes newsletters, like updating the newsletter on the website.

Borough Manager added updating the information on the website. All that kind of stuff. We will be able to some kind of work from the Borough Office as well. But if we have issues with it, or something becomes more complicated, we'll give him a call and get help with that.

Bowser stated that was her next question, do we have overriding management? Borough Manager answered of course.

Bowser asked what does the Maintenance Agreement include? Borough Manager explains that is the maintenance of the website. What's going on, is it outdated, does it need to be updated, you know the information that is on there. There is only so much space that you can store on a website. So, all that needs to maintained as well.

Bowser asked does the clarified guaranteed renewal, would that be that it is continuous until cancelation on our part? Borough Manager answers correct.

Bartuccio calls for a vote.

[Abernathy made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the agreement with Family Life Media authorizing them to design, construct, and maintain the Ford City Borough as outlined in the agreement website and the cost not to exceed \$2,898.]

Motion by Abernathy. Seconded by Banks.

Motion Carried. 5-0-1 Schaub abstains. (Attachment)

LEADER TIMES RESOLUTION

Borough Manager reads the resolution. (Attached)

Schaub made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the proposed resolution concerning the Leader-Times newspaper and to send the resolution and a letter to the CEO of Trib Total Media requesting a meeting to discuss.

Lou Vergari shouts out don't forget Fox News.

Bartuccio calls for a second.

Seconded by Miklos.

Banks stated he is completely opposed to this. I have a copy of the Declaration of Independence in my hand.

The audience claps.

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Banks there is an entry that says Freedom of Press. I've seen nothing yet out of that Leader-Times that hasn't been the truth.

Audience member are shouting comments.

Unknown woman yells they tell the truth these people lie.

JoAnn Scopel asked how can you lie if it is being televised?

Miklos states it hasn't been televised the whole time.

Audience member are shouting comments.

Bartuccio stated that if anyone wants to speak, they must come to the mic and state your name.

Carol Fenyes asked does this resolution reflect the opinion of the six (6) members of the Borough Council or does it reflect the opinion of the people who voted you in?

Miklos asked couldn't you ask that question about every single thing we vote.

Fenyes stated she would certainly like to.

Carol Fenyes asked does this reflect the opinion Council or does it represent the opinion of the people who voted you in to office? It is a disgrace.

The audience claps.

Bartuccio that Fenyes for her opinion.

Mrs. Carr stated she cannot hear.

Bartuccio asked everyone to speak a little louder.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

Motion by Schaub. Seconded by Miklos.

Very hard to determine how each Council Member voted.

Bartuccio asked Mayor if he had something to say.

Mayor asked Solicitor Vigilante if he prepared the resolution? Vigilante answered no.

Mayor asked who here prepared this? Borough Manager stated he was asked to prepare it.

Mayor said he doesn't know if you [Borough Manager] ever read the Constitution, there is such a thing as Freedom of Press. Borough Manager stated he is aware of what the Constitution says. This doesn't reflect my personal opinion.

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Mayor stated somebody had to direct you to do this. I don't know if everybody here read this tonight, this is an absolute and utter disgrace.

Schaub stated there are a number of articles here and we have things marked out here. What is true, what is not true. The one thing I do want to say, one of the most recent things was about breaking the Sunshine Law. Ms. Martin called me, I gave her the name of the woman that I spoke to that is the head of the Pennsylvania Borough Assoc. That was not put in the paper. So, why was that kept out of the paper? If we take advice from the top office of Borough Associations we should be able to go by what they tell us is correct and not correct.

Miklos said similar to the article the Bartuccio has. Bartuccio says August 29 article.

Miklos explains the article cites a number of municipalities that hold committee meetings. We have held committee meetings in this Borough forever under the exact same premise. With a less than quorum, number of three (3) Council members. Leechburg and Kittanning, by virtue of what they have written in that article, does exactly that same thing that Ford City Borough does. So, why is it headlines with the "Ford City Mayor takes issue with Council Policy" what about Leechburg, what about Kittanning? They do exactly the same thing we do. The Mayor has been here 10 years. And he has never never complained about a Committee meeting, never. Until now. This is like a feeding frenzy. I don't think any of my colleagues on this Council care personally what the Leader-Times does to us. But, what they're doing, unfortunately, is duping the Public. It's sad. It's sad. So, why, why would they cite Ford City and not look at other communities that are doing the same thing? Why wouldn't the Mayor have complained in the last nine (9) years? Nothing has changed in this Borough. Right Mr. Vergari?

Vergari answered that a lot has changed in this Borough.

Audience begins talking over one another.

Miklos stated he is talking about Committee meetings. Nothing has changed.

Miklos asked Solicitor Vigilante if he would like to weigh in on this issue.

Solicitor Vigilante asked the issue about the article about the Committee meetings? Miklos answers yes.

Vigilante stated Julie [Martin – Leader-Times] did ask him about that. I gave my opinion and I don't think I was quoted in that article. I tend to believe that if no deliberation or official action takes place that it is not required to be a Public Meeting under the Sunshine. I think I also told her at the time that many clients that I have decided to have Public Meetings anyway. Some of them have policies that say all Committee Meetings will be Public. But, I don't think it's as easy as saying you're violating the Sunshine Act, you're doing it wrong. There are a lot of places that agree with what I say and do it that way. In terms of a general opinion of the Leader-Times, I'm going to stay out of that. I take some issue with some of the things that are reported. I think I have been pretty open with Julie about the things that I had issue with and she was responsive back to me via e-mail. We seemed to come to common ground about what was misstated. I think the one thing that I had issue with was the article about the letter that Gene brought up earlier and whether or not it was something that was to be given out or whether that was privileged under the Sunshine Act, I think we got our wires crossed and it was two (2) separate issues. I don't think they discussed the EDA issue in Public if they don't choose to. Because the EDA

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already says they are possibly gonna come after us in litigation. So, we can discuss that in Executive Session. The letter issue is a separate thing. I think under the Right-to-Know that's something that is discoverable, I also think it's clearly something that a Council person would get. It wasn't reported that way. They said that a correction was going to be in the paper. I don't know if it was or wasn't.

Martin stated it will be.

Vigilante stated those are some of the issues he has. I have to be honest, I don't live in Ford City. I don't read the paper the Leader-Times as often as the people in the room. So I can't really weigh in as much as everybody else.

Miklos asked Vigilante if he reads an e-mail that you sent to all of Council?

Miklos explains it is the e-mail that says her quotes are far from accurate what she did was totally misquote what was published in the paper in no way accurately reflects my opinions or what I told her.

Vigilante explained she acknowledged that to me in an e-mail that something got crossed in the conversation. I think it was just exactly just as I explained. There was the issue regarding the Sunshine Law in terms of discussing the EDA situation in Public and there was the issue of the Right-to-Know regarding the actual letter itself. Somehow those two (2) were put together in the article for one thought. They are two (2) separate issues. I'm sure the correction will fix it.

Miklos explains they have compiled.....

Council President Bartuccio explained there needs to be a [tape] break.

Amy Moody, 1139 7th Avenue, explained she has lived in this town for three (3) years, have been in and out of these Council meetings, everyone that is on, there is only one decent Council person on this Council and he is left out of the loop. That is Gene Banks. He has been left out of the loop for quite some time. That's not fair to him or to us as residents of this town.

Gene Banks stated to Mrs. Schaub, you went to the Leader-Times to do an ugly editorial on me one time. Did they print it right? Did they get that right, that you were sneaking around my garage looking in the back to see if my car?

Schaub explained she wasn't sneaking around Bank's garage, like anybody, the Streets are Public.

Banks asked did they print it right?

Schaub stated the Streets are Public, I can drive down the Street and up an Alley anywhere in this town. They are Public.

Banks asked did the Leader-Times do you right by writing that up towards me? Did they get it right?

Schaub explained she and Jeffrey [Leader-Times editor, Jeffrey Savitskie] and I talked about it. He actually changed some things.

Banks said, so the press is good only when it's for you.

Schaub explained to Mr. Banks there were three (3) more letters that I sent that have not been published.

Banks stated he is only concerned about his.

Schaub stated what Mr. Banks fails to tell everybody he knew we had a very important meeting that night [Monday, June 22, 2015] he could have asked the Manager or the President to have the meeting first. But he did not notify anybody until he was ready to leave.

Banks explained he told the Borough Manager.

Schaub stated he abandoned us.

Banks said no he did not.

Schaub stated that left us without a quorum.

Banks said the Borough Manager is sitting right here, I told him before the meeting.

Banks stated he told the Borough Manager before the meeting.

Abernathy asked to move on with the agenda, we can throw jabs back and forth but we need to get through this agenda.

Borough Manager explained this particular situation has been discussed over and over again.

Miklos stated the Leader-Times reported that incident as Gene could not make the meeting. I can imagine keeping in mind that he was there for the Town Hall meeting but left for the Special Meeting when we had to vote. Could you imagine how the Leader-Times would have stated that had any one of us had been at the Town Hall meeting and left leaving the Council without a quorum and unable to take some important votes? I don't think they would have said could not make the meeting. I think they would have specifically said left the meeting without telling anyone. I think their description would have been a little bit different.

Banks disagreed, he stated he did tell someone, the Manager right here.

Borough Manager said that is not true.

Miklos said speaking of editorials our Police Committee submitted an editorial to the Editor and he denied it. He said that it does not meet their standards for publication. There was nothing in this that was not verifiable. However, there were, there are Elected Officials that have written editorials that are somewhat slanderous yet they get published. So, I guess it depends on who you are to the Leader-Times. Also, you say there is nothing misleading "Ford City leases former High School Parking Lot for \$1.00 per year" [Headline in the Leader-Times on ????????????]. Alright, this was written after the School Board meeting and the Council meeting, which happened on the same night [Monday, August 10, 2015]. So, we could not have possibly leased that. We didn't even know that the School Board was going to vote on it. Let alone approve it. Totally inaccurate. And then they say Ford City Borough Manager Eden Ratliff could not be reached for comment after the meeting. Well that's... that's because

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we had our own meeting here that night and Julie was here. Now to compound that issue they write another story about the parking lot “Ford City slow to accept offer to lease closed school parking lot”. How could we be slow to approve it, this is the first meeting we’ve had since the School Board approved it? Impossible. So, you say the Leader-Times is accurate? Come on people, is it, is it because of of who is making these statements rather than what the content of the statement is? Let’s be, let’s be realistic here, let’s be fair and let’s think about the town. What are they doing to Ford City with all of this?

Schaub explained on July 24 the article says the Board most likely took no action because of it’s defacto handpicked to apply for the job. I’m sorry, it says defacto leader, Vice President Jerry Miklos, was behind the scenes trying to convince a candidate he handpicked for the job. Schaub ask Bowser if she knew Mr. Miklos before he, before you met him at the interviews?

Bowser answered not on a personal basis.

Miklos stated he doesn’t ever remember having a conversation with Beth in his life. The first time that I recall having a conversation with was when she sat across the table from us at the interview. Is that accurate?

Abernathy and Miklos are speaking at the same time.

Abernathy asked Council President Bartuccio if there is a vote on the table please.

Bowser stated she didn’t know Miklos, but back in the early 90’s she was at a place of Business of Miklos’s but you didn’t recall me. That was 30 years ago.

Schaub explained this is just a handful of articles that she can show contradictions or biased opinions of and this is fact.

Miklos states “Ford City Water Plant Project to be rebid” [Headline in the Leader-Times on ????????????]. Miklos states not true. Hurt us. Not true. Not true. The Pennvest grant that we got they not only did a story but they did an editorial stating that Council essentially said thanks but no thanks we were going to look elsewhere. What we told the reporter, Eden and I on the day that we received the Pennvest Loan we went to Harrisburg. We were on our way home from Harrisburg after the Pennvest meeting, Julie called us, and we told her specifically we receive a \$3.1M Pennvest Loan 1% interest 20 years. But, we will continue to look for grant money. Because, not only did Pennvest advise us to do that but our Engineers advised us to do that. We did nothing wrong. The Leader-Times painted this picture like we’re some kind of idiots turning this down. We didn’t turn it down. We had no intention of turning that down. We made it perfectly clear to them. Why would they produce such....such a supposition? I....I....it’s beyond me. Are they.... I.... I... I mean are they that desperate to sell newspapers? Well, maybe the answer is yes. After... after looking at the Leader at the Trib wanting to get rid of the Leader-Times. Maybe they were that desperate. Maybe, maybe, maybe but here’s it’s interesting even that hot news of the Trib getting rid of the Leader-Times did not supersede the Ford City Mayor meeting access disputed on Committee meetings. We’ve done the same thing for ever in the Borough nobody has ever disputed it including the Mayor. Kittanning does it, Leechburg does it, but Ford City is the fool.

Mayor explains he has the letter from Ms. Schaub where she excluded him. Schaub wrote him the little notation not to come to the meetings.

Schaub says yes.

Miklos stated to the Mayor “Let me remind you we audio taped a meeting that you were specifically invited to and what did you do? You quizzed Vicki and Kathy on the Night of the Long Knives. You quizzed them on Nor..... Do you know what Nuremburg is? Well what is it?”

Mayor asks do you know?

Miklos asked is that relevant? Is that relevant? This is what happens at our Committee meetings when he attends. We get nothing done.

Abernathy and Miklos are speaking at the same time

Abernathy says Madame President can we please move on.....

Miklos he [Mayor] turned a 20 minute Finance Committee Meeting into an hour two hours.

Bartuccio stated that’s enough.

Abernathy asked could we please move on Madame President?

Fred Henderson my question to you guys, you talk about the newspaper lying and nobody here ever lied, right? Nobody lied on this Committee, right?

Schaub stated she never lied that it ever hurt anybody. I never lied to hurt anybody.

Henderson said his question, nobody ever lied, the scripture said don’t cast a stone at somebody if you never did it. So don’t cast a stone at the Leader-Times if you guys never lied. Why don’t you move on? Shake this dust and move on.

Bartuccio stated we are trying to, they keep hitting throwing us the stones at us.

Bartuccio stated ok we are moving on to New Business now.

Schaub stated we need to take a vote.

Bartuccio calls for a vote.

Motion by Schaub. Seconded by Miklos.

Everyone voted, unclear which way people voted.

Borough Manager suggested a roll call vote be taken.

Abernathy	No	Schaub	Yes
Banks	No.	Miklos	Yes
Bartuccio	Yes	Bowser	No

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Tie Vote 3-3

Miklos states it's going to be a tough one.

Mayor stated this is a disgrace for anybody who fought for America our ancestors who fought for America an utter disgrace its contemptable.

Mayor votes no. Motion fails.

Audience claps.

BIKE DAY DONATIONS

Schaub made a motion to accept additional bike day donations of \$200.00 that were used to purchase bikes as prizes for Bike Day on Saturday August 15, 2015. Seconded by Bowser.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Banks made a motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$200.00 for Bike Day prizes to be approved by the Mayor. Seconded by Abernathy.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

ARMSTRONG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Abernathy made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the lease agreement with Armstrong School District leasing the Ford City High School parking lot for \$1.00 per the Solicitor's approval. Seconded by Miklos. (Attachment)

Abernathy stated it is his understanding the lease can be terminated at any time by the School District.

Miklos stated that is correct.

Abernathy stated he just wanted to the people to be aware of that. Even though it is being leased that lease can be pulled at any time.

Unknown woman asked what will it be used for?

Abernathy answered as a parking lot.

Miklos stated here is what happened, we have a large Business in Ford City, probably the largest, one of the largest if not the largest employer in town, which is Allegheny Health Network. They purchased Klingensmith's [Klingensmith's Healthcare]. So, we are trying to keep them here. We want them to grow here. They have a big problem. Their problem is they don't have adequate parking. So, we had a meeting with the president of Allegheny Health Network. We asked her if we could get the High School parking lot, if that would meet their needs? She said it would. So, Eden approached the School Board, and as I said we didn't know when they were going to vote on it. But, they did approve it. We were actually hoping they would donate it, the parking lot to the Borough. I think that is the premise we

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approached them with. But, they are apparently reluctant to do that. They offered this lease instead. Now I understand why they did it. But, it puts us in a somewhat precarious position should they need that parking lot. Then we are back to square one and we are back to trying to find a solution to Allegheny Health Network's parking problem. I would like... we've already made a motion and seconded it to accept that lease. But, I would like to propose that we go back to the School Board and ask them to reconsider either donating that property to us or possibly selling it to us or at least giving us a right of first refusal. I think there are a couple of things that I would like the School Board to keep in mind, one is that that property has been off the Ford City tax rolls for many, many, many years and during all of that time Ford City Borough Tax Payers have actually funded Fire and Police services to the School. So with that in mind maybe they would give this some additional consideration.

Solicitor Vigilante explained, so that everybody is aware, he reviewed this, it's all basically in favor of the School District. I mean, you have to shovel the snow, if it needs repaired you have to repair it, so, just so you know what you are getting into. They are basically giving it to you to use. But, you are responsible to insure it, remove the snow, pay the contractors if there is repair work needed done.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

First by Abernathy. Second by Miklos.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

BOROUGH ASSOCIATION MEETING

Schaub made a motion to authorize payment in the amount not to exceed \$100.00 to the Armstrong County Borough Association for the Borough Association Meeting being held on September 24, 2015 at the Villa Rosa Italian Restaurant in Kittanning PA. Seconded by Miklos.

Bartuccio stated she will be paying for her own.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

First by Schaub. Second by Miklos.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

TRICK OR TREAT

Banks made a motion to advertise for Ford City Trick or Treat night to occur on Wednesday October 28, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Miklos. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Abernathy made a motion to allow the Halloween Committee to hold their annual Halloween parade on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The Halloween Committee will work with the Borough Manager, the Fire Department, the Ford City Police Department, and PennDOT on any necessary road closures. Seconded by Banks. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

CDBG APPLICATION

Abernathy made a motion to ratify the CDBG Application 4th Avenue Reconstruction project in the amount of \$362,582.00 with \$253,807.40 being committed from the 2016 Budget. Seconded by Miklos. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

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Abernathy made a motion to ratify the CDBG Application 6th Avenue Reconstruction project in the amount of \$155,250.00 with \$108,675.00 being committed from the 2016 Budget. Seconded by Miklos. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

Abernathy made a motion to ratify the CDBG Application 9th Street Reconstruction project in the amount of \$264,730.00 with \$185,311 being committed from the 2016 Budget. Seconded by Miklos. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

Bill Oleksak asked what does 4th Avenue, 6th Avenue, 9th Street, reconstruction mean?

Borough Manager explains when we say reconstruction, the roads in Ford City are not of a quality where we can just kind of mill down and then put asphalt back on it and then call it done and be sufficient with it. I mean these roads need... our Engineers have told us that these roads need to be you know brought all the way down and they need a lot of layers of binder, base repair. I mean for 4th Avenue we need to look at the Storm Water Lines. You know it involves the corners on all those Streets to make the corners ADA. So, we titled it a reconstruction project because it's not just simply milling down a couple inches and putting asphalt back on top. So, it's doing it the right way.

Schaub added and checking all the utilities and lines.

Oleksak asked are you talking about the entire 6th Avenue?

Borough Manager answered no. It's only a couple of blocks on 6th Avenue that are really bad. Up towards the upper end.

Schaub explained instead of just keep topping the surface all the time we want to get to the bottom of things and work from the bottom up and get it corrected. Make it right.

Borough Manager stated which unfortunately means that when we do paving and do this work we are doing a lot more work in a lesser area. Which is unfortunate, but that quality of work is going to last a lot longer. Which is how we rebuild the town.

Oleksak asked when do you expect to do this?

Borough Manager explained if we are awarded the grant money we would be doing it in 2016.

Bartuccio stated moving on to the Hazard Mitigation Resolution.

Mayor stated we have to put up approximately \$550K, is that correct?

Borough Manager answers correct.

Abernathy added we did no paving this year so the Liquid Fuels money....that's why we.... if you were here previous Councils that's why we did no paving this year and that Liquid Fuels money wasn't spent. Because we are trying to do....

Mayor asked how much in the Liquid Fuels Fund right now?

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Abernathy stated he knows the Planning Commission.... this is all... all this information was given from the Planning Commission that's been working on this. And that is the long term plan was to fix everything under the roads.

Mayor asked if that was approximately \$550K then?

Borough Manager answered it is not \$550K in Liquid Fuels. But, you know if we're.... I don't imagine that we're going to be awarded all three (3) of these grant applications from the County. I mean every Municipality that is not an entitlement, which is every Municipality that's except Kittanning, can apply for this. So it's....

Miklos stated he didn't think they have that much money in total.

Borough Manager stated they don't even, I mean they don't have that much money to go all throughout the County. So, I'll be happy if we get one of these grant applications. But, all three (3) of these are projects that need to be completed so we submitted three (3) different grant applications. And like I said we'll be happy if we get one (1). So, we are not forking out \$500K just on CDBG applications, CDGB applications.

Bartuccio stated moving on to the Hazard Mitigation Resolution

HAZARD MITIGATION RESOLUTION

Borough Manager reads the Resolution. (Attachment)

Miklos made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the Hazard Mitigation Resolution as approved and recommend by the Armstrong County Department of Public Safety. Seconded by Schaub. Banks stated the word question.

Bartuccio proceeds with calling for a vote.

Some are voting.

Banks stated the word question.

Bartuccio said ok Gene.

Banks asked if that could be broken down for the Public, basically what are you talking about?

Borough Manager stated it is a Hazard Mitigation Plan. In order for or if something were to happen both a natural disaster or otherwise in Ford City we could apply for aid money you know in that event. But in order to do that we have to basically pass a Resolution supporting this plan. It comes down from the County. It's pretty standard. It's standard operating procedure. Just updating the plan.

Abernathy added if one (1) of the damns broke we got flooded out. If we didn't have this we wouldn't be eligible to apply for any of that stuff.

Borough Manager thanked Banks for his good question.

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Bartuccio called for a vote.

First by Miklos. Second by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Schaub made a motion to advertise for Request for Proposals for an auditor to conduct the Borough's annual audit. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Miklos stated he would like Council to consider exploring proposals for a forensic or fraud audit in the Borough. Get a handle on what it would cost.

PARKING REQUEST

Abernathy made a motion to authorize the designation of two (2) parking spaces on the either side of Ford St as Loading Zones to be used by all Businesses on Ford St. There will be one (1) Loading Zone space on each side of the street at the corners of Ford St and 4th Avenue between 5th Avenue and 4th Avenue. Seconded by Banks.

Abernathy explained he and Miklos went to all the Businesses. We had been getting requests, because now that our parking is being enforced efficiently, and people are able to get in and get out, the Businesses on Ford Street there and some on 4th Avenue are unable to get like trucks, you know to be able to deliver stuff, a lot of it is like medical supplies, so they want, they asked us about Loading Zones. Which means they would be there for like at 15 minutes instead of a vehicle being there for two (2) hours. We went to all the Businesses to make sure if anybody had anything that they liked or didn't like about it. Everybody agreed that it was a good idea. That's why now to better the, for the Businesses in the Business District we are adding some Loading Spaces, at the end of Ford Street right there at 4th Avenue.

Schaub this is not for large tractor trailers, or big trucks that are prohibited. This is for small delivery trucks, like a small box truck or a van type thing.

Abernathy stated UPS, Fedex, any of that.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

First by Abernathy. Second by Banks.

Miklos added every single Business on Ford Street that we spoke with, were absolutely, they were all absolutely thrilled with the parking situation. They are very happy that they are able to have customers come in their stores now without any parking issues.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

First by Abernathy. Second by Banks.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Schaub made a motion to approve a request from Allegheny Health Network designating one (1) "Patient Parking Only" space on the East side of 4th Avenue just South of the corner of Ford St. Second by Miklos.

Abernathy asked is this just gonna be for, is it just gonna say "Patient Parking Only"?

Borough Manager stated I think it's going to, I don't know, we haven't decided exactly what the sign is gonna say but I imagine it's gonna to say something like on the lines of "Allegheny Health Network Patient Parking Only".

Abernathy explained he is not for selecting one (1) Business for something that's on a Public Street. It has to be available for everybody.

Bowser asked if that is the exact space for the MCTA Bus stop that picks up patrons in the Business District?

Schaub explained she talked with them, and talked with also with the Post Office. The Post Office said they can move the mail box anywhere and MCTA said they can actually stop one (1) space back further than where they stop now. So, there's no issues there.

Bowser asked if Allegheny Health Network will be willing to pay for the designated sign to be placed on the post already installed at that space or on the telephone pole?

Schaub stated she didn't know if that was.....

Borough Manager stated that he thinks the conversation that we're gonna have with Allegheny Health Network is that we approved for this to be done, which they requested, we had a meeting about it. You know, they were you know very interested in this space being done. You know, I'm gonna go to them and say hey, you know we've, the Council approved your request, we're willing to make this a space. You know, we've gone through the hoops, you know MCTA is gonna pick up somewhere else, they're moving the mail box. You know the only thing left to do is for you to pay for the sign. And then we'll have it installed. So, hopefully, there won't be any issue with that.

Schaub asked Solicitor Vigilante if Council should hold that motion until all the details are worked out?

Borough Manager explained the only detail left at this point, is who is paying for the sign. I think, right?

Vigilante stated it appears to be.

Bowser asked what about the patrons, are they ok with getting the bus one (1) space back?

Schaub stated she did not know if that was discussed.

Vigilante stated he spoke with the Borough Manager about this briefly. I think it's ok to do it, it's helping a Business. I just think that you're gonna have to be ready for other Businesses making similar requests. If you are prepared to do that, that's fine. Just be aware that you might get other requests.

Schaub stated she is feeling like she should table the motion until all the details are worked out for that particular spot.

Vigilante stated that is up to you. I think the only issue left is whether they are going to pay for the sign or not. But, if you don't feel comfortable voting on it, that it up to you guys.

Schaub asked if the Street Committee is willing to go out and talk to the Businesses about that particular spot and see if there is any issue? Schaub stated to Bowser, she [Schaub] thought Bowser was going to go to some of them?

Bowser stated she will. She will go to them and ask them exactly if they would be opposed to having an assigned spot for one (1) Business at the end of the Street. If they would be offended or for it. If it's explained that the patrons that visit that Business have health complications that restrict them from walking a further distance than a normal ambulating person.

Miklos stated that particular location, there're really, you only have Allegheny Health Care Network there on that corner. You have Citizens Bank across the Street. I have already spoken to the bank manager about it. He had no problem with it. So, I'm not sure what other Business would be affected specifically right there.

Abernathy my thing is you are giving preference, it's been this way in this town, there is no assigned parking anywhere. So, if you are worried about people that can't make it in there, then maybe we need to make it a handicap spot that's available for everybody. But, I'm not for designating one (1) spot because your gonna open it up for everybody else wanting their spot in front of their store or by their Business.

Bill Oleksak stated the Post Office has it and also a doctor right by the Hoagie Shop. How do you handle that?

Schaub stated that was done before us.

Oleksak stated there has to be some kind of precedent.

Bartuccio stated we are going to take a vote.

Miklos asked if we need to truck spots, could we do one (1) and one (1) maybe?

Borough Manager asked if this is the time to hash out all of the details?

Abernathy suggested tabling it, work out the details and bring it to the next meeting.

Schaub stated she would feel more comfortable tabling that motion.

Bartuccio stated moving on to the Landlord Tenant....

Vigilante reminded everyone there is a motion to table and asked if everyone is in agreement? Are you going to vote on it?

Schaub made a motion to table that last motion [Abernathy made a motion to authorize the designation of two (2) parking spaces on the either side of Ford St as Loading Zones to be used by all Businesses on Ford St. There will be one (1) Loading Zone space on each side of the street at the corners of Ford St and 4th Avenue between 5th Avenue and 4th Avenue.]

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Bartuccio called for a vote.

Motion Carried to table. 6-0 Unanimous

Borough Manager stated there is a little bit less than 30 minutes left of televising time for the meeting.

LANDLORD TENANT ORDINANCE

Miklos made a motion to advertise the proposed amendment to the Landlord Tenant Ordinance #684. Seconded by Schaub. (Attachment)

Borough Manager explains this Ordinance is to save the Borough some money. Currently when a disruptive conduct by either the Codes Officer or the Police Department that letter has to go to the Building Code Official, the Codes Officer, and then be mailed out and we're paying our Building Code Official's staff, like \$25, sometimes a little bit more, sometimes a little less to mail out these letters certified. It's a practice we can bring in house, we can mail these out. So, this Ordinance states that the Assistant Secretary of the Borough will mail out these letters and keep files of them. It saves us about \$25 a letter. So, it saves us a little bit of money. It makes things a little bit easier and just brings it in house.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

First by Miklos. Second by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PARK BENCH REQUEST

Miklos made a motion to authorize Allegheny Health Network to place a park bench in the area of the fitness equipment on the trail at no cost to the Borough. Allegheny Health Network will also construct a concrete pad where the bench will be placed.

Borough Manager says and.....

Bartuccio says "and work with the Borough Manager regarding location".

Miklos says I'm looking my other...

Bartuccio says there's more to it "and work the Borough Manager....."

Miklos adds the words to the motion "and work with the Borough Manager regarding location".

Miklos apologize, he was looking at his earlier....

Bartuccio called for a vote.

First by Miklos. Second by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Abernathy asked if the Borough Manager will be working with the Parks & Rec?

Borough Manager stated he will work with Parks & Rec. and bring them all up to speed. And work with all the Borough affiliated Committees, Commissions.

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Bartuccio called for a vote.

First by Miklos. Second by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION

Miklos made a motion to accept the resignation of Matt Lerner from the Ford City Planning Commission. Seconded by Schaub. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

POLICE EARLY RETIREMENT/BUYOUT AGREEMENT

Miklos made a motion to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement between Ford City Borough and the Ford City Borough Police Department Wage & Policy Committee. (Attachment)

Seconded by Schaub.

Borough Manager explains this Memorandum of Understanding [should be Memorandum of Agreement] has been negotiations ongoing with the Police Committee and the Ford City Borough Police Department Wage & Policy Committee, which is effectively the Union, the Police Union, the two (2) full time officers and of course their representation. It's an early retirement/ buyout agreement. Five pages in length. It reduces the retirement age for the pension from 55 to 50. It addresses everything regarding severance payments to health care to life insurance, buyback of sick time. It addresses all of that. At this point the Council is entertaining a vote to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding [should be Memorandum of Agreement]. However, this will not be the last time we see it and it doesn't make it official. The only thing that will make this document official is if the Council successfully amends the Police Pension Plan reducing the retirement age 55 to 50. They are theoretically going to entertain a vote tonight to advertise that amendment to the Ordinance which has to be advertised for seven (7) days and will be advertised in the Leader-Times and then entertain a motion. So, we'll have ongoing discussions I imagine you know with the Public about the agreement.

Connie Fuksa asked if this is buying out the Police Department and there will be no Police Department?

Miklos answers no.

Schaub stated no.

Fuksa stated there is drugs in this town, if there is no Police Dept., this town will be worse than ever.

Miklos stated nobody here ever expects this town to be without Police Protection.

Fuksa explained the Police Dept. always got the fault of the money. When there was not enough money to pay something, it was almost always the Police Dept. What happened to the \$586,000 [actual amount \$581K] wasn't the fault of the Police Dept.

Borough Manager stated he thinks it's important to note this plan has been negotiated in good faith with the Police Dept. Both full time Police Officers and the Police Committee are in complete 100% agreement.

Fuksa stated this town is full of drugs. It will just get worse. So, it will. If it was one of your children or grand-children, then yours are gonna look back and say we should have done something.

Schaub stated there was drugs in the town in the 60's and 70's.

Fuksa agreed and stated it's worse now.

Borough Manager stated this agreement already has the two (2) signatures of the two (2) full time officers and their support.

Carol Fenyes asked what are the terms?

Borough Manager explained he briefly went over the terms of it are there specific things you guys want me to address with the agreement. I don't want to read it in full just because it is five (5) pages long.

Miklos said no don't do it.

Solicitor Vigilante asked who represented you in negotiations?

Borough Manager answered John McCreary. [of Babst, Calland]

Vigilante asked Borough Manager if it was discussed with him whether this was Publically disclosed?

Borough Manager answered yes, at this point it is.

Mayor stated this is the first time he saw this tonight.

Schaub stated it may be the first time the Mayor physically seen the piece of paper. But, Sgt. Brice informed me that the Mayor knows 100% of everything that has been going on.

Mayor said he doesn't know 100% of what is going on here.

Miklos stated it's your Police Dept., then you don't have communication with your own Police Officers. They said that you know everything Mayor. So, how can you keep coming here and saying you don't know anything about these negotiations? I don't get it.

Mayor said many things have been hidden here, the October 3 letter 2014 was hidden from the Pubic. Please don't play games.

Miklos said how can you not know.

Mayor says please don't play games, Mr. Miklos.

Miklos stated any way, it doesn't matter, so let's move on.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

Borough Manager asked if there was anything else about the agreement that should be summarized?

Lou Vergari asked if this whole thing goes through, does this dissolve the Ford City Police

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Department?

Borough Manager stated the only thing this will satisfy is the full time police union, it only addresses the two (2) full time officers and the arbitration decision to hire a third full time officer. This has no impact on the part time officers or anything like that. It's all up to the rest of the Council to decide how they are going to approach policing from here on out. But, this only deals with the two (2) full time officers. And the decision to....

Abernathy explained this means they can start a new one without the long term liabilities.

Vergari asked do we have part timers?

Borough Manager answered yes.

Mayor added not many.

Vergari asked so these guys could determine to accept this, leave, and then we would still have a, even though it's part time, or temporary, whatever, not full time police officers still be available in town?

Schaub explained the Police Committee will probably be giving a report, very shortly, on three (3) recommendations we have been working on for Council for police coverage.

Bartuccio asked Mayor, who schedules the police? People keep asking that. Would you please tell us?

Mayor answers Sgt. Atherton schedules the Police. We are down to five (5) policemen.

Bartuccio asked if he is the only one that schedules the Police?

Mayor answers sometimes Brice does.

Carol Fenyes asked will we have 24/7 coverage?

Schaub stated that can't be answered at this time, we don't have that currently right now.

Bartuccio answered it depends on the scheduling also.

Mayor stated you can't schedule five (5) officers 24/7 seven (7) days a week. It's impossible.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

First by Miklos. Second by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

POICE PENSION PLAN ORDINANCE

Miklos made a motion to advertise an Ordinance amending the Police Pension plan lowering the retirement age from 55 years of age to 50 years of age. Seconded by Schaub. (Attachment)

Borough Manager explained this is the amendment to the Pension Ordinance he was discussing a minutes ago. This lowers the retirement age from 55 to 50. If this doesn't pass, which will require,

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because it's an Ordinance it will require the Mayors signature as well. If this doesn't pass then the Memorandum of Understanding, or excuse me the Memorandum of Agreement that we were just discussing will be null and void.

Bartuccio asked weren't there years of service attached to it?

Borough Manager explained the years of service are 25 years, that's not changed.

Bartuccio called for a vote.

First by Miklos. Second by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Mayor asked if anybody talked to an actuary?

Borough Manager explained there was an actuary study done at the end of last year before we proceeded with negotiations.

Schaub stated she had previously explained that to the Mayor one time when he asked her that question too.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Miklos made a motion to advertise for a Special Council Meeting to be held on Monday September 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ford City Public Library.

Miklos asked do we want to have that meeting in the Public Library or do we want to have it in a bigger facility because we are going to be talking about two issues that I suspect may.....

Borough Manager stated at this point we don't have a bigger facility lined up and you know where to go we haven't spoken to any of the clubs in town.

Schaub stated she would like to second the motion. Schaub suggested maybe if the Council President decides maybe she wants to check in to it, maybe have the Manager check in to another location. We could post it on the door here to notify where it would be at that time. If there had to be a change.

Unknown woman suggested posting it on the Borough website, the Ford City Borough website.

Borough Manager stated if it's up and running by then, absolutely.

Schaub stated we have a Facebook. We have a Facebook.

JoAnn Scopel asked, do you think we will get an answer at that Special Meeting as why that debt wasn't paid when it was supposed to?

Schaub stated she didn't know what all will be heard at that meeting, she just knows its involving...

Scopel stated it's about time the town does. Cause, we're going to be paying an increase. The only question that everyone has is can our Council read or can they comprehend what they read? When you get a letter from the government and you don't follow the date. Explain that to me,

Schaub explained there is a thing called tracking and the information was received in their office in the time frame it was requested.

Scopel so we just didn't pay it on time.

Bowser asked for to verify that motion, is it Monday, September 28 or Monday, September 21?

Borough Manager and Miklos say the 28th.

Bowser stated it's the same time, the same day as the next Council Meeting and the Special Council meeting and the next Council meeting is September 28.

Borough Manager stated the next Council meeting is just an information section of the agenda where we will announce when the next Council meeting is for the Public. That was written with the intention that the motion that's on the floor is passed.

Banks stated he understands that the EDA is expecting a payment on September 30, am I correct?

Miklos and Borough Manager answer no. Miklos states you are incorrect.

Banks stated wasn't the first payment due September 30?

Bartuccio stated no date.

Borough Manager explains the letter the EDA sent to the Borough demanding payment does not state anywhere a start date or a date of when the first payment is due. All it outlines....

Banks asks isn't there a statement on the back?

Borough Manager explained there is a schedule but it doesn't have a date on it.

Banks responds ok.

Schaub stated to Banks that he has the same letter she has.

Abernathy and Schaub stated so you did get the letter.

There is a lot of laughing.

Miklos says now wait a minute Gene, you got the letter.

Banks stated he saw the letter, the Mayor let him [Banks] see his [Mayor's] copy if you don't mind. Banks said he saw it this week, just today.

Miklos stated this is like a three (3) ring circus. Wow.

Banks said real funny ain't it.

Miklos stated so he [Banks] got the letter. You know what it says. Wow.

Banks stated he read somebody else's. Do you mind?

Bartuccio asked who seconded that?

Miklos stated we need to move on. Let's move on.

Mayor asks if Council sought legal counsel on this?

Borough Manager said I'm sorry.

Mayor asks if Council sought legal counsel?

Schaub explained that will all be discussed at that meeting.

Bartuccio stated at our Special Meeting.

Mayor stated this is something like an axe hanging over the whole community. We have to wait for a Special Meetings.

Unknown woman stated we have to wait on everything.

Mayor stated this October 3 letter was never disclosed to the Public in 214 [2014].

Bartuccio asked where are we at?

Abernathy asked to move on? He can speak in his Mayor comments.

Schaub stated he can sell himself after we are done with our meeting.

Bartuccio stated the next Council meeting will be Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ford City Public Library.

Borough Secretary asked who made that second?

Bartuccio stated that is what she is trying to find out.

Bartuccio stated first by Schaub.

Borough Manager stated he has a first by Miklos and a second by Schaub.

Audience yelled you didn't vote on it.

Borough Manager stated you didn't vote it.

Council President said wait a minute, I'm trying to find out.

Borough Manager explained there was a first by Miklos and a second by Schaub is what I have.

Bartuccio calls for a vote.

Motion by Miklos. Seconded by Schaub.

Motion Carried. 5-1 Banks is opposed.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ford City Public Library.

Borough Manager explains if the location changes we'll of course will update everyone, we'll make everyone aware. ,

Miklos asked Banks if he was not able to make that meeting, are you able to make the meeting?

Banks answered did I say I would?

Miklos stated no you voted no I'm asking.

Banks stated the Public should know tonight.

Bartuccio stated that's what we want, we want to have the meeting. We are asking you yes or no?

Banks answers no.

Bartuccio asked Banks if he did not want to have the meeting to discuss it.

Banks answers no, he wants to discuss it now.

Schaub made a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Miklos stated we need to do comments.

Schaub apologizes.

Borough Manager added he thinks there is about less than 10 minutes if you are interested in having the whole to be televised.

Bartuccio announced the next Public Worksession will be held on Monday, September 28 at 6:00p.m. in the Ford City Public Library.

Miklos said wait a minute, wait a minute, you said Public Worksession, there is going to be a meeting.

Schaub and Miklos stated there will be a meeting that night, so there will not be a Worksession.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carol Fenyes asked if she understood what the Solicitor said, he [Vigilante] did not write the last letter to the EDA on behalf of the Council?

Solicitor Vigilante stated he did not write the letter. Eden shared it with me before it was sent.

Fenyes stated you [Vigilante] saw it, but didn't write it. Vigilante said he saw it, no.

Fenyes asked if Council had a meeting to authorizing Ms. Bartuccio to send that letter?

Vigilante stated that he did not know.

Borough Manager asked if the Council has to have a meeting to authorize the Council President to respond to correspondence.

Vigilante explained he doesn't think anything in that letter, from his memory, and not having it in from of him, he doesn't think there is anything in that letter with any finality. I think the letter itself stated that before any of those options are presented to the EDA for repayment would be acceptable to either side it had to be at a public meeting and they had to be approved. The times constraints involved were at the point where when the EDA sent the letter back saying they didn't want to take less and wanted a response in 10 days.

Vigilante and Abernathy were speaking at the same time.

Abernathy added it's negotiation on a settlement.

Borough Manager added it was a very short amount of time.

Vigilante stated is wasn't very feasible at that meeting to go through the whole thing, so that's what happened.

Fenyes stated she has so many notes.

Bartuccio stated we are running out of time here.

Fenyes asked Abernathy, because we are supposed to come to the Council when there is a rumor, the rumor has it that your wife has moved out of town, but you haven't.

Abernathy stated he still receives mail, I still have my furniture, I still pay taxes and a water bill. Am I gonna resign from my seat when I move? Yes. Do I own a property in Ford City? Yes.

Fenyes stated to Abernathy and you live separate from your family.

Abernathy asked Fenyes if she has a vacation home?

Audience laughs.

Fenyes says Mr. Abernathy....

Abernathy states it is his primary residence, I pay taxes. My bedroom, if you'd like to come up I can show you my bedroom and my guns and everything else. OK?

Fenyas says and you guns.... Abernathy answers yes.

Abernathy stated his Harley is still sitting in his garage.

Fenyas says really.... Abernathy says yes, go look, my truck is backed in there right now.

Fenyas stated so you [Abernathy] don't want to live with your family?

Miklos says come on, that's getting personal.

Bartuccio stated we are moving on to Connie Fuksa.

Connie Fuksa stated someone here has made a statement that they are improving Ford City because people are moving in. Fuksa stated she thinks people are moving out. She doesn't see anyone moving in.

Amy Moody stated you can see all the "For Sale" signs all through town.

Bartuccio stated she just got new neighbors, there are six (6) of them, on 6th Avenue.

Tanya Gladysiewski explained she wants to talk about the Landlord/Tenant Ordinance particularly the Disruptive Conduct part. She explained she and her neighbors have been dealing with a problem tenant for several years now. Negative and aggressive behaviors are exploding to the point where the police were called three (3) times in a six (6) week period earlier this Summer. Because of this tenant, I was checking on the status of the reports written on the calls that I had made. I wanted to find out how the Ordinance process worked. On Monday, August 30 I stopped in to the Borough Office to find out about this Ordinance. While I was there I was told by Lisa [Borough Secretary] and Eden [Borough Manager] that all of the violations were thrown out and everyone was going to get a clean slate sometime in August. But, no one knew the exact date. Mr. Ratliff called me back that evening and told me anything they did on or after August 13 would be the new start for the violations. A single Council member decided that this was to be done. Supposedly because the papers weren't being filed by the Police Dept. That's what I was told. But, no one was allowed to tell me which Council member made that decision. I know that there is a binder full of these violations and I have two of them, reports that I had from my calls in August. Fortunately for my neighbors and I, they still count. To many of us, this decision appears to be a way to discredit our police force. Here we go again with more secrecy. Many of us have been victimized by these tenants. We have concerns not only for our property, but also for our personal safety. So, my questions are how can one Council member implement such a ridiculous decision on their own? How soon are these violations going to be reinstated?

Schaub stated that not one Councilman/person can make any decision,

Gladysiewski stated they have.

Schaub stated she didn't know anything about this.

Gladysiewski stated she got this information from the Borough Office.

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Schaub stated this is the first she has heard of this.

Gladysiewski stated this is the first she heard about it too.

Abernathy asked the Borough Manager to enlighten Council on this.

Borough Manager stated he is not sure who told Gladysiewski that a single Council member made that decision.

Gladysiewski stated you [Borough Manager] and Lisa were there.

Borough Manager stated that's not true. I would not have said out loud that another Council person... one (1) Council person would have made that decision. When you and I had the conversation, I told you by the end of the day I would give you a call and tell you when the Disruptive Conduct Reports were started. Which you said, which is August 13 and that is true. It was after you and I had that phone conversation that I spoke to the Code Officer and said what happened how was this...and then I found out about the conversation about how all the Disruptive Conduct reports were not being mailed out. The situation that you and I discussed. So there is no possible way in the time line that you outlined that I could have told you that one Council person made that decision. But, you are right there was a clean slate in the Disruptive Conduct Report letters not being.....

Borough Manager and Gladysiewski are talking at the same time.

Gladysiewski stated Eden shame on you. That's not right. You know that's not right. Lisa was there. You were there. You left and you came back. Don't get me all riled up.

Borough Manager stated to Gladysiewski the time line doesn't make sense. I'm not trying to get you riled up. But, it is true the Disruptive Conduct Reports were not being mailed out. August 13 is the new start date. Your second question was, when was it reinstated? It was reinstated immediately.

Gladysiewski stated Council members made that decision to stop all of those violations.

Borough Manager stated he cannot speak to that. I wouldn't have said one (1) Council person made that decision.

Gladysiewski stated that's because it wasn't done. None of you even knew this was transpiring. So, how could Council have made that decision? Please explain. Eden.

Borough Manager there is no way I can explain that. You, when you.....

Gladysiewski stated that's because it wasn't done.

Borough Manager stated I can't speak when you are speaking. When you found out that all of this was not being sent out that this issue, the Disruptive Conduct Reports not being mailed out that allegedly one (1) Council person made that decision, I was finding out at the same exact time. That's why when you said when does it restart, when is it being reinstated I had to find all of that out the same day you were. We were stumbling across it at the same time.

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Abernathy asked if the Disruptive Conduct Reports start over every year?

Borough Manager answered no. They start over for one (1) person. So, if you received a Disruptive Conduct Report today, you have one (1) year from your incident to accumulate three (3).

Abernathy explained that is what he is saying every year it starts over.

Borough Manager disagreed. It starts over for each individual person. So, it could start over for one (1) person on October 1 another person October 2, November 1, so on and so forth. It's not a calendar year.

Gladysiewski stated she was told they were all thrown out prior to that date. So, anything prior to August 12 or earlier, was thrown out.

Borough Manager stated that is true. Anything on or before August 12

Gladysiewski stated none of the Council members made that decision.

Borough Manager stated he has no comment about that.

Gladysiewski no one even knows about it. So, how can that be implemented. The Codes Officer doesn't get to decide that. Council doesn't even know this is existing. So, how fair is it for us who have to live with these disruptive people and that they get a second chance. Where is our second chance to get some peace and quiet and enjoy the homes that we are paying for and keeping up.

Borough Manager stated he agrees with Gladysiewski.

Gladysiewski stated, but none of these people even know what is going on. So, how can that be relevant?

Borough Manager stated to say they don't know what is going on, they are all immediately aware of the Ordinance amendment that we are proposing to create this from not having bringing the entire situation in house. Which you saw tonight. That Ordinance changes that.

Gladysiewski stated that proposal didn't address this issue.

Borough Manager stated it doesn't, we can't go back retroactive or fix all the Disruptive Conduct Reports that were mailed out. We can't fix the past year of those not being mailed out. But, we can ensure that mistake isn't going to happen again. Which is what the Ordinance amendment is for.

Mayor Mantini stated he is going to defend Sgt. Atherton. These things get mailed out. They get mailed out. I sent a memo dated September 3, 2015 on this matter. **Mayor read the letter [should be memo].** (Attached)

Mayor stated a lot of mysterious things happen here. A lot of people come up to me and stated they were told by Council, he doesn't want to address this tonight, he said she said it said the dog said the cat said. But, somebody here tonight told me they were going to start over. I said this is crazy. You can't start over. Sgt. Atherton has been doing an excellent job at keeping these letters. I don't know where the ball was dropped here.

Borough Manager stated the ball just for the record, the ball was dropped over a year ago. I mean it was over a year ago that these stopped being mailed out by the Codes Officer.

Mayor stated what you are saying is Sgt. Atherton did not have these letters mailed out.

Both Mayor and Borough Manager are speaking at the same time.

Borough Manager stated he didn't think Sgt. Atherton had nothing to do with it.

Mayor stated the Codes Officer mails them. He [Sgt. Atherton] is involved in getting them over across the hall.

Abernathy agrees.

Mayor says alright.

Gladysiewski stated hers are dated. Hers were done in a timely fashion. She is sure a lot of the other have been done in a timely fashion. But, this really stinks of something that is discrediting other people. There is definitely something going on. If none of these Council members have made this choice to make this all stop and start all over again. How can that be done?

Borough Manager explained we can't go back and resend Disruptive Conduct Reports from over a year ago. That's not...we....it's not legal...we can't do that.

Gladysiewski stated the Council is the one that decided they haven't decided this.

Borough Manager stated he agrees with Gladysiewski.. The Code Officer should have never said....

A lot of people are talking over each other.

Schaub stated she said they were in our mailboxes.

Bartuccio stated she thinks they were in the mail box.

Mayor stated they were in everybody's mail box.

Borough Manager said yes of course.

Bartuccio stated they were in there. They were in everyone's mail box.

Borough Manager explained the Mayor gives him one for everybody.

Mayor stated he gave the Borough Manager a copy.

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Borough Manager stated he gave one to everybody in their mail box.

Bartuccio stated that is what he said.

Gladysiewski about the Police Dept. is doing their jobs. Definitely under staffed

Bowser stated she did not get this and she always checks her mail box.

Borough Manager explained he put one in everyone's mail box. He also emailed them.

Schaub stated she also sent an email that I didn't get it.

Borough Manager explained sometimes the attachments aren't going through, that might be the situation with Beth.

Bowser stated she did not get a copy.

Schaub stated she did not get a copy either.

Borough Manager stated the meeting is no longer being televised.

Bartuccio explained we ran out of time.

Lou Vergari suggested something someone from the audience had said, maybe Allegheny Health Network may want to buy that property [ASD parking lot] themselves. That way it would be on the tax rolls and they would take care of the snow plowing.

Schaub stated it's KOZ.

Solicitor Vigilante explained there are different rules, you mean buy it straight from the School District involved with how they, they could do that but

Vergari stated that was just another thing that might happen.

Vergari asked if the CDBG Grant was for the same year?

Borough Manager answered yes. We made three different applications and we don't anticipate all three are going to be approved.

Vergari asked if you get one, you are asking for \$783K that's a lot. That money is supposed to be spread throughout the whole county. The thing I have learned in the past is, sometimes if you do a project of not that much it is easier for them to say well do that with you. Because they don't want to look and see \$362K and say can you cut that down. They won't do that, they'll just scratch it off. That's bad.

Vergari stated a lot of these people have come to a lot of meetings over the years and there is always a Solicitor and always an Engineer. It's been that way since before me. You may want to look a little closer to this Engineer, I can't think of his name....

Banks adds Gibson-Thomas.

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Vergari stated what I understand now, if I can believe the Leader-Times was the original thing that the Engineer said \$2.1M and you put it out for bids and it comes back at \$3.1M.

Miklos stated that is not true. That is not true at all.

Schaub said Garvin.....

Vergari stated he is not talking about Garvin he is talking about...

Banks adds Gibson-Thomas.

Miklos stated they put it out at \$3.1M, [Miklos changed the amount to \$3.2M] and it came \$3.2M and came in at \$3.9M. It was \$704K over what they were anticipating.

Vergari asked they put it in at \$3.9M?

Miklos stated it came in at \$3.9M.

Miklos stated \$3.197M...\$3.2M.

Schaub stated Garvin was the one that kept saying \$2.1M.

Abernathy added the actual bids came in at \$3.7M.

Borough Manager added they were \$704K off.

Vergari asked that the Engineer come here so we can see and talk to him, just like all the other Engineers before and before and before. Asking questions, see what is going on. Unless he is giving you reports that you don't give to us. How do you know that he is doing a good job or not. Not overbilling us. When he thinks it going to be \$3.2M and it comes out \$600K more. I'm just saying, maybe, maybe it's time, he's had a couple of years, maybe try to look at him and ask him some questions about why it came in that much higher.

Bartuccio explained those were the bids he opened.

Vergari stated that Engineer should have a pretty good idea what it's going to come to.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Vigilante had no comments at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER COMMENTS

Borough Manager explained since the Work Session has been canceled, there are Ordinances that are being worked on with our legal counsel, our Solicitor, Junk, Nuisances, Animals, Various Ordinances that we are working on, we need to get together as a full body of Council, because there is not an Ordinance Committee, and really hash out the details of these Ordinances, what you exactly want them to say, I was thinking because there is not an Ordinance Committee in place, that a work session would be a really good place for that. But, it's unfortunate if we are canceling the work session that was supposed to be September 28 because now we are not looking until November to have it, you advertise

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in December then you just we have been working on it for a long time. So, I would request an Ordinance Committee be set up so that we can hash out some of these Ordinances bring it to Council sooner rather than having to waiting until we get to a Work Session. So, that's my one comment.

Schaub asked if Council could have a Work Session next Monday? Then take the groups and then turn around and take a Committee to work with what the group suggests?

Miklos stated that is not a bad idea.

Borough Manager stated it's not a bad idea to do a Work Session next Monday.

Bartuccio asked what time?

Borough Manager suggested 5:00 p.m. like you always do.

Schaub asked if there is enough days to advertise the Work Session?

Borough Manager answered yes.

Schaub asked if she needs to do a motion on that?

Borough Manager asked if Council needs to have a motion for that?

Solicitor Vigilante no.

Bowser stated next Monday [September 21] at 5:00 p.m.

Bartuccio added at the Library.

Borough Manager stated he just wants to get the Ordinances done and advertise and implemented.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor stated he submitted his resignation to the Transit Board reluctantly in April and asked Council to please act on that. We need somebody to represent the Citizens of this Borough.

Bartuccio explained Bowser already does.

Schaub stated at the last Council meeting Bowser told you that she, that she....

Mayor stated I submitted it, and you didn't act on my letter, you didn't act on my letter.

Schaub stated they did accept it.

Second, things are always a big secret, Council using Tax Payers money, they have a right to know what's going on. I'm paraphrasing an individual on Council here tonight. The Citizens do have a right to know.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

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Abernathy had no comments at this time.

Banks as you can see from the agenda tonight, a gentleman resigned from the Planning Commission. Now this Council has always been advocating about volunteerism in this town. As a member of the Sewage Board, we are also looking for members. A letter came to the Borough a person was interested. It was addressed this week or last week at our Sewage meeting. That her application would be submitted back to our Solicitor, I mean our Borough Manager and it would be on today's agenda. I do not see it.

Borough Manager stated he did not say that.

Banks stated we need this person. Well do you remember.....

Borough Manager stated he has the letter and I told you that I had the letter and would pass it along to the Council President.

Banks asked how come it is not on our agenda?

Borough Manager stated that is a question for the Council President.

Banks asked Bartuccio how come?

Bartuccio stated she didn't know that was supposed to be on tonight's agenda.

Banks stated it was supposed to be on for a month.

Borough Manager stated the answer is to interview.

Banks stated the application has been in...

Borough Manager stated that is why we didn't put it on the agenda. The reason it wasn't put on the agenda, because there has to be an interview of some sort.

Bartuccio stated we need to interview people

Banks asked was she informed of this?

Borough Manager stated they haven't contacted anyone for interviews. There are multiple Commissions and Committees that all need to be interviewed. The Sewage Authority, the Civil Service, Planning Commission, all of them are out there and pending need to be interviewed.

Schaub stated she thought that would have been good to have on the agenda so that it was not overseen or anything. We do need to have interviews. There are a number of people that have applied for a number of positions.

Sandy Ritchey stated one person has applied for it many times and still hasn't received a phone call. March 2015 was my first letter I put in.

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Bartuccio stated we haven't set up interviews yet.

Ritchey stated it is September.

Bartuccio stated we waiting for people to submit their applications also. Not just one person.

Ritchey stated she left a letter on the desk of the Borough Manager at a meeting.

Borough Manager stated he has every letter Ritchey submitted. I remember the first time you submitted it. Council is aware of it. My only job is to make Council aware and then let them make the decision.

Ritchey explained Council promised, when I was here at the Work Session, it was going to be on the agenda. Here we are...

Borough Manager stated he was not at the Work Session.

Schaub the Work Session was and I did ask for it to be on the agenda.

Ritchey stated somebody else asked for it to be on, and it still wasn't on. Let's brush it under the rug so we can spend all this time fighting with each other.

Miklos had no comments at this time.

Bowser stated she will be paying for her Borough Assoc. Dinner reservation. She has been attending the MCTA meetings at the Borough's representative. The meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month. At the last Work Session we discussed that and I thought it was all clear. I'm glad Gene brought up Ms. Ritchey's letter, because in two (2) days it will be six (6) months that she submitted the first request. Granted I just received this at our last Work Session and they gave me a copy. When we are encouraging people to get involved and this is a volunteer position, that we should not have them wait six (6) months. It's a testimony that it has been six (6) months and she resubmitted her letter of interest, so I would say that is a sincere interest in this. I wish I could make a motion tonight, but I am under the direction that that is not how we do it. Just to make sure, we will have this on the next agenda or the next Special meeting? How do we address this? Do we have interviews?

Miklos stated we interview everyone, that's the way it has always been.

Bowser asked if this is a Public interview?

Miklos stated they have never been Public interviews.

Bowser asked if it is a quorum?

Borough Manager stated that is a question for the Solicitor.

Solicitor Vigilante asked which job is that for?

Borough Manager answered Sewage Authority.

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Solicitor Vigilante stated you don't have to interview in Public.

Borough Manager asked if there could be quorum?

Solicitor Vigilante asked the committee as a whole, you are talking about the Work Session?

Borough Manager answered he is talking about the quorum interview no Public.

Solicitor Vigilante stated you just don't deliberate and they can't say anything.

Bartuccio and Schaub state no decision making.

Miklos stated according to the Leader-Times that's not right.

Amy Moody asked Bartuccio you could not have called the individual back or sent her a letter stating you were waiting to see if anybody else had applied.

Bartuccio stated she cannot make a decision on her own. Bartuccio asked if Moody wanted to apply?

Moody answered she does not. But, I feel sorry for her.

Bartuccio stated she can't help it. She is not the only person here. I can't make a decision on my own.

Miklos asked if these were supposed to be advertise?

Borough Manager stated they have been answered many times.

Solicitor Vigilante stated he is maybe a little confused, what position is this for?

Borough Manager answered the Sewage Authority.

Solicitor Vigilante stated he thought this was for an employee. Volunteer?

Borough Manager answered yes and asked are you taking back your advice.

Solicitor Vigilante stated he is going to take it under advice and get back to you.

Bowser stated there are elections coming up in November and it is a... people have fought for their right to... for our right to vote, there are countries where you are not allowed to vote, in this country people have died so that we could vote. I believe if you are not registered to vote, please contact Wendy Buzard at the County Courthouse. I believe the deadline is October 1. So you would be eligible to vote in the November election. I encourage everybody to take that stand, because your vote is the way to get your choice heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Schaub made a motion at 8:25 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Miklos.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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Kathy Bartuccio
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary