

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
4th MONDAY – WORKSHOP
Location: Latin American Club
July 23, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Advise the audience that the meeting for Monday, July 23, 2018 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Is anyone audio or video taping the meeting?

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting for Monday, July 23, 2018 to order at 6:31 p.m. and advised the meeting will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping the meeting. Vicki Schaub, Nick Vercilla – Leader-Times, and Kyle Predmore – Kittanning Paper are audio taping. JoAnn Scopel is video taping the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Beth Bowser, Mary Alice Bryant, Carol Fenyes, Ray Klukan, Tyson Klukan and Marc Mantini were present. Mayor Cogley was absent due to a work conflict.

ATTENDANCE

Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri – Babst Calland, Nathaniel Parker – Parker Law, Emily Brown – Fourth Economy, and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Jerry Miklos asked about the previous Executive Session and the gas lease.

JoAnn Scopel had no comments at this time.

Vicki Schaub asked Council Members if the information she provided to them was review regarding gas leases and the siren.

Carol Mikula spoke about the gas lease.

Council President Fenyes the gas lease has been a topic a prior Council Meetings and discussed at length at the 10-23-2017 Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

FOURTH ECOMONY -- Emily Brown

Emily Brown explained Fourth Economy has been hired to update the Borough's Comprehensive Plan and has been working with the Planning Commission. They have been speaking with residents, conducting surveys and doing vision boards. They held "Build Sessions" and spoke about Riverfront Development and Infill/Housing. After the data analysis it was determined Population and Housing is a big issue. There is a 17% vacancy rate in Ford City compared to a

11% rate across PA. Trying to create Ford City as a destination focusing on the Trail and small businesses. Making sure the businesses that are here have enough talent and workforce. Amenities and Recreation found people really want access to the river. Signature Events found people really like all the events and are a high priority. Capital Improvements, Economic Vitality and Safety will be additional topics for Build Sessions.

There is a call for single person housing, 28% of the survey results indicate interest in more senior housing.

Brown explained an updated Zoning Ordinance is also being worked on at this time along with updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Brown explained a list of about 30 developers are being brought to town on Monday, August 20 to take a “familiarization tour” of properties in town. There will be a lecture, open to the Public, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the 10th Street Station too.

SNYDER BROTHERS – GAS LEASE

Bowser made a motion to approve and authorize the proper Borough officials to execute and take such other actions reasonably necessary to effectuate an Oil and Gas Lease with Snyder Brothers, Inc. for all oil, gas, and “Drilling and Operating rights” (as the term is defined in the Lease) in and under real property owned by the Borough, situated in Ford City Borough and Cadogan, Manor, and North Buffalo Townships, currently identified as Armstrong County Tax Map Nos. 09-153.00-11-08, 14-154.06-03-03, 14-154.06-03-03-002, 29-154.10-11-01, 32-142.00-01-42, and 32-153.00.02-17, and being assessed as 313.972 acres. Seconded by R. Klukan.

Mantini stated the Borough should have their own expert or counsel review and make sure the contract is favorable to the Borough and to Snyder Corporation but especially to the Borough. That is why he can’t vote yes.

Nathaniel Parker stated he is acting as the Borough’s counsel. Parker stated he previously divulged his prior dealings with Snyder. During these negotiations he solely represented Ford City Borough.

Solicitor Golfieri stated she is conflicted because her firm has a conflict. That was disclosed and that is why Ford City Borough retained Nathaniel Parker to represent them during negotiations with Snyder’s.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Vice President T. Klukan asked for a Roll Call vote to be taken.

R. Klukan	aye	T. Klukan	aye
Mantini	nay	Bowser	aye
Bryant	aye	Fenyas	aye

Motion Approved 5-1

NEW BUSINESS

SIREN – Greg Dinko

Greg Dinko – Emergency Management Coordinator asked for a thank you letter to be written to Ronald Olsen, owner of 10th Street Station. Mr. Olsen opened up his building during the recent tornado warning. Dinko is working with Paul Murray to program the Siren. Dinko asked Council’s wishes for the length of time for the curfew to be set off. Should West Minster Chimes be used? The curfew will be set off for 30 seconds and the sound will be West Minster Chimes. This was the first time the Siren was set off for the tornado warning. Dinko asked for a couple of Town Hall meetings to inform the citizens about tones being used with the Siren. Dinko explained CERT – Community Emergency Response Team. Neighbors looking out for neighbors is what this is. PEMA & FEMA each have CERT. Dinko asked if there would be any interest in the Borough for this type of training. In the time of an emergency or disaster, check in on your neighbor. Dinko explained NIMS – National Incident Management System, everybody that works for the Borough, including members of the Volunteer Fire Dept., should have ICS100 & NIMS 700. Classes can be taken online. The department heads should have ICS200 & NIMS 800. PEMA offers an Emergency Management class for Elected Officials. Before taking any classes from FEMA a SID – Student Identification Number must be obtained. Dinko added there may be some Dept. of Agriculture money available for speakers to be used with the Emergency Siren.

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department	Library	Parks & Recreation	Finance
Planning Commission	Shade Tree	Police Report	Public Works
Fleet Advisory Committee	Borough Manager	Mayor	Other

Council President Fenyes – **Personnel** added the personnel committee reviewed the applicants for the Chief of Police position. The applicants were narrowed to seven (7). Mayor Cogley conducted phone interview with them. Interviews will be scheduled. Fenyes explained Mayor Cogley has appointed Paul Hughes as the OIC of the Police Dept. and introduced OIC Hughes to everyone.

Helen Taylor – **Library** announced there will be a book sale at the end of August and there will be an auction too. Council President added the bid deadline for the ADA Handicap Project has been extended to July 24.

Stacy Klukan – **Shadetree** announced they are working with DCNR to obtain a Tree Census, they are working on the Tree Donation Project, and the cost is \$150 and a Bench Replacement Program. Forms will be available.

Mary Alice Bryant - **Parks & Recreation** will be contacting the contractor regarding the surface of the Boulder Park Basketball Court. Council President added volunteers are needed for this project and asked anyone interested in helping contact the Borough Office. S. Klukan added the Summer Lunch Program is going well. A Safety Program is conducted every Monday and it is going well too.

VP T. Klukan – **Public Works** explained there was an Emergency Water Repair on the 700 Block of 3rd Avenue. T. Klukan asked this block be included as a high priority in the Capital Improvement Project Budget. T. Klukan explained PNGCO completed a project on 3rd Avenue of replacing residential lines. Another project of PNGCO, installing all new residential lines, will include 6th Avenue from 11th Street to 13th Street, 7th Avenue from 11th Street to 12th Street, 11th Street from 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue, 12th Street from 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue. This will be a two (2) to three (3) month project. Trenching and Boring will be used between the curb and sidewalk. Notice to proceed was given to Northrock Construction. They are the contractor who will be installing over 180 ADA compliant sidewalk corners. This is a three (3) month project. Public Works will be working with Kevin Nelson and the Borough Treasurer on their Capital Improvement Budget.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

Jerry Miklos spoke about the gas lease.

Dave Klukan was not available to speak at this time.

Tanya Gladysiewski explained she is having trouble with a neighbor. She has spoken with FCPD and the problem still exists. OIC Hughes will speak with Gladysiewski.

Council President will speak with Mayor, OIC, Codes Officer and Richard Wakefield about the Ordinance.

JoAnn Scopel had no comments at this time.

Vicki Schaub spoke about the Landlord Ordinance process.

Caroline Hassa spoke about the Landlord Ordinance process not being followed.

Paul Hughes stated the non-enforcement stops now.

Vicki Schaub reminded everyone there is equipment in the Police Dept. that is not being used..

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

NEXT 4th MONDAY

Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss personnel matters and take advice from Solicitor Golfieri.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary read from a list of prepared announcements

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Randy Swartz asked what corners will be included in the project. T. Klukan stated every

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intersection that is non ADA compliant is in the project. It is close to a half million dollar project.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Klukan made a motion at 8:37 p.m. Seconded by R. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0
Unanimous

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary