

**MEETING MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION: BC3 Armstrong Campus
November 27, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Call the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and advise the audience that the meeting November 27, 2023, is being audio taped by Ford City Borough.

Is anyone else audio or video taping the meeting?

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Carol Fenyes, Councilwoman Vicki Schaub, Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant, Councilwoman Sally Beck, Councilman Tom Ondrusek, Mayor Tim Bureau, and Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri,

Absent: Vice President Josh Adams and Sr. Engineer Joel Romagna

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only

Tyson Klukan, Ford City resident, had questions about the 2024 proposed budget as it pertains to the future Stormwater Authority.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bill List, October 23, 2023
2. Bill List, November 6, 2023
3. Bill List, November 13, 2023
4. Code Enforcement Report, October 2023
5. Water Report, October 2023
6. Police Report, October 2023
7. Fire Department Report, October 2023
8. Treasurer's Report, October 2023
9. Meeting Minutes, October 23, 2023
10. Meeting Minutes, November 13, 2023

Having no objections, the consent agenda was passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment Public Hearing

This is a public hearing on a proposed Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment, Ordinance No. 754, which proposes to amend the Borough of Ford City Amended and Restated Zoning

Ordinance and Map, Ordinance 746, to (i) amend Article 7, titled “Signs,” to expand the zoning district in which monument signs and pole signs are permitted, revise general sign requirements, remove the sign permit requirement applicable to banners, permit electronic display of monument signs, and reduce the amount of distance between electronic display from 100 feet to 50 meet of any DX, N1, N2, and NX1 zoning district; (ii) revise the written notice requirements applicable to public hearings under section 9.04.D.1.B of the zoning ordinance; (iii) rezone ten properties; (iv) repeal all prior inconsistent ordinances or portions thereof, including the signage moratorium imposed by Resolution 8-2022; (v) provide for severability of any provisions of the proposed ordinance found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid; and (vi) establish the ordinance effective date.

At this moment, Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri started the public hearing. Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri gave a summary of MPC Procedural Requirement Satisfaction as well as welcomed Borough Council and the public to comment. There were no council or public comments.

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

Motion carried: 5-0

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 754 amending the Borough of Ford City’s Amended and Restated Zoning Ordinance and Map, Ordinance 746. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

2. Award of Garbage Collection Bid – Shank Waste Services

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to table awarding the bid for the collection and processing of municipal solid waste only for calendar years 2024, 2025, and 2026 to Shank Waste Service at the costs articulated in the bid tabulation with no senior citizen discount, no contractor provided billing collection services, and no purchase of containers, and authorize appropriate Borough officials to take all action necessary, including execution of all associated documents, to effectuate the same. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion to table.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub would like to know the exact increase from the last contract. She also feels that adding the containers would be worth the price increase as it would aid the process in cleaning up the borough drastically. Council opened this discussion of this item to the public, where feasibility, cost, and overall necessity of purchasing the bins.

Motion carried: 5-0

3. Approval of Engineering Service Agreement – Stiffler, McGraw, & Associates, Inc. – 46,000 L.F. Main Waterline Replacement Project

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc., related to the replacement of approximately 46,000 L.F. of main waterlines, including replacement of existing hydrants, curb boxes, service lines

(determined to not contain leaded components) and associated appurtenances, in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, and authorize proper Borough officials to execute the same. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

4. Approval of Engineering Service Agreement – Stiffler, McGraw, & Associates, Inc. – 1,245 Service Waterline Replacement Project

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc., related to the full or partial replacement of approximately 1,245 service waterlines known or assumed to contain leaded components, in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, and authorize proper Borough officials to execute the same. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

5. Clearwater Construction Inc. Contract

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to ratify approval of a contract with Clearwater Construction Inc. for project “Ford City Slide Repair” related to the 7th Ave Extension repairs in the amount of \$192,270.00 and authorize appropriate Borough officials to execute all documents associated with, and necessary to effectuate, the same. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

6. 2024 Budget Presentation & Advertisement Authorization

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to authorize the Borough Secretary and Borough Solicitor to advertise a synopsis of the 2024 Budget and to make the 2024 Budget available for public inspection. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub questioned if the borough would be advertising the full budget or a synopsis. Council President Carol Fenyes addressed some millage adjustments pertaining to the General Fund, Public Utility, and the Ford City Public Library, with new knowledge of the 1.5 millage requirement for the library.

Motion carried: 5-0

7. Southern Armstrong Regional Police – Amended Participating Municipality Agreement

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve an amendment to the Participating Municipality Agreement with the Southern Armstrong Regional Police Department, subject to the same being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, and authorizing proper Borough officials to execute the amended Participating Municipality Agreement. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

Council Comments: Council President Carol Fenyes mentioned that the amendment to the agreement with Southern Armstrong Regional Police Department comes from expected increases in coverage, salaries, and benefits for the department and its employees.

Motion carried: 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

COUNCIL COMMENTS – None

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING –December 11, 2023, 6:30 PM at the BC3 Armstrong Campus

ADJOURNMENT – 7:01

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

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

AUTHORIZING MINUTES

Office Administrator

Council President

Secretary