

**MEETING MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION: BC3 Armstrong Campus
September 25, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Call the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and advise the audience that the meeting of September 25, 2023, is being audio taped by Ford City Borough.

Is anyone else audio or video taping the meeting?

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub and Leader Times, recording audio.

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

Via Phone: Sr. Engineer Joel Romagna.

Absent: Vice President Josh Adams

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bill List, September 5, 2023
2. Bill List, September 15, 2023
- ~~3. Meeting Minutes, August 28, 2023~~
4. Water Report, August 2023
5. Police Report, August 2023
6. Fire Department Report, August 2023
7. Codes Enforcement Report, August 2023
8. Treasurer's Report, August 2023
9. Zoning Report, September 2023

Tabling Item 3, the consent agenda was passed.

ORPHANS OF THE STORM

Melissa Schaeffer, representative of Orphans of the Storm, has prepared a presentation for members of Ford City Borough Council.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Joel Romagna, Sr. Project Engineer with Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, prepared an Engineer's Report for existing projects within the Ford City Borough.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval and Authorization of Payment of Mortimer's Excavating Inc. Pay Estimate #1 for Contract 2021-1.

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to remit payment for Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$152,874.00 to Mortimer's Excavating Inc. submitted pursuant to Contract 2021-1 related to the 5th Ave & 17th St Waterline Replacement Project (Project No. 21-0012). Councilwoman Vicki Schaub seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

2. Minimum Municipal Obligation – General Employees' Pension Plan

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to accept and approve the 2024 Non-Uniform Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$0.00, which said calculation was prepared by the plan's Actuary, Mockehaupt Benefits Group. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

3. DALCO Electric Supply & Distribution – Credit Agreement Approval and Authorization

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to execute a Credit Agreement with DALCO Electric Supply & Distribution related to Borough purchases at DALCO, for which all such purchases shall be invoiced monthly. Councilwoman Vicki Schaub seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

4. PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant – Authorize Preparation and Submittal of Application for Grant Funds for Streetscape Project along 5th Avenue (11th Street to 14th Street)

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to authorize the Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor to prepare and submit a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant application to PennDOT for a streetscape project along 5th Avenue between 11th Street and 14th Street, and authorize appropriate Borough officials to take any and all necessary action to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Vicki Schaub seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

5. Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance – Advertisement Authorization

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to authorize proper Borough officials and the Borough Solicitor to advertise the Borough's proposed Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance, for consideration and adoption by Council at its October 2023 regular meeting. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub would like to know more about the changes to the new potential ordinance.

Motion carried: 5-0

6. Zoning Text and Map Amendment – Public Advertisement and Private Notice Authorization

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to authorize proper Borough officials and the Borough Solicitor to advertise and provide all other public and private notices required under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code related to a proposed text and map amendment to the Borough's Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to include the rezoning of various parcels, establishment of new signage regulations, and amending zoning hearing board notice requirements, for consideration and adoption by Council at its October 2023 regular meeting. Councilman Tom Ondrusek seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

-Brick Streets, 5th Ave x 10th St Restoration Opportunity

Tyson Klukan, resident of Ford City, submitted a request to Council to consider restoring 10th St between 5th Ave and 6th Ave. Council unanimously decided that it was important to update the town's infrastructure in order to avoid doubling the work and wasting funds. Councilwoman Vicki Schaub asked if there was anything our Public Works Department could do in the meantime before we can properly fix the road, which Councilman Tom Ondrusek clarified that cold patching was not an option, and that milling was all that could be done.

-Community Heart and Soul Program (CF)

Council President Carol Fenyes introduced Community Heart and Soul Program, a resident-based program involving the community to gather opinion on the community and to develop a plan garnered by residents based on where they would like to see their community. Council was unanimously in favor of introducing this to Ford City.

-Trail Bathrooms (VS Auto Locks)

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub has been looking into different systems that the borough could look into, wifi controlled and timer locks, and will continue research and gathering prices.

-Junior Council (VS)

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub spoke with the Armstrong School District about presenting an application for students to participate in a junior council.

-SignageZoning Ordinance Amendment
No update

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Administrator Abby Nimerosky announced that street sweeping had begun the week prior, and that the first avenue sweep would be this Thursday, September 28th. It was also announced at this time that Fall Trash Days will take place on October 17th and 18th. Tickets will be available for pickup in the Ford City Borough Office on the 16th, 17th, and 18th.

Council President Carol Fenyes announced that Trick or Treat will be on October 25th and that the Halloween Parade will be on October 26th.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING –October 23, 2023, 6:30 PM at the BC3 Armstrong Campus

ADJOURNMENT – 7:19

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 5-0

AUTHORIZING MINUTES

Office Administrator

Council President

Secretary