

**MEETING MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
BC3 Armstrong Campus
February 26, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and the audience was advised that the meeting February 26, 2024, is being audio taped by Ford City Borough to be made available for borough councilmembers.

Is anyone else audio or video taping the meeting?

- Ford City Resident Caroline Massa was recording audio and video
- Leader Times was recording audio

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Carol Fenyes, Vice President Richard Chimka, Councilwoman Vicki Schaub, Councilwoman May Alice Bryant, Councilwoman Sally Beck, Councilman Tom Ondrusek, Mayor Tim Bureau, and Borough Manager Charles Stull
Via Phone: Engineer Joel Romagna and Solicitors Alyssa Golfieri and Anna Hosack

CITIZENS COMMENTS –Agenda Items Only

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS –An Executive Session took place on January 24, 2024 to discuss personnel and receive legal advice from the solicitor.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bill List, January 25, 2024
2. Bill List, February 11, 2024
3. Fire Department Report, January 2024
4. Zoning Report, November & December 2023
5. Zoning Report, January 2024
6. Treasurer's Report, January 2024
7. Water Report, January 2024
8. Code Enforcement Report, January 2024
9. Meeting Minutes, January 22, 2024

After striking item 2, the consent agenda was passed.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Donna Weckerly of the Armstrong County Arts Council gave some background information on the startup of the Armstrong County Arts Council and the importance of the group in Ford City Borough. She also announced an upcoming community meeting on March 20th at the Experience Armstrong Welcome Center in Kittanning.

FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Andrea Kiehl- McKibbin, director of Ford City Public Library, has prepared an update on current matters at the Ford City Public Library as well as sharing some upcoming events that FCPL is facilitating.

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,

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Charles Stull, Ford City Borough Manager, has prepared an update regarding recent borough matters as well as his existing projects.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 758: Amending Southern Armstrong Regional Police Department Charter Agreement

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to adopt Ordinance 758 (1) amending the existing agreement between Ford City Borough, Freeport Borough, and Gilpin Township, and (2) amending the Police Pension Plan adopted by Southern Armstrong Regional Police Department on June 19, 2023, and (3) repeals all prior inconsistent ordinances or portions thereof, and (4) establishing an effective date of February 26th, 2024. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

Council comments: Council President Carol Fenyes asked Chief Christopher Fabec of Southern Armstrong Regional Police Department to elaborate on the amendment to the agreement. Chief Fabec clarified that this was to ensure the ordinance was suitable to accommodate the participating municipalities' existing retirees.

Motion carried: 6-0

2. Parker Law Offices, Inc.

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to approve the engagement agreement with Parker Law Offices, Inc. to retain the Parker firm under the terms outlined in the letter, and to authorize appropriate Borough officials to take any and all necessary action, including execution of the agreement, to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub expressed that this would not be a good fit for the borough due to his potential conflict of interest.

Motion carried: 5-1 with Councilwoman Vicki Schaub opposing.

3. Resolution 6-2024: Appointing an Assistant Secretary

Councilwoman Sally Beck made the motion to adopt Resolution 6-2024 appointing Abby Nimerosky as the Assistant Secretary effective immediately. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion/

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub feels that this would be a good opportunity to take some of the responsibility off of the Borough Secretary.

Motion carried: 6-0

4. Resolution 7-2024: Mid-County Transit Authority – Contribution of Funds for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 7-2024 authorizing the contribution of local funds in the amount of \$14,984.00 to the Mid-County Transit Authority for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

Council comments: Council President Carol Fenyes disclosed that the price reflects a 5% increase from last year. Councilwoman Vicki Schaub asked Borough Manager Charles Stull if he would look into what determines the cost of Ford City Borough's participation.

Motion carried: 6-0

5. Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Voting Delegate Appointment – Charles Stull

Councilwoman Sally Beck made the motion to appoint as the Charles Stull as Ford City Borough's voting delegate at the 2024 PSAB Annual Conference. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 6-0

6. Approval and Authorization to Submit Final Reimbursement Requisition #9 to PennVEST for Contract 2022-1.

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to submit the Reimbursement Requisition #9 in the amount of \$124,971.75 to PennVEST related to Contract 2022-1 (Project No. 21-0019). Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 6-0

7. Approval and Authorization of Payment to JS Bova Excavating Pay Estimate #9 for Contract 2022-1

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve and authorize proper Borough officials to take all action necessary to submit payment for Pay Estimate #9 in the amount of \$107,471.75 to J.S. Bova submitted pursuant to Contract 2022-1 related to the BC3 and 3rd Avenue Waterline Replacement Project (Project No. 21-0019). Councilwoman Vicki Schaub seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 6-0

8. Approving Supplement to Engineering Services Agreement with Stiffler McGraw

Councilwoman Vicki Schaub made the motion to approve a supplement to the Engineering Services Agreement dated June 15, 2021, which includes additional costs for Resident Project Representative, Post Construction, and Surveying Services and reduced costs for Permitting and financing phase services, and to authorize appropriate Borough officials to take any and all necessary action, including execution of the agreement, to effectuate the same. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 6-0

9. Approval of Three Rivers Power Sweep Contract

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve the proposal provided by Three Rivers Power Sweep, Inc for Spring and Fall 2024 street sweeping for a price of \$1,000.00 per day with a 6% fuel surcharge and authorize appropriate Borough officials to take any and all necessary action, including execution of relevant documents, to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Vicki Schaub seconds the motion.

Council comments: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub asked about information on advertising the schedule.

Motion carried: 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Stephanie Henderson submitted a letter to Ford City Borough Council prior to tonight's meeting for their consideration in renaming 11th Street after William Toy, a very involved member of the community as well as a long-term business owner. After some discussion, Council ultimately decided that it would not be the best decision to name a street or avenue after a member of the community, but that there may be other ways to honor this individual.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Secretary Abby Nimerosky announced that the Stormwater Authority Organization Meeting would take place on February 21, 2024 in the Ford City Borough Municipal Building at 6:00 PM.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Caroline Hassa, Ford City Borough resident, addressed a potential code violation on Ford St and asked where updated council member information could be obtained.
- Dan Farester, Ford City Borough resident, expressed concern with the recent garbage contract and feels that it was not the most fiscally responsible decision for Ford City Borough.
- Chief Christopher Fabec of Southern Armstrong Regional Police Department announced the recently implemented LETI (Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative) in Armstrong County, a program designed for law enforcement officials to assist individuals suffering from substance abuse.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – March 25, 2024, 6:30 PM at the BC3 Armstrong Campus

ADJOURNMENT – 7:26 PM

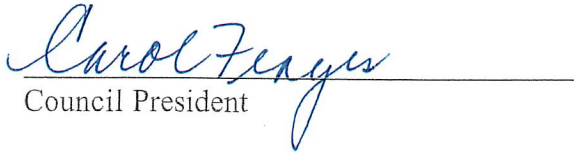
Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Vicki Schaub seconds the motion.

No comments
Motion carried: 6-0

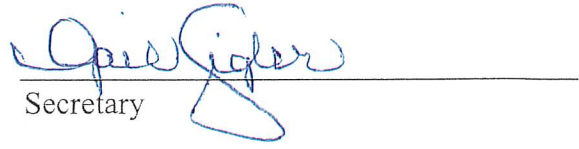
AUTHORIZING MINUTES



Assistant Secretary



Council President



Secretary