

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
LOCATION- FORD CITY BOROUGH BUILDING
DECEMBER 21, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER John Lux called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting will be audio and video taped.

Lux then asked if anyone was audio or video taping the meeting. There was no response.

ROLL CALL Ray Klukan, Ron Dillard, John Lux, Tom Shaffer, and Mayor Mantini were present.

ATTENDANCE Solicitor Frank A. Wolfe, Paul Harmon, and Lou Vergari were also present.

TAX ORDINANCE 2010

Shaffer made a motion to approve the 2010 Tax Ordinance with the total millage being 13.35, which is no change from last year. (Attachment)
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

BUDGET 2010 Shaffer made a motion to approve the 2010 Budget, as presented with no tax increases. (Attachment)
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

POLICE PENSION PLAN - AMENDMENT

Shaffer made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the Police Pension Plan Amendment Ordinance. (Attachment)
Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

2007 DUMP TRUCK - BID OPENING

Solicitor Wolfe opened the bids.

Charapp - 2007 with plow and plate = \$27,714.00

Charapp - 2007 no plow = \$22,974.00

Shaffer made a motion to award bid to Charapp (either your choice with plow or without plow) after review by Solicitor Wolfe, bid to meet specifications.

Dillard made a motion to award bid for truck with plow.
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

Mayor Marc Mantini asks about size of current truck.

Dillard answers question.

BILLS TO APPROVE

Shaffer made a motion to pay the bills presented in the amount of \$1911.90. (Attachment)
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

DRUG TESTING

Shaffer made a motion that all employees be drug tested, present and incoming council. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

Dillard questioned if this should be policy and would like to see random drug testing.

Mayor questions price of drug testing. Shaffer answers around \$100.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Shaffer made a motion to authorize Council President Lux to sign the attached letter to the Wolfe Agency instructing them to remove the HAT Park buildings from the Borough Insurance Policy effective 1-1-2010.
Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous

Dillard questions about stored items.

Shaffer states bank will communicate with people that have items stored.

Auction in April 2010.

LOADING ZONE SIGNS

Shaffer comments that clarification is needed for loading zone hours.

Dillard questions if businesses pay for signs.

Shaffer answers yes.

Dillard states that after business hours, parking spot should be open.

Solicitor Wolfe states that some business owners complained that cars are not moved in the morning.

Dillard states to look at ordinance and make fines higher so that people do not want to park there.

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approved 2-8-2010 Dillard states there is no reason businesses should believe they have spot for 24 hours.

ATTENDANCE

Terry Tokarek arrives at 5:44 p.m.

Shaffer states that times should be designated on signs.

Shaffer made a motion to have businesses post appropriate times on loading zone signs and modify fines for "Business Hours".
Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Mayor Mantini questions if anyone spoke to Police Department or Business Owners.

Shaffer states we need to move forward like Mr. Dillard said.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Shaffer reads letter and invites any and all businesses.

Shaffer will sign the letters and explains this not a voting item.

Terry Tokarek questioned if property was foreclosed on.

Shaffer states foreclosure is imminent and sheriff sale will be conducted in the Spring. The borough has no right to the property.

Mayor Mantini questions about the content of the letter.

Shaffer states that the borough welcomes any entity that will create jobs for Ford City.

Letter is available to be signed.

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Klukan made a motion to hire Aaron Zaliponi as a part-time police officer for the normal (12) twelve month probationary period, passing a physical examination, psychological examination, and background check to be performed at the direction of the Sgt. in Charge and the Mayor and to be paid the current wage of the part-time police officer.
Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

CITIZEN COMMENTS

OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

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Jennifer Willyard would like an ordinance for residency restrictions dealing with sexual predators living in the community. Several communities are not protected by Megan's law. The state is not looking out for smaller communities. Congress has enacted the Adam Walsh Act giving everyone 2 years to implement the program, Pennsylvania has asked for an extension. Feels that the community is misinformed about Megan's Law information and sexual predator regulations. Feels Ford City needs to keep a watchful eye and if something is going on, call the police. Feels Ford City Crime-Watch should have been more involved. Suggests Stranger-Danger event. The ordinance dealing with residency restrictions should take into consideration what would work for Ford City.

Shaffer feels county should make a person register.

Jennifer states they only have to register if on probation or parole.

John Lux to Mayor Mantini speak with Solicitor Wolfe if you are planning to take this on.

Paul questions if this could be tied into landlord tenant act.

Shaffer states that there is no provision but there is a possibility it could be amended.

Solicitor states that you can't exclude from moving freely about the county .

Shaffer states that the ball will not be dropped and that the new council will take care of it.

Carrie Shaffer states she agrees with Jennifer, informed by a flyer about the sex offender and does not want to have to worry about her children.

Ryan agrees too. Complained that FCPD does not respond promptly.

Mayor Mantini defends police and states that Ford City has a low crime rate.

Klukan states there was an incident on Ford Street, called for FCPD but Kittanning police and state police had to be called.

Jennifer Eckman states that she lives by the playground and the predator. States that she has heard that even if an ordinance is passed, it will not cover this man. Would like council to look into this matter.

Elizabeth Mauk states she lives in front house and was not informed.

Shaffer questions if Mauk and sex offender have the same landlord.

Mauk answers yes. Comments that people need to feel safe, contacted Ford City police and told there was nothing they could do.

Gene Banks -Crime Watch can't get people to participate, meetings held on last Wednesday of month at St. John's.

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Discussion continues in which members of council state that they will not drop the ball.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

States the council members and mayor will do whatever they can.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Thanked people for coming. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to citizens of Ford City.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tokarek - Apologized for being late, states to be careful and that something will be done. Merry Christmas.

Dillard thanked citizens for heads up, states this is a good group and will handle quickly. Thanks for coming out and have a safe holiday.

Klukan - Thanks to everyone for coming and Merry Christmas.

Shaffer - Thanks to everyone for coming will do whatever it takes to help. I received 66 straight party votes, spoke to county commissioners about the voting problem. Your voices should be heard and all votes haven't been counted. Merry Christmas.

Lux thanked everyone and stated that council will address problem, will act. Happy Holidays!

Shaffer made a motion to go to executive session. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Klukan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

John Lux
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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