

AGENDA
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION – FORD CITY BOROUGH BUILDING
JULY 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Council President Lux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting would be audio .

Lux asked if there was anyone in the audience audio or video taping the meeting. There was no response.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lux led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ron Dillard, John Lux, Ray Klukan, Rob Mohney, Paul Harmon and Mayor Mantini were present. Lou Vergari was absent.

ATTENDANCE

Solicitor Frank Wolfe, Borough Engineer - David Nichols, Superintendent Coffey, Jeff Stennett, Tom Ondrusek, Sandy Hutchison, Bill Oleksak, Jerry Miklos, Paul Klukan, Renee Zacour, and Dennis Piccoli were also present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Klukan read the announcements. (Announcements)

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Dillard made a motion to accept the minutes of 6-13-2011. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Mantini read the Police Report for June 2011. (Attachment)

Klukan made a motion to accept the Police Report for June 2011. Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Harmon stated all water samples taken were good. (Attachment)

Mohney made a motion to accept the Water Report. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Harmon read the Treasurer's Report for May 2011. (Attachment)

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Klukan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2011 and pay the bills in the amount of \$56,305.20 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried 5-0 Unanimous

PAYMENT RATIFICATION (Attachment)

Dillard asked if these bills were caused by the Sewage Project. Harmon answers yes.

Dillard made a motion to ratify three payments to National Road Utility Supply in the amount of \$3,104.52 for Water Department Supplies needed because of the ongoing Sewage Project.

Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL

Harmon made a motion to approve Purchase Order #9653 in the amount of \$1,561.87 from Gopher for two backboards and break away goals and to use the 2010 Armstrong County Grant for funding.

ENGINEER REPORT

David Nichols submits the Engineer Report for July 2011. (Attachment)

Nichols explained he will be obtaining quotes necessary for the Water System Improvement Project.

Nichols stated he will be obtaining estimates for the CDBG Project [Catch Basin Replacement Project].

Nichols stated the 2011 Paving Project will proceed after the Sewage Contractor completes his work.

Nichols stated he is speaking with architect and Penndot concerning the FCHS expansion project and the possibility of changing the sewer connection at the alley below 11th.

Harmon asked David Nichols if he was aware a change must be made in the use of lime to treat our water? Nichols wasn't aware of any change.

Dillard asked if the DEP extended the project deadline? We need to know a time and explanation.

Mayor Mantini asked what is the status of the painting of the Water Tower. Nichols answered it is on the schedule for 2012.

Council President Lux stated this is our project and will be completed without money from the County.

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Mayor Mantini asked where are the old sewer grates they were on the Building #228 property. Nichols answers material was stolen and they may still be on the property.

Mantini asked if there was a Police Report?

Nichols answered yes, 25 man hole covers.

Mohney made a motion to accept the Engineer Report for July 2011.
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Miklos asked if the CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) could be simplified. Nichols answered it is prepared so that we comply with the DEP requirements.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION Klukan made a motion to authorize the Council President, Vice-President, all members of Borough Council and the Secretary to sign the Municipal Resolutions for the dotGrants on-line reporting system for the Liquid Fuels Project for 2011. (Attachment)
Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

MID-COUNTY TRANSIT

Harmon made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the resolution certifying the matching funding in the amount of \$7,947.00 for the fiscal year 2011-2012 and will be paid in full by 6-30-2012. (Attachment)

Klukan asked if they are collecting money from Boroughs and Townships in the Southern end of the County? Lux answered that is all shared rides or individuals pay. The main routes are up in our area. Ford Cliff [Borough] no longer participates. Everyone else is paying.

Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

TRASH DAYS 2011 Klukan made a motion to authorize Council President Lux to sign the agreement with Vogel Disposal [containers for trash days]. (Attachment)
Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

WALL PLAQUES Mayor Mantini requested permission to place wall plaques representing the various branches of the military on the wall of the Borough Building.

After a short discussion, council granted permission to place them in the entry way of the Borough Building.

NEW BUSINESS

FORD CITY PARK Klukan made a motion to grant permission to the New Life Center to use Ford City Park on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and inform the Police Department and the Street Department.
Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

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Dillard made a motion to grant permission to the New Life Center to use Ford City Park on Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and inform the Police Department and the Street Department.
Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

GRASS CUTTING Klukan made a motion to authorize Mulch & More to cut the former PPG Property and provide a Certificate of Insurance and to be paid \$550.00. Seconded by Dillard.

Miklos asked by can't the Borough do this work? Council President Lux answered we don't have the equipment and it would cost about \$20,000 to purchase the proper equipment.

Lux called for a vote.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

YOUNG LUNGS AT PLAY

Harmon made a motion to adopt a resolution to create tobacco-free zones in our parks and playgrounds. Seconded by Dillard. (Attachment)

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

LIGHT UP NIGHT - 2011

Paul Klukan stated the 2010 Light Up celebration was a sad night. There were problems turning on the lights because they were locked. Klukan requested permission to hold an "Old Fashion" Christmas Light Up Night. Klukan explained it would be necessary to close Ford Street and 4th Avenue from 9th Street to 10th Street. Klukan explained he does not have a date set yet. Klukan stated he will be asking all the Businesses to get involved.

Mayor Mantini asked Paul Klukan to inform him when any meetings will be taking place.

Mohney made a motion to grant permission to the Light Up Night Committee to close the streets for a date to be determined and communicate it to Ford City Borough and coordinate with the Businesses in the Business District. the Street Department, Police Department and Superintendent Coffey. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Council President Lux asked Paul Klukan if he would be interested in spearheading a 125 Anniversary Celebration?

Klukan answered he would have to speak with the other members of his committee.

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Mayor Mantini reminded everyone the birthday of John B. Ford is November 17 who was born in 1811. Mantini asked that something be done to commemorate.

Klukan asked why is the John B. Ford statue will facing the river? Mayor Mantini answered he did not know why and the Borough doesn't have the money to turn the statue.

Council President stated this is something to consider for the future.

GAZEBO

Klukan made a motion to grant permission to Shanna Mechling to use 7th Avenue Playground on Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and notify the Street Department and the Police Department. Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 4-0 Lux abstains because she is a relative.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dennis Piccoli, 1228 5th Avenue, explained he has a problem with the Sewage Project that has not been solved. Piccoli stated he identified where his water line was located. His line was hit and charged \$700 to m. Why is he responsible when the line was marked incorrectly. The contractor hit the electric line and he is still without television service, air conditioning, furnace and garage door opener.

Council President Lux stated the proper place for Mr. Piccoli to go with these problems is the Sewage Authority Meeting.

Dillard explained anyone with a problem with the Sewage Project should fill out a complaint form. Dillard stated council even discussed terminating the Sewage Project, but were told they could not.

Mr. Piccoli explained he went to the Sewage Authority and noone gave a damn about his situation. A person named "Hoss" came to his home and told him to turn a claim into his homeowners. Piccoli stated he paid \$700 to have his electric service restored.

Mohney said all members of council have concerns about this project.

Mr. Piccoli stated he is getting an attorney and asked Borough Engineer Dave Nichols, "Why haven't you been out on the street?"

Council President Lux stated a separate inspector should have been hired.

Miklos asked is there a problem or not a problem.

Council President Lux stated to Miklos you are out of turn I did not call on you.

Ruth Cogley, spoke about Glass-Steagall mobilization [LaRouchePAC.com/glass-steagall] which is the separation of commercial and investment banking.

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Floryan Klimkowicz stated it is difficult to see when pulling out at the intersection of 4th Avenue & 5th Street. What is the occupancy fee for and it is a tax? Council President explained this has been discussed before and the money is placed in the General Fund.

Mayor Mantini stated people are allowing family members to live in the properties and maybe they should not be required to pay. Council President Lux stated this is the ordinance you wanted. Lux stated our ordinances are antiquated. Mayor Mantini stated we need a functioning Planning Commission.

Renee Zacour asked Financial Chairman Harmon about the fees for the two major demolition projects. Zacour if funds were received for these projects and where did the money do? Harmon answered he would have to review the information. Zacour asked if everyone was aware the building contains transite? Council President Lux answered it is asbestos and they are aware. Zacour asked what abatement was done on the #228 property. Lux answered something was done, but can't recall. Zacour stated there was no abatement on the Building #228. Zacour stated the roof was removed and Ford City was showered with asbestos. Will there be a demolition permit for the new demolition project? Council President stated there will be a permit issued and they have not waived the fee. Dillard stated the demolition fee for the Building #228 fee may have been waived. Zacour stated there is still debris on the property that keeps getting moved around. Dillard explained the debris is still there and it is stored on a corner of the property. Zacour stated the issue is the asbestos abatement. Council President stated DEP was there when the building came down.

Solicitor Wolfe explained there was some debris on the property and Mr. Sipes and the Sewage Contractor moved the debris to the edge of Building #228 property.

Zacour stated the issue is the asbestos abatement and that she spent several days observing the work.

Jeff Stennett, 1230 5th Avenue, explained he is a frustrated citizen and feels like he is being ignored by the Sewage Authority. Council President Lux explained a file is being maintained with information regarding the Sewage Project. This file will be submitted to the Sewage Authority. Stennett thanked Ray [Klukan], Lisa [Bittner] and Larry [Coffey] for their assistance.

Stennett asked if he is able to obtain a copy of the contract for the Sewage Project? Solicitor Wolfe answered yes.

Jerry Miklos, stated to Council President Lux, aren't you ashamed of yourself, not allowing the lady [Ruth Cogley] to speak at a prior meeting and making her travel to another meeting.

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Lux explained that was not the case.

Arguing took place and Miklos was escorted from the meeting.

Councilman Klukan stated that when Jerry Miklos was president of Borough Council he had Whitey Czekanski banned from attending the meetings.

ATTENDANCE Council President Lux leaves the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe asked in everyone was familiar with the ARC Manor letter.

Dillard stated the Zoning Ordinance cannot be changed and ARC Manor must go through the process. There will be a meeting with the Zoning Officer and a representative from F & M Bank on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend.

ATTENDANCE Mayor Mantini leaves the meeting and returns immediately.

Dillard spoke to Councilman Harmon and implored him that the next council should not do any spot Zoning.

Solicitor Wolfe reminded everyone Police Negotiations will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome to supply him with comments.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini thanked everyone for a fine Heritage Days, thanked members of the Ford City Hockey team for posting signs, thanked Rande Volek for picking up trash around town, stated the Kittanning Fireman's Band performed nicely in Washington, D.C., thanked the Police Department and Superintendent Coffey and his crew for their work around town, thanked PCC [Pennsylvania Conservation Corp.] Crew Leader Larry Gray and his crew for their work, this is a nice program which provides skills to the crew, thanked the Garden Club, Ford City Softball and reminded everyone John B. Ford has a birthday in November.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dillard had no comments at this time.

Mohney thanked Council and Heritage Days, the town looked good, commended Superintendent Coffey and his crew, thanked the Police Department, thanked the community for their support. Mohney explained he has the answer for Jerry [Miklos] even though he is not here, all the Heritage Days bills are paid, and the ticket Jerry was inquiring about was never purchased, but wanted paid for the tickets.

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Harmon expresses his condolences to John [Lux on the passing of his father] and stated the reason there was not a meeting on at the end of June was due to lack of a quorum.

Klukan thanked Superintendent Coffey for repairing the leak at 4th Avenue & 14th Street.

Mitch Fryer asked what were the items purchased from National Road Utility Service? Mohney answered curb boxes and clean out tool.

Klimokowicz asked if the pot holes are being patched? Dillard answered yes the pot holes are being patched. The alleys will be tarred and chipped. Possibly next year there may be some paving done in the alleys.

ADJOURNMENT Mohney made a motion at 7:43 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous.

Ray W. Klukan
Council Vice-President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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