

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
LOCATION – FORD CITY BOROUGH BUILDING
MARCH 3, 2011

MEETING SIGN IN SHEET Everyone addressing council, must sign in on the meeting sign in sheet. All speakers must step to the microphone to speak. Begin with stating your name and address for the record.

Residents shall not speak for longer than five (5) minutes. The total time allotted for public participation shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes unless otherwise waived by a majority of the quorum.

CALL TO ORDER Council President Lux called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting will be audio taped.

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

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

ATTENDANCE Frank Wolfe - Borough Solicitor, Mitch Fryer, Jerry Miklos, Paul Ondrusek, and Greg Dinko were also present.

RESIGNATION Lux explains situation with Councilman Ray Klukan who submitted a resignation and then decided pull his resignation. Council will remain the same.

Dillard made a motion to accept the resignation of Paul Harmon from the Sewage Authority. Seconded by Mohney.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

Klukan made a motion to advertise the Street Sweeping Schedule for 2011 and reduce the amount of street sweeping schedules ordered to 2000. Seconded by Mohney.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PUMP HOUSE REPAIR Dillard made a motion to accept the quote from Plaza Electric in the amount of \$8,535.00 to provide parts and labor to repair the pump house. Seconded by Mohney.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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Miklos questioned council about receiving any other bids.

Dillard and Lux explain that council received 3 bids.

Plaza Electric = \$8,535.00
Stewart = \$8,869.00
H & H = \$9,975.00

PART-TIME POLICE

Vergari made a motion to hire Tony Anthony, Ryan Clark, Kevin Hess, Josh Riggle, Lee Shumaker, and Dennis Tymenski, at part-time police officers 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 Office in Charge and the Mayor and to be paid the current wage of a part-time police officer. Seconded by Klukan.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

ARMSTRONG COUNTY RECREATION GRANT - 2011

Klukan made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the Armstrong County Recreation Grant for 2011. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dillard made a motion to enter into executive session at 5:15 p.m. Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Klukan made a motion to enter into regular session at 5:35 p.m. Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Dillard explained that executive session was to discuss an employment issue and charges filed against Fred Dzugan.

Wolfe recuses himself and explains it is up to council to decide to pay the retainer for Fred Dzugan.

Dillard made a motion to pay for the special legal representation for Fred Dzugan.

Motion fails for lack of a second.

Paul Ondrusek questions what this is about.

Greg Dinko questions council about not representing Fred Dzugan and questions who leaked information? Dinko stated the mayor is not doing a very good job with the Police Department. Dinko questions what structural engineer deemed his structure unsafe?

Dillard answers Dave Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering.

Dillard questions the reporter from The Kittanning Paper as to where he obtained the information used in the article concerning

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Dzugan.

The Kittanning Paper stated the editor of the paper verified the information with Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

Dillard states he is not the secretary and that no one contacted him concerning Dzugan.

Mitch Fryer - Leader-Times states that he has the same information.

Dillard states timing is suspicious and appalled that council cannot vote yes to represent a borough employee doing job for the borough.

Mitch Fryer questions if anyone on board initiated Labor & Industry investigation? Mohny and council answer it was not any of them. Fryer questions if anyone gave documents? There was no response. Fryer asks if formal councilman Tom Shaffer was involved? There was no response.

Dillard states a good journalist checks out information to verify filings with civil courts public documents.

Solicitor Wolfe would like permission from Council to send proposed agreement to Phil Fraga - Comcast. Council instructs him to forward the document.

Dillard would like unlimited high speed internet service included in the agreement.

Solicitor Wolfe explained the agreement does include internet service.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS Solicitor Wolfe stated Comcast does provide cable now and the new agreement includes internet service.

COUNCIL COMMENTS Harmon questions why so long, move along.

Mohny has no comment at this time.

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Dillard states it is interesting to deal with small government. 66 years community service, feels Ford City needs to turn toward the positive and away from the pettiness about how money is spent. Feels too much crap goes on in back room and personalities and outlooks need to change.

Vergari has no comment at this time.

Klukan apologized to the office staff. Klukan states he is still willing to talking to EXCO, and he will be the first to sign a lease.

Harmon has no comment at this time.

Lux agrees with Klukan about EXCO, and states council has to take chances. Lux states he is on fence with Fred and has talked with Paul and feels this could keep snowballing. Fred is a borough employee but Lux understands both sides.

ADJOURNMENT

Mohney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.
Seconded by Vergari. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

John M. Lux
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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