

**MINUTES**  
**FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**LOCATION- FORD CITY BOROUGH BUILDING**  
**MAY 9, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER** 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.

Council President Lux called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting will be audio taped by Family Life TV and broadcast on WTYM radio station.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Lux led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lux read the announcements. (Attachment) Vergari explained the Armstrong County Trust "Day of Giving" will be held on Thursday, May 12 and any donations made to the Ford City Public Library will be matched. The library will hold a plant sale on Saturday, June 4.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Solicitor Frank Wolfe, Borough Engineer Dave Nichols, Superintendent Coffey, Sandy Hutchison, Paul Ondrusek, Jerry Miklos, Mitch Fryer and David Croyle were also present.

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Vergari asked to include the dates of trash days to page 5 of the minutes from 4-11-2011. Trash Days: July 18-23 1<sup>st</sup> Ward; July 25-29 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Miklos asked that the words "front door" be added to page 6 of the minutes and change the words to "are to meet quarterly".

Klukan made a motion to approve the minutes from 4-11-2011 with proposed changes. Seconded by Mohney.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

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Wolfe would like the sewage motion changed to read that Mr. Harmon's term, 12-31-2014, was replaced on page 2 of the minutes from 4-26-2011.

Klukan made a motion to approve the minutes from 4-26-2011 with proposed changes. Seconded by Harmon.  
Motion Carried. 5-0 Mohny abstains.

**POLICE REPORT** Mantini read the police report and advised citizens that they may report any witness of a crime privately. (Attachment)

Klukan questions mayor as to when police will start bike patrol.

Mantini answers soon.

Klukan made a motion to accept the Police Report for April 2011.  
Seconded by Vergari. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Harmon read the Water Reports. (Attachment)

Mohny made a motion to accept the Water Reports. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Water Reports are available in the Borough Office.

Harmon read th Treasurer's Report. (Attachments)

Klukan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2011 and pay the bills in the amount of \$333,824.07 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Harmon made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Seconded by Vergari. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous. (Attachment)

#### ENGINEER REPORT

David Nichols summarized his Engineering Report for May 9, 2011.

Ford City Water System Improvement Project - applications were filed.

Heating System has received the final inspection and recommend final payment be made to JB Mechanical in the amount of \$3053.00

Mohny made a motion to approve Change Order #1 as a credit in the amount of \$2,340.00 and final payment in the amount of \$4,053.00.  
Seconded by Vergari. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

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approved 6-13-20 Nichols states extension will be given in June 2011. Painting will be done this year.

Harmon asked for an update on the catch basin replacement. Nichols answered he provided drawings to Councilman Dillard.

Vergari made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2011 PAVING PROJECT**

Dillard made a motion to advertise for the 2011 Paving in the amount of \$98,000 as listed on the specifications prepared by Penndot. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

**SEWAGE PROJECT** Previously discussed during the Engineering Report.

Miklos would like council to explain if streets are bonded.

Lux states that they are bonded but will look and find out amount of the bond . Lux tells Miklos to go to the Sewage Authority and ask.

### **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

Vergari asks what the property maintenance code is.

Dillard explains to Vergari. (Attachment)

Mantini questions if this will control blight.

Dillard states that this code will help and reinforce older ordinance.

Dillard made a motion to advertise the Property Maintenance Code Ordinance. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

### **FIRE TRUCK ADVERTISE FOR SALE**

Klukan made a motion to advertise "For Sale" 1984 Pierce Fire Engine with a minimum bid of \$20,000 - OBO in the Leader-Times and in "The Pennsylvania Fireman" for a half page advertisement at a cost of \$103.00 and all monies received from the sale must be placed in the Fire Fund.

David Croyle asks about fire fund.

Miklos would like further explanation about sale of truck and if the sale of the truck would negate tax increase.

Lux said they will take under advisement.

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Mohney makes a second to the motion made by Klukan.

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Vergari states that money should go to general fund.

Lux & Klukan stated the money would be placed back in the Fire Fund.

Mohney states that everything is increasing, and stated the money should be put back in Fire Fund.

Miklos states that taxpayers are already being taxed for one truck, now for two Fire Trucks.

Lux disagrees because the first Fire Truck has been paid off.

Croyle states to Vergari that any monies should go back to general fund because the borough bought it.

New truck cost twice as much, understand why put back in Fire Tax Account.

Croyle - explains answer.

Miklos - any Fire Department audit?

Vergari - haven't seen.

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Lux calls for a vote.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

#### POLICE PENSION PLAN

Klukan made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the First Amendment to the Police Pension Plan for the purpose of removing the Killed-in-Service provision and to comply with Act 51 of 2009. Seconded by Vergari. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous. (Attachment)

WATER PROJECT Already discussed during the Engineering Report See Engineer's Report

Mantini questions council about grants...\$805,000, wall grant lost, catch basins got.

Lux states prior council lost wall grant.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### BOROUGH ASSOCIATION

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Klukan made a motion to authorize any Council Member, Mayor Mantini and the Borough Secretary to attend the Borough Association meeting on Thursday, May 26 at a cost of \$20.00 per person. Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

## MALEC PLAYGROUND

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to the Rhonda McKenzie to use the Malec Playground on Saturday, May 28, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and inform the Street Department and Police Department. Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

## RECORDS RETENTION

Harmon made a motion to destroy the list of documents submitted as approved by Solicitor Wolfe. Seconded by Klukan. (Attachment) Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

**FORD CITY LIONS** Klukan made a motion to grant permission to the Ford City Lions Club as requested to hold their annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 29, 2011. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Mohny would like to make sure the siren works prior to the ceremony.

## FORD CITY MINISTERIUM

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to the Ford City Ministerial Association for use of Ford City Park on Sunday, June 26 and Sunday, July 10. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

## ROAD CLOSING REQUEST

Harmon explained request.

Lux would like to discuss later after speaking with Fire Chief and Police.

Mohny made a motion to table until next meeting. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

**Jerry Miklos** spoke regarding a letter Council President wrote to EDA, 3-8-2010 and responded on 3-26-2010 March letter, 11-8-2010. Lux responded he does not have this information at this time.

Miklos would like to know why he can't speak with Ford City's auditor. States he was told by auditor that he would have check with the Council President before speaking with him. Lux answered he will have to look into the matter.

Miklos stated he sent three or four letters to council in the past year and never received a response. Lux disagrees.

Miklos asked that the responses be shown to him at the next meeting? Lux stated he responded each time, because you contacted the state each time.

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Miklos and Lux disagree.  
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Miklos stated the Right to Know is a different story, sent registered letter, has not gotten responses from Mantini, BOH didn't have a meeting Miklos tells Mantini that he missed BOH, and expressed a sunshine law concern.

Mayor Mantini apologized for missing the BOH meeting.

Solicitor Wolfe explained a chance gathering of councilmen is not considered a meeting. A meeting is designed with an opportunity for members to attend.

Lux states there was no meeting.

**Bill Oleksak** thanked council for their cooperation with the Ford City Lions. Announced the Memorial Day Service will be broadcast on WTYM radio and audio will be available on Channel 23, Family Life Television.

#### SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe has no comment at this time.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS

Softball fields look good, thanked the people that pick up litter, reminded everyone to donate to the Library on 5-12-2011, thanked the girls in office for obtaining a \$5000 grant [Port of Pittsburgh], on 4-26-2011 Congressman Critz sponsored a seminar concerning grants, public should inform the police if they see vandalism, God Bless America and the American military.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dillard has no comment at this time.

Vergari look at library if there is extra money received from the sale [of the 1984 Pierce].

Klukan reminds everyone to vote.

Mohney thanks Oleksak for the positive comments and reminds everyone to vote.

Harmon has no comment at this time.

Lux reminds everyone to vote. Lux explained he called the police station to report vandals at Boulder Park and stated "JOB WELL DONE" to the Forde City Police Department.

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Klukan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Seconded by Vergari. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

John M. Lux  
Council President

Lisa Bittner  
Borough Secretary