

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION – FORD CITY BOROUGH BUILDING
JUNE 13, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Council President John Lux called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Lux advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, June 13, 2011 will be audio and video taped by Family Life TV.

Lux asks if anyone is audio or video taping this meeting. There was no response.

Lux asks everyone to please turn cell phones off. If you must answer, please step out of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Lux read the announcements. (Attachment)

ROLL CALL

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

ATTENDANCE

Solicitor Frank Wolfe, Borough Engineer David Nichols [Nichols & Slagle], Superintendent Emil Coffey, Paul Ondrusek, Sandy Hutchison, Tom Ondrusek, Jeff Stennett, Stacy Klukan, Jerry Miklos, Marlene Szymanski, and Floryan Klimkowicz were also present.

MINUTES

Vergari made a motion to approve the minutes for 4-11-2011 with corrections. Seconded by Klukan. (Attachment)
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Klukan made a motion to approve the minutes for 5-9-2011. Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Mohny made a motion to approve the minutes for 5-24-2011. Seconded by Harmon. Motion Carried. 5-0 Dillard abstains.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Mantini read the police report and thanked the Drug Task Force. Mantini mentioned an article that appeared in the Valley News Dispatch on Monday, May 23, 2011.

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Mohny made a motion to accept the Police Report for May 2011. Seconded by Harmon. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous. (Attachment)

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Harmon read the Water Reports and states all samples are ok.(Attachment)

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

Water Reports are available in the Borough Office.

Harmon read the Treasurer's Report. (Attachment)

Dillard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for April 2011 and pay the bills in the amount of \$42,475.05 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Klukan made a motion to ratify one payment to National Road Utility Supply in the amount of \$1583.86. Seconded by Vergari. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL

CUB CADET - Vergari made a motion to purchase a Cub Cadet [GT2000] from W.C. Crytzer in the amount of \$3149.25. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous. (Attachment)

COSTANZO TREE SERVICE - Dillard made a motion to authorize Craig Costanzo to remove trees from the Borough Park. Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous. (Attachment)

PAYMENT TO RATIFY

NATIONAL ROAD - Klukan made a motion to ratify the payment of \$1583.86 to National Road Utility Service. Seconded by Vergari. Motion Carried 6-0 Unanimous

ENGINEER REPORT

Dave Nichols read the Engineer Report. 2011 Paving project received one bid from Derry Construction for \$73,219.00. Must submit a performance bond.

Dillard made a motion to accept the bid from Derry Construction pending review of the paperwork by the Borough Engineer. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Vergari questions #3 on Engineer Report - 2007 CDBG Project. Will the grant amount cover the cost of the dust collector?

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

Harmon asked what was happening with the addition to FCHS.

Nichols explained L. R. Kimball - school architect needs approvals.

Nichols stated PennDOT explained to him the state had to clarify the curbing questions and all other questions he could answer

Per Dave, should he draft a letter?

Yes.

Wolfe states it is good to have two sources of water [existing service line from 4th Avenue and new service line from 5th Avenue].

Vergari asks if they will be installing a new line anyhow.

Nichols answers yes.

OLD BUSINESS

PAVING 2011

Discussed earlier during the Engineer Report.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Harmon made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the Property Maintenance Code Ordinance and it becomes effective upon passage. Seconded by Dillard. (Attachment)
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Klimkowicz questions what this means.

Dillard explains that this will help community with blighted homes.

Klimkowicz questions how many ordinances there are and how many are enforced.

Dillard states he can get the answers in a few days.

ROAD CLOSING REQUEST

Harmon reads letter from a citizens who would like to close the 500 block of 4th Avenue after parade until 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 2.

Harmon made a motion. Seconded by Vergari. Motion Carried. 3-2-1
Roll Call Vote:

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Ron Dillard - No

John Lux - Yes

Rob Mohney -

Paul Harmon - Yes

Lou Vergari - Yes

Ray Klukan - No

because he is on the Heritage Days Committee

Dillard explained an Avenue should not be closed because it is a safety issue.

Mayor Mantini - with regard to the two blighted blocks with unsafe structures, Mantini thanks Council President Lux for being a liaison would like an update at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MID-COUNTY TRANSIT

Miklos questions if any money is owed. Council President Lux states no.

Vergari made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the agreement between Mid-County Transit Authority and Ford City Borough for the period 7-1-2011 to 6-30-2012 and contribute the sum of \$7,947.00 to Mid-County Transit and Mid-County Transit will provide public transportation service to our Municipality.

Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dillard made a motion to ratify Mayor Mantini attendance at the Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce luncheon with Senator Don White on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the Belmont Complex at a cost of \$25.00. Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

HERITAGE DAYS

Klukan made a motion to authorize Ford City Area Heritage Days to hold a Car Cruise on Friday, July 1, 2011 on the 800 Block of 4th Avenue and inform the Police Department and Street Department. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Mohny Abstains because he is on the Heritage Day Committee.

ZONING HEARING BOARD - RESIGNATION and APPOINTMENT

Dillard made a motion to accept the resignation of Mike Sinawski from the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Dillard made a motion to appoint Mark Coxe as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 5-1 Vergari votes no.

Dillard motion to appoint Renee Zacour

Lux - remember - people in this town didn't vote for Tom Shaffer. Renee Zacour questioned why council would appoint him on a Board when nobody voted for him.

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Vergari added why appoint someone who doesn't know anything about zoning.

Dillard stated Zoning is a five (5) person board

Dillard made a motion to appoint Renee Zacour Seconded by Vergari.

Roll Call Vote:

Ron Dillard - Yes
John Lux - No
Rob Mohny - No

Lou Vergari - Yes
Ray Klukan - Yes
Paul Harmon - No

Mayor Mantini breaks the tie with a no vote. Reason there were a number of incidents involving a business that were not pretty and there was a problem with the Ford Street Project.

F.C.B.M.S.D.A. - RESIGNATION and APPOINTMENT

Harmon made a motion to accept the resignations of Chris Zionkowski and Ronald Dillard from the Sewage Authority. Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Klukan made a motion to appoint Terry Stinson to fill the unexpired term of Christopher Zionkowski the term will expire on 12-31-2012. Seconded by Harmon. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Dillard made a motion to appoint Jennie Morgan to fill the unexpired term of Ronald Dillard the term will expire on 12-31-2015. Seconded by Mohny. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

SIREN

Harmon made a motion to use, based on a recommendation from the Police Department, the Emergency Siren every evening setting off a tone to inform the youth of the community, under the age of 18 it is 10:00 p.m. and they should be off the streets to comply with the curfew.
Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

GAZEBO

Dillard made a motion to ratify permission granted to Hope Swartz to use the Gazebo on Saturday, June 11, 2011 and inform the Police Department and the Street Department. Seconded by Mohny.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

POLICY

Dillard made a motion to adopt the Safety & Risk Management Mission Statement. Seconded by Mohny. (Attachment)
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

POLICY

Dillard made a motion to adopt the Certificate of Insurance Policy. Seconded by Vergari. (Attachment)
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

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BOULDER PARK Dillard made a motion to grant permission to Ford City High School Basketball Coach Al Davis use of Boulder Park Basketball Court on Tuesday Evenings during the summer for the Girl's Basketball Program. Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISOR

Klukan made a motion to hire Aaron Shriver for the 2011 playground supervisor positions for hours not to exceed 20 per week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. obtaining Act 34 Clearance and to be paid the rate of PA State Minimum Wage, pass a background check and to be scheduled as needed. Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

PART-TIME POLICE

Dillard made a motion to hire Johnathan Freel as a part-time police officer for the normal (6) six month probationary period, passing a physical examination, psychological examination, and background check to be performed at the direction of the Officer in Charge and the Mayor and to be paid the current wage of a the part-time police officer. Seconded by Mohney. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Vergari made a motion based on the request of the FCAPL/CC Board of Trustees to designate Stan Westberg as Trustee Emeritus. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Vergari made a motion based on the request of the FCAPL/CC Board of Trustees to appoint Connie Ruffner to fill the unexpired term of Stan Westberg until 12-21-2011. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Vergari made a motion based on the request of the FCAPL/CC Board of Trustees to appoint Connie Ruffner to begin a three year term as Library Trustee effective 1-1-2012. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mitch Fryer questions how many positions are on Zoning.

Dillard states there are five (5) seats and two (2) alternates. There are two (2) open seats and two (2) alternate seats.

Floryan Klimkowicz again questions why the occupancy fee is being put into the general fund. He states that a fee is not a tax.

Lux and Mohney state that council will have Wolfe look into it.

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Harmon states that the auditor never had a finding concerning the treatment of the occupancy fee.

Szymanski asks if citizens are allowed to place no parking signs in front of their houses.

Lux answered no.

Szymanski concerned about noise at Gazebo on Sunday during Christ Prince of Peace Mass.

Harmon states that nothing was heard in the church.

Szymanski states that the grass is high at the house across the street from the library.

Klimkowicz asks council if parking on the curb is allowed.

Miklos asks Lux if he is president of the fire department.

Lux answers yes.

Miklos questions Lux if there are any financial irregularities in the ambulance service.

Lux states that the director was fired and is now run by a board of directors.

Miklos questions Klukan about the issue and asks Klukan how long he has been employed by the ambulance service.

Klukan states two (2) years and keeps to just working and doesn't know about the financial situation.

Miklos asks about the resolution that was passed two years ago about the council being drug tested. He questions if everyone on council has had their drug test.

Mohney stated he will not go to Dr. Richless.

Council members not tested: Lou Vergari, Rob Mohney, and Ray Klukan.

Mantini states that the drug test is not random. He has been drug tested.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS

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Condolences to soldiers, congratulates 2011 graduates, thanks the garden club, announces river clean up on June 18th 8 a.m., announces the recycling day at Walmart, thanks borough superintendent and borough workers for their work, reports that memorial service siren malfunction was not borough's fault, and states that the fire hydrants look great [being painted red and silver].

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dillard had no comments at this time.

Vergari announces the Ford City Library will be hosting “ World of Friends” in park on Saturday, June 18th.

Klukan states that he wanted to make a motion to pull the sewage project contractor. Withdrew the motion due to liability to borough and taxpayers. States that thanks to the tree huggers the drillers got the gas and Ford City got the shaft.

Mohney states that Heritage Days Committee still needs volunteers. Commends Klukan for painting hydrants. States Boulder Park Basketball Court needs work, would like funds to be raised for this.

Miklos asks Mohney how Heritage Days finances are.

Mohney states fine.

Miklos claims he won on a ticket a few years back and has never been paid.

Mohney tells Jerry to show him the ticket.

Stacy Klukan states that they got an estimate for the surface at Boulder Park a few years ago and the cost was \$28,000. Bill Oleksak working on the height of the hoops. Klukan states the need for funding.

Mohney states to reach out via Facebook to anyone who had ever played there.

Stacy Klukan states that the court has been relined but that the resurfacing job that was done was very crappy.

Vergari comments that a lot of classes from Ford City High School used that court.

Mohney also states that the ballfields look good.

Stacy Klukan states that the Parks and Recreation committee has a match for their \$4000 recreational grant from Belmont Complex.

Lux would like an estimate to wire the concession stand.

Harmon asks if there is a policy limit for the Certificate of Insurance vendors must provide to the Borough.

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Ask Wolfe Agency.

Dave Nichols - NSEI will provide policy limits.

Klukan asks when summer help starts.

Secretary put a call in today to Richless.

Lux states that he went to the Sewage Authority Meeting. Lux questioned where the authority was with the budget. Feels that if project goes above and beyond the budget will come out of taxpayers money.

Lux states that complaint calls are received daily, falls on deaf ears. Lux was told by Sewage Authority that there were only a couple complaints. Lux has gone to Solicitor Wolfe and asked if project could be stopped. Cannot stop project because then the Borough becomes liable. Lux states for the record that he is not happy with the project inspector. Lux informs public to send any complaints in writing for a file he would like to comprise to give to the Sewage Authority. Lux is adamant that this council not be blamed for this project. Lux worried about all the streets and sidewalks. Streets are sinking and lines are being broken. PennDot cannot believe what is going on. This project has caused a lot of borough overtime.

Harmon states that a bill will be sent to the Sewage Authority.

Superintendent affirms the poor work of the contractor.

Szymanski asks why they are not putting in good top soil.

Nichols states that they will put in top soil.

Miklos asks council who will pay Borough back.

Lux states Sewage Authority.

Mohney states that the borough will bill the Sewage Authority and the Sewage Authority will bill the contractor.

Harmon states that he would like the authority to be billed once a month.

Miklos states that it would be wise to withhold money from authority.

Lux announces that the next Sewage Authority meeting will be held in the borough office on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Klukan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Seconded by Harmon. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

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John M. Lux
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary