

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
JANUARY 5, 2004**

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President Dan Cousins called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** Terry Tokarek, Homer Pendleton, Steve Kozuch, Tim Malec, Dan Cousins and John Rudosky
- ATTENDANCE** Mayor Pyle, Kim Petrie - G.F.C.C.D.C., Fred Dzugan - Codes Officer, Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I. and Solicitor Wolfe were also present.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Cousins led everyone in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- CHANGE OF AGENDA**
Cousins explained there will be change in the order of the agenda. Two items, G.F.C.C.D.C. and Old Business, will come after the reorganization takes place.
- REORGANIZATION** Cousins turned the meeting over to Mayor Pyle
- OATH OF OFFICE** Mayor Pyle administered the Oath of Office to Dan Cousins and Homer Pendleton. Mayor Pyle explained John Rudosky was sworn in by Justice DeComo. [Terry Tokarek was also sworn in by Justice DeComo.]
- NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**
Mayor Pyle calls for nominations for Council President.

Pendleton nominates Steve Kozuch.

Malec nominates John Rudosky. Rudosky declines the nomination.

Mayor Pyle asks for further nominations. No response. Nominations are closed. Mayor Pyle calls for a vote. All members vote aye. 6-0 Carried.
Councilman Steven W. Kozuch is Council President.
- NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT**
Mayor Pyle calls for nominations for Council Vice-President.

Rudosky nominates Homer Pendleton.

Mayor Pyle asks for further nominations. No response. Nominations are closed. Mayor Pyle calls for a vote. All members vote aye. 6-0 Carried.
Councilman Homer G. Pendleton is Council Vice-President.
- COMMENDATION** Mayor Pyle turned the meeting over to Council President Kozuch and then thanked Past Council President Dan Cousins for his service to the Borough.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE

President Kozuch thanked Cousins for his two years of dedication as President of Council.

G.F.C.C.D.C.

Kim Petrie explained the Project Status Report and the Grant Funding Report are in the meeting binders. Reports Attached.

Petrie explained they will be submitting a full application to the ARC Group in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for the Ford Street Project. Application due by 1-30-2004.

Petrie invited everyone to attend the regular weekly on site project meeting held at Shop 2.

Petrie explained there is an opening for an appointment to the CDC from council. This is for a one term position for three years. This is for the seat held by Dan Cousins which expired on 12-31-2003.

OLD BUSINESS

President Kozuch asked if there were any Old Business Items? No response.

MINUTES

Kozuch called for additions or corrections to the minutes of 11-17-2003. Pendleton made a motion to accept the minutes of 11-17-2003. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0

Kozuch called for additions or corrections to the minutes of 11-18-2003. Malec made a motion to accept the minutes of 11-18-2003. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0

Kozuch called for additions or correction to the minutes of 12-8-2003. A discussion was held. Further information concerning the Chemical Bids and Salt Bids must be added to the minutes.

Pendleton made a motion to table the 12-8-2003 minutes until 2-2-2004 and add the bid information. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Terry McGinnis - Parkview Apartments, asked if the Borough Engineer has determined anything concerning the ponding water in front of the Parkview Apartments? Kozuch instructed the Secretary to contact Dave Nichols - Borough Engineer.

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McGinnis explained he spoke to Bill Olinger of Penndot concerning the intersection near Rite Aide at 5th Avenue. McGinnis asked what happened to the signs that were placed on the road way? Mayor Pyle explained there were movable signs, but they were stolen or destroyed at least three years ago. Mayor Pyle explained there is a blinking sign in front of Rite Aid. Mayor Pyle explained he has spoken to Rick Hogg from Penndot many times concerning 5th Avenue.

Councilman Cousins asked if additional cones could be attained? Mayor Pyle answered more cones would be fine.

LIBRARY REPORT Lou Vergari - Library Board Member thanked everyone who helped with the Library Fund Raiser held on New Years Eve. Vergari stated the Library gained \$1,262.00

Natalie Vergari - Library Board Member explained the library will be having various fund raisers in the next few months and asked interested citizens to contact the library for further information.

Vergari explained PPG will match any donation to the library in the amount of \$25.00 or larger made by a PPG Employee or Retiree.

POLICE REPORTS Mayor Pyle read from the Police Report for December 2003 and explained the amount of money received is in the amount of \$1,308.00. Reports attached.

Mayor Pyle reminded council members a deadline is coming up in February concerning the Cloonan Deal.

Mayor Pyle stated he has read the document prepared by Ron Dillard [Zoning Board Member] which is a Ford City adaptation of the Bloomsburg Ordinance and requested the council members read this document.

[Council had not been given a copy of the latest Bloomsburg Ordinance.]

Rudosky made a motion to accept the Police Report for November 2003. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous Report Attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Kozuch explained the Water Reports are available for public review. Reports attached.

Pendleton read the Treasurer's Report for November 2003 and total Borough Funds were in the amount of \$271,2600.92 and the unpaid bills total \$86,099.12. Reports attached.

Rudosky makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2003 and pay the bills when money becomes available as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

COUNCIL MEETING DATE - 2004

Malec made a motion to hold the Regular Council meetings on the first Monday of every month, except for September. The September meeting will be held on 9-13-04. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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March 1, 2004	September 13, 2004
April 5, 2004	October 4, 2004
May 3, 2004	November 1, 2004
June 7, 2004	December 6, 2004
July 5, 2004	

JANITOR POSITION Cousins explained the Union Contract has a position for a janitor. Currently the work is being done for \$10.00 per hour and the union is requesting the pay scale be increased to the union wage or cease using the person.

Rudosky made a motion to increase the rate of pay to \$11.01 for the janitorial work which is limited to 10 hours per week. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Rudosky made a motion to appoint Dan Cousins as the Council President Pro Tem. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0

COUNCIL PARLIAMENTARIAN

Malec made a motion to appoint Frank Allan Wolfe as the Council Parliamentarian. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0

TOM HRABOSKY PARKING REQUEST

President Kozuch explained he has spoken to Tom Hrabosky about his request and asked him to resubmit his request. Marc Mantini stated this was discussed at a Planning Commission Meeting and he will locate the notes and deliver them to the Borough Office.

ENGINEER APPOINTMENT

Malec asked what is the status of the work done on 17th Street Manor Twp. water line project? Dave Nichols explained he has had no communication with them and hoped the patch is a temporary one?

Malec asked what is the status of the bond held on the Roscoe Project? Nichols explained the Bonding Company went broke and the receiving company has been sent a request.

Rudosky made a motion to retain the firm of Nichols & Slagle Engineering as the Borough Engineer. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Letter Attached.

SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT

Pendleton made a motion to appoint Frank Allan Wolfe as the Borough Solicitor. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0

ARMSTRONG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Malec explained the F.C. High School has requested using the Fort Run Ballfield for the Girl's Softball games. Malec explained the ASA was given permission to use the Fort Run Ballfield for their Spring and Fall season during 2004. Cousins read from a section of the minutes [7-17-2003] where a motion was made to grant permission just as Malec explained. A discussion took place and there was no decision made.

APPOINTMENTS

President Kozuch asked council members to let him know what Council Committees they would be interested to serve on.

Kozuch explained he will need to make an appointment of the 3 year term to expire on 12-31-2006 to the CDC. Kozuch asked Cousins if would like to remain on CDC

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Board? Cousins answered since tabling the council committee it would seem appropriate to table the CDC appointment.

RALLY FOR LIFE Pendleton made a motion to approve, Christ Prince of Peace Church, use of the Gazebo on Saturday, January 17, 2003 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for their Regional Rally for Life. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0

THOMPSON AGREEMENT

Pendleton made a motion to approve the agreement with Susan Lasher Thompson dated 12-31-2003. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 (Agreement Attached)

MCLAUGHLIN AGREEMENT

Pendleton explained an agreement from Mark McLaughlin and there should be separate agreements for the professional services. Pendleton stated Mark McLaughlin and Susan Lasher Thompson.

Pendleton made a motion to table the McLaughlin agreement until it is reviewed by Solicitor Wolfe. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0

ENGINEER REPORT Dave Nichols submitted his monthly report dated January 5, 2004. (Report Attached)

Pendleton asked Nichols what is the status of the Ford Street Project. Nichols suggested the Borough file a full application for the \$100,000 ARC [Appalachian Regional Commission] Grant money.

Nichols explained without the funds in place there won't be any construction.

Nichols explained he prepared a prototype for new water service application for review.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor requested council members review the ordinance prepared by the Planning and Zoning concerning the Bloomsburg Ordinance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

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2/2/2004*

Cousins welcomed John Rudosky as a new councilman, thanked Jerry Miklos for his years of service, congratulated Steve Kozuch on his appointment as the Council President. Cousins thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve on Council.

Malec had no comments at this time.

Rudosky thanked all fellow council members for making his transition onboard very easy and that he is looking forward to working with everyone and hope everyone will do what is right for the Borough.

Pendleton thanked Dan Cousins for his work as Council President and to John Rudosky for the work he has already done on behalf of the Borough. Pendleton stated there are a great many problems that need resolved.

Tokarek had no comments at this time.

Kozuch reminded everyone there is a Citizen at Large Position open on the CDC Board.

Kozuch thanked Jerry Miklos for his many years of service to the Borough and thanked Dan Cousins for taking the responsibility of Council President for the past two years - you have earned a rest. Kozuch welcomed the two new council members, Terry Tokarek and John Rudosky, for the work they have done so far. Kozuch explained he looks forward to having a good year.

ADJOURNMENT

Rudosky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pendleton.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary