

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 1, 2004**

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President Steve Kozuch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- AUDIO TAPED** Council President Kozuch informed everyone the meeting is being audio and video taped.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Council President Kozuch led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** Terry Tokarek, Homer Pendleton, John Rudosky, Steve Kozuch, Tim Malec, and Dan Cousins were present.
- ATTENDANCE** Mayor Pyle, Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I., Eugene Banks - Planning Commission, and Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe.
- MAYOR'S REPORT** Rudosky made a motion to allow Mayor Pyle to submit the Police Report and the Mayor's Report at this time. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous
- Mayor Pyle stated that total fines collected for the month of October 2004 are in the amount of \$1619.00. Mayor Pyle read the Mayor's Report for November 2004. Mayor Pyle proclaims Friday, November 5, 2004 as Buddy Poppy Day. (Reports Attached)
- Rudosky made a motion to accept the Police Report and the Mayor's Report. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous
- Mayor Pyle leaves the meeting at 6:05 p.m.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Council President Kozuch read a list of announcements. (Attached)
- CITIZEN COMMENTS**
Amy Heilman, Ford City Area Business & Professional Assoc., invited everyone to attend Ford City's Light Up Night on Friday, December 3, 2004. Events begin at 5:30 p.m. with a parade. Heilman was instructed to speak to the Police Department to coordinate the parade route.
- Rudosky made a motion to close all of Ford Street and 3rd Avenue from 10th Street to 9th Street. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous
- Pendleton asked if any events were being planned for New Year's Eve. Heilman answered that nothing has been discussed.

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Jeremy Hospodar, member Ford City Football, spoke on behalf of the team and thanked the community for their support during the season. Hospodar asked everyone to decorate their homes with purple and gold and explained the team is in the W.P.I.A.L. Playoffs and their next game is Friday, December 5, 2004 against Aliquippa.

Terry McGinnis, 319 9th Street, explained there is an illegal vehicle parked behind the hi-rise and could something be done about it? Councilman Rudosky explained this is a police matter and instructed McGinnis to contact the police.

McGinnis asked if the motorized scooters were permitted on the sidewalks? Councilman Rudosky explained this is a police matter and instructed McGinnis to contact the police.

McGinnis explained there is a problem with the Fire Departments entering the apartments owned by the Armstrong County Housing Authority. Rudosky explained this is something that the Housing Authority residents must address with the Housing Authority.

John Bielski, 1220 5th Avenue, will wait until later in the meeting until the agenda item 8 is discussed.

Al Garay, 500 5th Avenue, submitted a blank petition and asked anyone interested to please sign it. The petition is in favor of finding an alternative route for the truck traffic on 5th Avenue.

Garay explained the Gas Station located near the 500 Block of 5th Avenue is no longer operating. The property is a mess and someone should be cleaning this up. Rudosky asked Garay to contact the Ford City Police Dept.

Garay asked if the persons that damaged the John B. Ford Statue had served their time. Kozuch explained that most have completed their time.

Anita Denardo and Bill Richard, ASA Softball, thanked council for allowing them to use the Fort Run Playground for their games and practices. Denardo explained they spent hundreds of hours maintaining the field and asked to have the same arrangement for the Spring of 2005. They may have three teams next year.

A discussion took place concerning use of the field by other ball teams.

Rudosky made a motion to grant permission to the ASA to use the Fort Run Field for the Spring of 2005 with the understanding the same stipulations apply. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Denardo explained since the access road to the Playground has been closed, Borough Worker's removed a piece of fence so an Emergency Vehicle may obtain access to the field.

Dave Wolfe, R.D. #7 - Box 315, will wait until later in the meeting when agenda item #10 is discussed.

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Marc Mantini, explained the scrap metal price for the fire truck is approximately \$1,000.00 and the garbage truck is \$1200.00.

Mantini asked if there has been any unnecessary overtime? Council President Kozuch answered that he is not aware of any.

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

Solicitor Wolfe explained there are two resolutions that must be signed by the Council President. Wolfe explained one is for the monies received from the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program in the amount of \$3,000,000. The second is for monies received from the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Wolfe explained both projects are essentially completed and only a few punch list items remain.

Rudosky made a motion to authorize Council President Kozuch to sign both resolutions. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attached)

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Cousins made a motion to accept the minutes of 10-4-2004 as presented. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kozuch stated the Water Reports are available in the Borough Office.

Rudosky made a motion to accept the Water Reports. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Reports Attached)

Pendleton read the Treasurer's Report for September 2004. Total Borough Funds are in the amount of \$442,222.07. Pendleton explained the bills to approve are in the amount of \$21,531.85. (Reports Attached)

Rudosky made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2004 and pay the bills as money becomes available as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

ENGINEER REPORT Dave Nichols submitted the engineer's report for November 2004. (Report Attached)

Nichols explained the storm water report for the new S & T Bank building must be filed to close the project.

Nichols explained he is waiting for documents from Carmen Johnson - Armstrong County Planning for the Ford Street Project.

Nichols requested to be informed when a meeting with Pashek is scheduled.

Nichols explained the presentation to the Southwest Planning Commission went well and the feed back has been good. This presentation was for the Safe Routes to School.

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LIBRARY HVAC Nichols explained he has opened and tabulated the HVAC Bids received for the Library HVAC Project.

Rudosky made a motion to table the bids received for review and recommendation from Nichols & Slagle Engineering for action to be taken at the next meeting. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

BULK DEICING SALT

Nichols explained he opened and tabulated the Salt Bids received, they are as follows:

North American Salt	\$44.95/Ton
American Rock Salt	no bid
Eastern Salt Co.	no bid
International Salt Co.	no bid
Morton Salt	no bid

Rudosky made a motion to accept and award the bid from North American Salt pending approval from Pete Milito. Seconded by Cousins. 6-0 Unanimous

CHEMICALS

Nichols explained he opened and tabulate the bids received for the filter plant Chemicals, they are as follows:

	Greer Lime Company	Interstate Chemical	Mercer Lime	Sal Chemical	Univar
SULFURIC ACID	xxxxxxx	\$15.00/CWT	xxxxxxx	\$14.50/CWT	\$18.40/CWT
LIQUID CAUSTIC	xxxxxxx	\$475.00/dry ton	xxxxxxx	\$521.80/dry ton	\$568.00/dry ton
HYDRO-FLUOSILICIC ACID	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	\$13.70/CWT	\$15.40/CWT
SODIUM SILICATE	xxxxxxx	\$18.00/CWT	xxxxxxx	\$27.20/CWT	\$23.90/CWT
CHLORINE GAS	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	\$55.00/CWT	\$50.00/CWT
HYDRATED LIME	\$124.50/TON	xxxxxxx	\$105.50/TON	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx

Rudosky made a motion to award to the lowest responsible bidder as recommended by Patrick Cujas. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PSAB LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Council President Kozuch explained the PSAB Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2004 - Station Square. Kozuch stated this has already been approved for council to attend. If anyone planning to attend, please let the secretary know.

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S & T BANK AGREEMENT
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Pendleton made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the agreement between Ford City Borough and S & T Bank for the Storm Water Management Control Plan for their 5th Avenue location. Seconded by Rudosky.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PDP Solicitor Wolfe stated he will prepare a draft of the ordinance for the PDP for the next regular council meeting to be held on Monday, December 6, 2004.

STOP SIGN ORDINANCE

Rudosky made a motion to advertise the ordinance for installing two additional Stop Sign at the intersection of 6th Avenue & 11th Street - this will then be a 4 way stop sign intersection. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-1 Cousins votes no.

HANDICAP SIGN Rudosky made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Handicap Committee to approve the Handicap Sign request of Anne Bielski. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FINANCE Pendleton explained the finance committee has been working on the Budget for 2005. A copy of the expenses is included in each binder.

Pendleton explained a copy of the proposal from Maher Duessel to perform the audit for 2004, 2005 and 2006 is included in the binder. Pendleton asked each council member to review these documents.

Pendleton explained there will be another finance meeting and he will let everyone know when it will be scheduled.

Rudosky asked for additional time to review the proposal from Maher Duessel and could this be placed on the next agenda? Pendleton agreed.

ARMSTRONG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Garritano, Assistant Superintendent ASD, read from a letter to Council President Kozuch dated 10-29-2004. (Letter Attached)

ASD is requesting Ford City Borough designate Armstrong School District as the programmer for the Public Educational and Government (PEG) channel. [Family-Life TV is the official municipal channel.] (Resolution Attached)

Dave Wolfe spoke in opposition to the School District using Tax Payer money to fund a Public Education Station. Eighteen jobs could be lost at Family-Life TV.

Rudosky spoke concerning members of the School Board attempting to influence Council to concur with the School district Proposal. If permitted by the School District, Family-Life TV will provide coverage of school events.

A discussion took place concerning the agreement with Family-Life TV and Armstrong School District being the Ford City Borough PEG Channel designate.

Rudosky will facilitate a meeting between Armstrong School District and Family-Life TV.

Rev. Dave Croyle, Family-Life TV, explained many options are available with a PEG Channel and that Family-Life TV has never charged Armstrong School

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District for anything.

Rudosky made a motion to table this item. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried.
6-0 Unanimous

PLANNING COMMISSION

Rudosky made a motion to accept the resignation of Jeffrey A. Mantini from the Planning Commission and instruct the Secretary to prepare a letter of thanks for his service and to advertise for interested citizens willing to serve on the Planning Commission and any other committees as needed. Seconded by Pendleton.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

2005 TAX DUPLICATE

Pendleton made a motion to approve Armstrong County preparing the 2005 Tax Duplicate. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

2004 STATE PENSION DISTRIBUTION

Rudosky made a motion to distribute the amount of \$26,298.00 plus interest to the Police Pension Fund and the amount of \$26,106.39 to the Non-Uniform Pension Fund as recommended by Mockenhaupt Benefits Group. Seconded by Pendleton.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

SAFETY COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE

Rudosky made a motion to authorize a maximum of three members from the Ford City Safety Committee to attend the Roundtable Forum on Tuesday, November 23 and reimburse them for mileage and attendees must car pool to save money. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

BOROUGH ASSOCIATION

Rudosky made a motion to grant permission to any Council Member and the Borough Secretary to attend the Borough's Association Meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2004 at a cost of \$12.00 per person. Seconded by Pendleton.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe explained the DCED approved the unfunded debt. The proper paperwork will be forwarded to S & T Bank.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins thanked Jeff Mantini for his many years of service. Good Luck to Mayor Pyle in the election tomorrow.

Malec reminded everyone Bielski's must pay \$50.00 for the handicap sign approval they just received.

Tokarek congratulated the Ford City Football team on a great season.

Pendleton thanked Jeff Mantini for his years of service to the Borough.

Rudosky asked everyone to please get out and vote. The football game between Ford

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City Sabers and the Kittanning Wildcats was a well played game by both teams.

Kozuch wished good luck to Mayor Pyle in tomorrow's election. Remember to attend Ford City's Light Up Night on Friday, December 3. Congratulations to the Ford City Sabers for a great season of football. Everyone get out and vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Pendleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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