

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Council President Steve Kozuch called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**AUDIO TAPED** Kozuch informed everyone the meeting is being audio and video taped.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Kozuch lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL** Terry Tokarek, Homer Pendleton, Steve Kozuch, and John Rudosky. Tim Malec and Dan Cousins were absent because of their full time job obligations.

**ATTENDANCE** Mayor Pyle, Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I., Kim Petrie - G.F.C.C.D.C. and Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

President Kozuch explained a work session took place concerning the Phoenix FCD Land deal. The Phoenix Corporation wishes to let the extension expire and to terminate the deal. Action needs to be taken to officially terminate the agreement at the request of the Phoenix FCD.

**G.F.C.C.D.C.** Kim Petrie - G.F.C.C.D.C. submitted the CDC updated reports. (Report Attached)

Petrie explained the Shop 2 shell restoration is 74% complete. This contract includes the roof, siding, masonry and windows. The contractor, Kusevich Contracting, has requested a 30 day extension. The extension request will be discussed by the Building Committee.

Petrie explained the CDC has submitted two grant requests, one in the amount of \$2.50 million through the Armstrong County Commissioners from the State Capital Budget and the other is from the EDA in the amount of \$1 million.

Petrie explained the CDC has three letter of intent for space in the Shop 2 facility. They have a confirmation of a lease for 27,000 sq. ft. of the space.

Petrie explained further information is needed for the Ford Street Project. Petrie will continue to keep council informed.

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Petrie explained Pasheck Associates, Ltd. has been selected to work on the Master Plan for the trail. Approval from DCNR has been received for approval for the contract with Pasheck.

Petrie explained requested Ford City Borough pledge the land and building as collateral for the \$1.3 million loan and revolving credit line from Merchants Bank

in Kittanning.

Solicitor Wolfe explained the G.F.C.C.D.C. will be the actual borrower of the money. However, to secure the money Ford City Borough must pledge the property as collateral. The CDC will pay the loan. Solicitor Wolfe explained a resolution must be passed by council so the CDC may proceed with the loan.

A discussion took place and Solicitor Wolfe will leave the meeting and return with the resolution.

Pendleton asked what information the CDC needs from council regarding the Ford Street Project? Petrie explained she is collecting information from the Engineer. Petrie stated she is working on the allowable expenditures and the work that must be completed.

**MINUTES** Rudosky made a motion to accept the minutes of 2-2-2004. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** President Kozuch read a list of announcements. (Attached)

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Terry McGinnis asked if any progress has been made concerning the John B. Ford Statue? Mayor Pyle answered it is a pending case and cannot be discussed.

McGinnis informed council a pine tree is leaning out towards the road and asked council to remove the tree. McGinnis explained there are three crab apple tree that are making the park look terrible. Pendleton and Tokarek will take a look at the condition of the trees in the park.

**POLICE REPORT** Mayor Pyle explained the police received \$1,636.00 in fines for the month of February 2004. Mayor Pyle read from a list of announcements. (Report Attached)

**WATER REPORT** Pendleton made a motion to accept the water reports. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Pendleton read the Treasurer's report for January 2004. Total Borough funds are in the amount of \$267,674.44. Pendleton explained the bills to approve are in the amount of \$71,699.33.

Rudosky made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2004 and pay the bills as money becomes available as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

**CELL PHONE**  
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Pendleton stated the council president should have a cell phone because he works out of town and a cell phone would enable him to contact the Borough while working on Borough business.

Pendleton makes a motion to purchase additional cell phones. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

Pendleton made a motion to reimburse Steve Kozuch in the amount of \$115.97 for a cell phone expense while conducting Borough Business with his personal cell phone. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

#### MORTGAGE RESOLUTION

Solicitor Wolfe explains the resolution states the G.F.C.C.D.C. continues to renovate the Shop 2 building and a previous mortgage exists on this property. Merchants National Bank has agreed to finance the completion of this project in the amount \$1.3 million dollars. There will be a \$330,000 commercial mortgage and a \$1,000,000 revolving line of credit. Both of the loans will be secured by the property owned by Ford City Borough. The resolution will permit the CDC to use the property as collateral for the two loans and authorize the proper Borough Officials to sign the document.

Rudosky made a motion to have the proper officers of the Borough execute the document entitled Resolution of the Borough of Ford City so that the Borough may enter into an agreement to secure the loan for the G.F.C.C.D.C. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

**ENGINEER REPORT** Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I. explained a meeting took place today concerning the Ford Street Project. Nichols will continue with the final design work and submit them to council within the next couple of months.

Mayor Pyle asked when construction work will begin? Nichols answered a commitment from the ARC Funding will not be received until the fall of 2004. Construction cannot begin until that is received.

#### UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Pendleton makes a motion to adopt the Ford City Building Code Ordinance that will become effective upon passage, March 1, 2004. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

#### SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

A discussion took place and this item will be on the agenda for the next regular meeting to be held on Monday, April 5, 2004.

#### ARMSTRONG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rudosky explained he spoke with Dr. Garritano from the Armstrong School District and they are in the process of scheduling a meeting concerning the school district starting a television station for public education. Place on the agenda for Monday, April 5, 2004.

#### CLOONAN - PHOENIX FCD

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President Kozuch explained when a work session took place concerning the extension of time with the Phoenix FCD. Action needs to be taken to officially terminate the agreement at the request of the Phoenix FCD..

Rudosky made a motion to pass the following resolution, be it resolved Ford City Borough terminates the agreement entered into between itself and the Phoenix

Corp. and that the president of the Borough notify the Phoenix Corp. in writing of that decision. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

**GAZEBO REQUEST** Pendleton made a motion to approve the request of Jessica Beham for use of the Gazebo on Friday, June 25, 2004 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

**STREET DREAMS CRUISE CLUB**

Pendleton made a motion to approve the request of the Street Dreams Cruise Club for use of the Borough Park on 6-12-2004 for their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Car Cruise from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. and they are required to return the property back to the original condition. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

**SPC FUNDER'S CONFERENCE**

Rudosky made a motion to approve mileage reimbursement and any parking fee and any registration fees for council members to attend the SPC Funder's Conference on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at the Four Points Sheraton Pittsburgh North. For the purpose of identifying and accessing potential sources of funding. Councilmen attending must coordinate a car pool to reduce expenses. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

**POT HOLE PATCHING**

Pendleton explained John Poproch will be meeting with any borough official on Thursday, March 4, 2004 to review the condition of the borough streets and determine the amount of patching material the borough must let out for bid.

**COMMISSIONERS LUNCHEON**

Rudosky made a motion to approve any council member attending the Armstrong County Commissioners' Luncheon on Friday, March 12, 2004 at a cost of \$12.00 per member. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Rudosky made a motion to approve any council member and the Borough Secretary attending the Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Friday, March 26, 2004 at a cost of \$10.00 each. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0

**SOLICITOR COMMENTS**

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Pyle thanked all the young citizens shoveling snow for the older residents in town.

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**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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Rudosky, Pendleton and Tokarek had no comments at this time.

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Kozuch thanked everyone, council member and all the volunteers, for all their hard work this month.

ADJOURNMENT

Tokarek made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Rudosky. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Lisa Bittner  
Borough Secretary

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