

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
JUNE 7, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER Council President Kozuch called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and advised everyone the meeting is being audio and video taped.

ROLL CALL Homer Pendleton, Tim Malec, John Rudosky , Steve Kozuch and Dan Cousins were present. Terry Tokarek was absent due to a prior commitment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Pyle, Donna Kornasiewicz - G.F.C.C.D.C., David Nichols - N.S.E.I., Greg Dinko - Emergency Management, Eugene Banks - Planning Commission. Frank Wolfe - Solicitor were also present.

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

Donna Kornasiewicz - G.F.C.C.D.C., explained Jim Pasheck has delivered preliminary drawings for the Trail Grant. The drawings will be on display during Heritage Days in the Heritage Days information tent. Public comments are welcome concerning the drawings.

Kornasiewicz explained a requirement of a grant from the U.S.D.A. requires a placement of an ad to be placed in a newspaper. The ad will be appearing in the Valley News Dispatch. The advertisement advises there is not an environmental finding of significant impact. This grant will be used for tenant build out.

Kornasiewicz stated they are working to secure more funding.

Kornasiewicz explained the contact with Kusevich, for Shop 2, has been extended until 6-30-2004 because of rain delays.

Kornasiewicz explained bids must be opened at a Public Meeting of Council for Phase 2 of Shop 2. Kornasiewicz asked to open bids at the Regular Meeting of Borough Council to be held on Monday, August 2? Kornasiewicz asked for an additional meeting later that same week to award the bids. A discussion followed and the bids may be opened on 8-2-2004 and a special meeting will be coordinated for later that same week.

Kornasiewicz explained a workshop will be held on Historic Preservation. The Members of the Young Preservationist of Pittsburgh will be present during a meeting to be held in the Bingo Tent in the Borough Park on Saturday, June 26, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Rudosky made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the Special Meeting held on 4-26-2004. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

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Pendleton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting held on 5-3-2004. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 4-0 Malec abstains because he was absent from this meeting.

Pendleton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented for the Special Meeting held on 5-17-2004. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS Council President Kozuch read from a list of announcements. (List Attached)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Al Garay explained vibrations, which are caused by trucks, are being felt in houses and is there anything that may be done to remedy the problem. Councilman Rudosky explained 5th Avenue is a state maintained highway and suggested Mr. Garay contact Penndot. Solicitor Wolfe explained the Borough has a Jake Brake Ordinance, but the Borough is limited as to what they may do, this road is controlled by Penndot. Mayor Pyle stated he will instruct the Police to patrol the 500 Block of 5th Avenue more.

Garay asked if there have been any citations issued to the merchant who is storing tires on his property? Garay asked that this hazard be removed. Mayor Pyle stated the merchant has received a citation.

Garay explained profanity is being used at Boulder Park and asked that this be corrected. Mayor Pyle explained the police are aware of the situation at Boulder Park and if this occurs instructed Mr. Garay to contact the police.

Tom Ondrusek submitted his resignation from the Shade Tree Commission. Ondrusek explained there is an agenda item concerning removal of trees and he has not been contacted about their removal. Ondrusek explained he understood the Shade Tree Commission had jurisdiction concerning trees in the Borough.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Pyle stated the amount \$1256.00 was received by the Police Department for the month of May 2004.

Mayor Pyle explained dogs will be taken to the Orphans of the Storm if proper licensing information is not available. Mayor Pyle explained all solicitors going to residences must have a permit.

Rudosky made a motion to accept the police report. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Kozuch explained the Water Reports are available in the Borough Office for review. (Reports attached)

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Cousins makes a motion to accept the Water Reports. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Pendleton read the April 2004 Treasurer's Report and total Borough Funds are in the amount of \$443,389.29 and the unpaid bill list is in the amount of \$56,771.50.

Pendleton made a motion to approve the Treasurer's April 2004 Report and pay the bills as money becomes available. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Reports attached)

ENGINEER REPORT Dave Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, submitted the Engineer Report. Nichols explained the close out documents for the Trail Beautification Grant will be submitted soon. The amount of approximately \$4000 will be received from the D.C.N.R. Grant when the grant is completed. (Report Attached)

Nichols submitted updated drawing for the Ford Street project to be reviewed by Council members. Nichols explained Dominion Peoples has pledged to renew the gas line on Ford Street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue.

Nichols explained Winters & Fleming was awarded the patching contract for 2004 and they began patching today.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Solicitor Wolfe explained the Uniform Construction Code doesn't apply to construction already started or if a permit has been issued. A discussion took place concerning the effective date.

Pendleton made a motion to advertise the Uniform Construction Code Ordinance to be effective on Thursday, July 8, 2004. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

SPECIAL MEETING A discussion took place concerning a meeting to adopt the Uniform Construction Code.

Rudosky made a motion to hold a special meeting of Borough Council on Monday, June 28, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. to adopt the Uniform Construction Code and any other business. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Solicitor Wolfe suggested the Property Maintenance Code and the Bloomsburg Ordinance be discussed. The secretary is instructed to contact Fred Dzugan - Codes Officer and Ron Dillard - Zoning Board and ask them to attend this meeting because the Property Maintenance Code and the Bloomsburg Ordinance will be discussed also.

SUMMER LABOR Pendleton explained he and Councilman Malec conducted interviews for the summer labor positions. Pendleton named Richard Bennett, Kurtis Cogley, and Scott McKernan as being recommended to be hired for the summer positions. Cousins asked if living in town was a criteria? Pendleton explained he prefer workers live in town. Cousins stated if the minutes are reviewed it could be found that the summer help did not have to live in town but full time employees should live in town.

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Rudosky made a motion to hire Richard Bennett, Kurtis Cogley, and Scott McKernan for the summer labor position, pending passing physical examination. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 4-1 Cousins votes no.

Pendleton explained he and Councilman Malec conducted interviews for the playground supervisor positions which is approximately 20 hours per week. Pendleton named Jackie Cousins, Krista Malec and Elizabeth Marcinek as being recommended to be hired for the playground supervisor positions.

Rudosky made a motion to hire Jackie Cousins, Krista Malec, and Elizabeth Marcinek pending passing physical examination and acquiring Act 34 clearance. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 4-0 Cousins abstains because he is related to one of the applicants.

BOROUGH'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

Pendleton made a motion to ratify the attendance of Homer Pendleton, John Rudosky and Steve Kozuch at the Borough's Association meeting held on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at a cost of \$12.00 per member and approve mileage reimbursement.

Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

FCBS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - ROAD CLOSING REQUEST

Council President Kozuch explained this item will be moved to later in the meeting to be discussed with other road closing requests.

JULY 2004 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Cousins made a motion to change the meeting day for July 2004 from Monday, July 5, 2004 to Monday, July 12, 2004 and advertise the meeting to take place at the Ford City Public Library. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

BOSSLIFT - FORT INDIAN TOWN GAP

Rudosky made a motion to send the Secretary to the Bosslift to be held at Fort Indian Town Gap on June 24-25 at a cost of \$100.00. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

NORTHWEST SANITARY LANDFILL

Rudosky made a motion, based on the recommendation of Solicitor Wolfe, to authorize the Council President to sign the Dig Out Release Agreement with Waste Management. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Agreement Attached)

SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT

Solicitor Wolfe explained the Subordination Agreement. Merchants Bank has agreed to loan money to the Greater Ford City Community Development Corp. if the Borough permits the former PPG property to be used a collateral. A resolution was passed several months ago agreeing to that request. However, Merchants Bank must be listed as the first mortgage holder. Currently PIDA is first in line for the mortgage and EDA is second in line for the mortgage. This agreement will place Merchants Bank as first in line for the mortgage. (Agreement Attached)

Rudosky made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the Subordination Agreement between Ford City Borough and PIDA. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

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CAR WASH REQUEST

Rudosky made a motion to approve the request of the Ford City High School Sophomore Class to hold a car wash on Thursday, June 10, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:25 p.m. at the 3rd Avenue fire hydrant location near the Borough Garage. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

TREE REMOVAL

Malec explained there are safety concerns in the parks and since the playgrounds will be opening the unsafe trees must be removed.

Pendleton made a motion to authorize Craig's Tree Service to cut and remove trees as specified by the council Parks & Recreation Committee for an amount of \$1600.00. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Pendleton state he heard the Lions Memorial Service much better this year than in previous years, possibly because the siren was used during the service. Pendleton stated that next year more information informing citizens of the practice of turning off all lights must be given to citizens. Pendleton stated new residents are not aware of the Ford City Lion's Memorial Service held annually on the Sunday before Memorial Day.

STREET CLOSING

Pendleton made a motion to approve the request of the Ford City High School Alumni Association to close a portion of 4th Avenue from 11th Street to the alley next to the school on Sunday, July 4th 2004 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and inform the Fire Department and the Police Department of the Street Closing. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Cousins made a motion to approve the request of Kimberly Dillard to close Third Street for a family reunion on Sunday, July 4, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and inform the Fire Chief and the Police Department of the Street Closing. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Malec made a motion to grant permission to the request of Dan Kerr to close the Dogwood Alley between 10th Street and 11th Street on Saturday, July 10, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. for a graduation party and inform the Fire Chief and the Police Department of the Street Closing and place a sign at the Southern end of the alley informing residents Local Traffic Only. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS Mayor Pyle read from a list of announcements. (Announcements Attached)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

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Cousins had no comments at this time.

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Malec asked council members to check out the playgrounds. They are in very good condition. Malec explained new electric is being installed at 7th Avenue.

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Rudosky made a motion to accept the resignation of Tom Ondrusek from the Shade Tree Commission. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Rudosky congratulated Erika Webb - President, Sara Moore - Vice President and the remaining 117 members of the Ford City High School Graduating Class of 2004 who make up the 100th graduating class of Ford City High School.

Rudosky thanked the Lions Club for the dedication and service they have given to the borough for the past 50 years with their Candle Light Service. Rudosky thanked Greg Dinko for assisting the Lions with the sound system for the service.

Pendleton thanked the Lions club for their service every year. Pendleton requested council have an Executive Session tonight.

Kozuch thanked all the volunteers for their help and to all departments of the Borough. A community is nothing without the cooperation of everybody.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pendleton made a motion [at 7:10 p.m.] to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

REGULAR MEETING The Regular Meeting was re-entered at 7:38 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Rudosky made a motion to hire Ronald Dale Ellenberger Jr. as a part-time police officer pending passing a physical examination, psychological examination, and background check to be performed at the direction of the Chief of Police and the Mayor and to be paid the current wage of the part-time police officer. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Rudosky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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