

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
JULY 12, 2004**

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President Steve Kozuch called the meeting to order at 6:10 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.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Council President Kozuch read a list of announcements. (Attached)
- ROLL CALL** Terry Tokarek, Homer Pendleton, Steve Kozuch, Tim Malec and Dan Cousins. John Rudosky was absent because of a prior commitment.
- ATTENDANCE** Mayor Pyle, Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I., Donna Kornasiewicz - G.F.C.C.D.C., Fred Dzugan - Ford City Codes Officer and Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe.
- BICYCLES** Council President Kozuch explained the Borough is storing old bicycles and requested the Ford City Police be empowered to get rid of these bicycles.
- Cousins made a motion to authorize Mayor Pyle to dispose of the old bicycles accumulated at the Borough Building in a way he sees fit to do so. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous
- G.F.C.C.D.C.** Donna Kornasiewicz - G.F.C.C.D.C., explained Shop 2 is almost complete and should be done at the end of July 2004. (Report Attached)
- There will be a bid opening on Monday, August 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for bids on the Caracal tenant build out.
- A walk through with Jim Pashek will take place tomorrow, July 13, 2004 concerning the D.C.N.R. Trail Grant. A site drawing was on display during Heritage Days.
- A resolution must accompany the D.C.E.D. grant application for the Allegheny Power Sub-Station. This application includes parking, roads, removal of an underground storage tank and a sub-station upgrade. The amount applied for is \$1,700,000. (Resolution Attached)
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- Pendleton made a motion to authorize the Council President and the secretary to sign the resolution as presented. Seconded by Cousins.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous
- The next public meeting of the G.F.C.C.D.C. will be held on Tuesday, August 24,

2004.

Kornasiewicz explained the Borough received \$5,000 from the Armstrong County Recreation Belmont Funds. The basketball court at Boulder Park will be repaved. Mayor Pyle asked that the basketball hoops be raised to regulation height at Boulder Park once the re-paving is completed.

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Malec stated he voted to hire three playground workers during the 6-7-2004 council meeting. Malec stated he should have only voted for two with the third being a conflict of interest, is it possible to insert a comment to the minutes of 6-7-2004? Solicitor Wolfe explained he cannot change the minutes of 6-7-2004 to include a comment. Wolfe stated Malec may make a comment at this time.

Pendleton made a motion to accept the minutes of 6-7-2004 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Pendleton made a motion to accept the minutes of 6-18-2004 Special Meeting. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Pendleton made a motion to accept the minutes of 6-28-2004 Special Meeting. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 4-0 Malec abstains because he was absent during this meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Al Garay, thanked Mayor Pyle for removing the tires at the site near his home. Garay explained he contacted Penndot concerning the vibrations coming from the vehicles traveling on 5th Avenue. Penndot directed him to contact Ford City Borough Council and ask that a speed study be conducted.

Garay read from a section of Zoning Ordinance 482 which stated vibrations are not permitted. Solicitor Wolfe explained this ordinance refers to the operation of machinery and vehicles are allowed to drive on the highways. Wolfe explained that while he has been the Solicitor a speed study has been conducted three times. All three times the result of the study was the traffic does not justify any traffic control device. Solicitor Wolfe explained the Borough is limited to what they can do on SR128.

A discussion followed. Councilman Cousins asked if the speed study was already done three times is the data going to be any different now? Why spend any additional money on another study?

Pendleton made a motion to pass a resolution to authorize Penndot to conduct a speed study on 5th Avenue. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 4-1 Cousins votes no because there are studies on file already.

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Gary Anderson explained he would like to build a roller rink and has applied for the amount of \$226,000 start up money. He would like a piece of property to build on and asked council if they have any suggestion? The Council President asked Mr. Anderson to contact Donna Kornasiewicz - G.F.C.C.D.C. and also deliver any information to Lisa Bittner - Borough Secretary.

Marc Mantini - M.C.T.A. Board member, will provide minutes of the M.C.T.A. meetings to council.

Mantini called the police department and gave them addresses of three places that had high grass and weeds. These are all commercial properties. This is unsightly and is a safety issue. Mantini asked why certain people do not have to comply with this ordinance? The Council President explained the Mayor and police department handle this issue.

Mantini asked when something will happen with Ford Street? Donna Kornasiewicz - G.F.C.C.D.C. explained there is a cost estimate of \$393,000 at this time. We are waiting the results from the Appalachian Trail Grant and bid specification should be ready by the end of the year.

Councilman Cousins explained a meeting between members of council, police department and the codes officer took place and the result of the meeting determined that the police department is responsible to enforce the high grass and weeds ordinance. Cousins suggested this be discussed again. This would allow the police department to return to more important crimes and return the enforcement of the grass and weeds to the codes officer.

Lou Vergari thanked Terry Tokarek for locating John McCombe. McCombe is the artisan who refurbished the John B. Ford Statue. Vergari stated McCombe was the only expert to look at the statue. Vergari stated that McCombe gave an opinion that the cuts in the statue were one to two years old.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Pyle explained total fines collected for the month of June 2004 are in the amount of \$1,856.00. Mayor Pyle read the Mayor's Report for June 2004. (Police Report and Mayor's Report are Attached)

Cousins made a motion to accept the June 2004 Police Report. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Kozuch explained the water reports are available in the Borough Office. (Reports attached)

Pendleton made a motion to accept the water reports. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pendleton read the Treasurer's report for May 2004. Total Borough funds are in the amount of \$521,501.58. Pendleton explained the bills to approve are in the amount of \$87,599.87. (Reports Attached)

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Malec made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2004 and pay the bills as money becomes available as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

ENGINEER REPORT Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I., explained he has submitted preliminary design drawings for Ford Street. Nichols explained he has not received any comments yet and asked if there are any to please contact him. (Report Attached)

Nichols explained the Year 2004 Patching project has been completed and the amount coming from Highway Aid is \$23,755.50 and the amount from the Public Utility Fund is \$1,221.00. A total of 135 tons of asphalt was used to restore the roads.

ALLEGHENY POWER POLE REQUEST

Nichols explained he took some photographs and looked at the proposed site of the pole request. The Council President asked if there is any reason to deny this request? Nichols answered that the pole will be placed in the Public Right of Way.

Malec stated he needs more information from Allegheny Power and would like to contact the property owner, who wasn't home when he tried to contact them.

A discussion took place.

Dave Nichols will contact Allegheny Power to determine where the ariel wires will be placed and not leave the Public Right of Way and keep the wire as far away from the house as possible.

Pendleton made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the new pole request submitted by Allegheny Power for an additional pole located on 12th Street between 6th Avenue & 7th Avenue pending answers to questions Dave Nichols will be asking Allegheny Power. Seconded by Cousins.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

MID COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Pendleton made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the agreement between Ford City Borough and Mid-County Transit Authority for the service year 7-1-2004 to 6-30-2005 for the sum of \$5,872.50. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Agreement Attached)

GAZEBO REQUEST Cousins made a motion to grant permission to the requests of Becki Emery for Saturday, October 23, 2004 and Sara Eshelman for Saturday, August 21, 2004. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

RESOLUTION - MERCHANT'S BANK

Solicitor Wolfe explained this resolution must be passed by Friday, August 6, 2004 and requested that council members review this draft. This resolution will show the mortgage as \$1,000,000.00 and the line of credit as \$330,000.00.

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Council President Kozuch directed the secretary to coordinate a meeting to be held later in July to pass this resolution.

FCHS FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB

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Pendleton made a motion to approve the request of the Ford City High School Football Booster Club for a parade through town on Sunday, August 15, 2004 and

coordinate with the police department. Seconded by Malec.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

BICYCLES

Cousins made a motion to place an advertisement in the newspaper stating the police department will be getting rid of the bicycles in 30 days and if someone has an interest in rebuilding the bicycles contact the police department. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Pyle had no comments at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Cousins stated it was a good Heritage Days. He reminded everyone about missing bicycles - check with the police department within 30 days or they will be gone. Cousins stated council should meet and discuss the grass cutting enforcement.

Councilman Malec echoed the thoughts about Heritage Days. Malec requested the Street Committee look at the catch basin on the 1400 Block of 5th Avenue , it is currently a safety issue.

Councilman Tokarek thanked Heritage Day's for a wonderful job. Tokarek thanked the Borough Worker's for preparing the park for the festival.

Councilman Pendleton made a motion to place the replacement of the air conditioner for the public library out for bid. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous.

Council President Kozuch thanked Heritage Days, Borough Worker's, Community Service and all volunteers for a great job. Kozuch stated, in reference to the meeting concerning the high grass enforcement, council cannot keep changing the direction employees have been instructed to take.

Councilman Pendleton thanked the Borough Worker's and the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Tokarek made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous. Meeting Adjourned 7:12 p.m.

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