

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY BOROUGH OFFICE
AUGUST 25, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER Council President Steve Kozuch called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

AUDIO TAPED Council President Kozuch informed everyone the meeting is being audio taped.

ROLL CALL Terry Tokarek, Homer Pendleton, Steve Kozuch, Tim Malec, and John Rudosky. Dan Cousins was absent because his vehicle broke down.

ATTENDANCE Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe and Lou Vergari - Library Board Member.

BID OPENING - PUBLIC LIBRARY VAC.

Council President Kozuch explained council is unsure about the specifications that are being used for this project. An efficiency level was not used in the specifications.

Solicitor Wolfe explained if the specifications are not what the council desires, and the bids are opened, then they will become public record, and this is not the best way to get the best price.

Solicitor Wolfe suggested the bids be returned unopened.

Pendleton stated council should agree on the specifications before the bid is sent out again.

A discussion took place concerning when the specifications will be ready. Malec is unsure if the specifications will be ready for the next council meeting to be held on Monday, September 13, 2004.

Rudosky made a motion to reject all bids because of incomplete specifications and return the bids to the bidders unopened and place a phone call to all bidders apologizing and once the new specifications are agreed upon send them to all vendors submitting bids this time. Seconded by Pendleton.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Malec explained the SEER Rating is for cooling and the AFUE Rating is for heating.

Pendleton made a motion that council votes on the specifications before the bids are sent out the next time. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

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INDEBTEDNESS LOAN

8-25-2004

approved on

9-13-2004

Pendleton made a motion to pass the ordinance increasing the Non-Electoral Indebtedness of Ford City Borough by issue of a general obligation note in the amount of \$150,000.00. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

OFFICER MARK BRICE

Council President Kozuch asked if this was proper to remove Officer Brice from the insurances if he is covered by the military?

Solicitor Wolfe explained Brice can't be an active employee because he is on leave and there is not a problem removing him.

Rudosky made a motion to remove Mark Brice and his family from the Medical, Dental and Life & Disability Insurance because he is currently on active military duty. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Rudosky made a motion to return Mark Brice and his family to the Medical, Dental, and Life & Disability Insurance as soon as he is relieved from active military duty and is found fit to return to police duty. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Solicitor Wolfe stated a physical examination is required.

HELP SAVE OUR TOWN

Moved to later in the meeting.

OEM SHADES BUILDING

Pendleton explained there is a claim on the Borough's Insurance concerning the OEM Shades Building. There is a proposal from Stivy's Electric in the amount of \$6400.00 to repair or replace three motors on Exhaust Fans.

A discussion took place concerning the \$1000.00 deductible the Borough has on the insurance. Also council discussed whether the Borough or the G.F.C.C.D.C. should pay the deductible.

Malec asked if there would be a problem with when the claim was made to the insurance company? Solicitor Wolfe explained there may be a time period problem

Rudosky made a motion to pay the contractor contingent upon receiving payment from the insurance company. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Rudosky urged this council to meet with the CDC to discuss who will pay the insurance deductible.

Kozuch explained money is tight for both entities and all revenue generated is returned to the CDC. The CDC is managing the property. The CDC can put this deductible on their expenses if it is appropriate.

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1988 CHEVROLET TRUCK

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Pendleton explained Pete Milito has been looking for a pickup truck to replace the green truck used for salting the streets. The current truck is unable to pass inspection. Milito found a 1988 Chevrolet Truck at Stitt's Auto Sales in the amount of \$2,650.00.

A discussion took place concerning what to do with the old salt truck and the other old unusable vehicles the Borough still owns.

Malec made a motion to bid out the Green Salt Truck, Fire Truck, [1983 Mack] Truck - Garbage, [1995 Leech] Packer (16 cu yd), and the oldest 1996 Chevy Police Car. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Council President Kozuch explained Rudosky, Pendleton and Malec looked at the truck at Stitt's Auto Sales.

Rudosky made a motion to purchase the 1988 Chevrolet Truck with money from the Public Utility Fund from Stitt's Auto Sales in the amount of \$2650.00 plus transfer fees if any. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Carried.

Malec stated John Stitt is looking for a used salt spreader.

Rudosky explained Walsh Equipment is also looking for a salt spreader.

HELP SAVE OUR TOWN & AL GRAY - LETTER

Rudosky explained that Al GRAY is continuing to work on problem of the Heavy Truck Traffic on 5th Avenue. As council requested, Mr. GRAY prepared a letter, which is unsigned, and appears to have been delivered to Rep. Coleman. Rudosky explained this is the letter council requested Mr. GRAY to write and that council was willing to assist him with.

A discussion took place concerning the meeting at the CU. Club on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Rudosky explained the truck traffic on 5th Avenue [State Route 128] has been going on for at least 50 years.

Malec stated the problems began in 1936 when the dams on the river were built. There are now voids under the streets because of the washing out that is happening under the street.

BOROUGH ASSOCIATION

Council President Kozuch explained the tentative date for the next Borough Association Dinner will be Thursday, September 23, 2004 and Manorville Borough will be the host.

Rudosky made a motion to permit any council member and the Borough Secretary to attend the Borough Association Dinner on 9-23-2004 hosted by Manorville Borough. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

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2004 CROWN VICTORIA

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Rudosky explained the option to have the new police car delivered to the Borough for an amount of \$150.00 was not taken advantage of. Now the Borough must either travel to Scranton, PA or wait three to four months for them to deliver in the

area again.

The car will be ready next week for pickup. Enterprise will rent the Borough a vehicle for \$45.00 per day with unlimited mileage.

Rudosky made a motion to authorize representatives of the Borough to travel to Scranton to pickup the new 2004 Crown Victoria and reimburse them or have the Borough issue a check to Enterprise for rental of a car and pay for gasoline and meal expenses. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

PSAB FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Rudosky made a motion to permit any council member to attend the Fall Leadership Conference on Saturday, November 6, 2004 at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh and include mileage and food reimbursement at a cost of \$110.00 per person. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Council President Kozuch explained there will be a meeting on Thursday, September 9, 2004 at 7:00 at the Ford Cliff Fire Hall to discuss the PA Uniform Construction Code.

CHURCH OF GOD - PARKING REQUEST

Council President Kozuch explained the Church of God located on Neale Avenue is requesting permission to place two special parking signs by their church.

A discussion followed. A meeting between Pastor Flick and the Street Department will be scheduled by the Secretary.

Rudosky made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rudosky made a motion at 6:10 p.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

REGULAR SESSION Regular Session was re-entered at 6:39 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT Pendleton made a motion at 6:40 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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