

**MINUTES  
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2004**

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President Steve Kozuch called the meeting to order at 6:04 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.
- ATTENDANCE** Mayor Pyle, Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I., Donna Kornasiewicz - G.F.C.C.D.C., Fred Dzugan - Codes Officer, Greg Dinko - Emergency Management Coordinator, Eugene Banks - Planning Commission, and Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Council President Kozuch read a list of announcements. (Attached)
- G.F.C.C.D.C.** Donna Kornasiewicz explained she prepared a draft of the PCC Grant Application for 2005-2006. Council has been provided with a copy of the application and asked that council members contact her if they have any changes or comments. She would need this information by Monday, October 4, 2004.
- Kornasiewicz ask council to authorize Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I. to prepare the specifications for milling of the Boulder Park basketball court. Kornasiewicz explained funds were received from the Armstrong County Recreation Grant to pave the court and that milling of the court should take place before paving.
- Malec suggested raising the hoops and council should look at all options.
- Kornasiewicz explained that if the milling takes place then the poles will not have to be replaced and the height of the hoops will be corrected once the paving is done.
- Kornasiewicz suggested applying for another county recreation grant to help do this project correctly.
- Malec made a motion to authorize N.S.E.I. to do the study needed for the basketball project and make recommendations to do the project the best and cheapest way possible. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous
- Kornasiewicz asked if Jim Pashek may attend the next Regular Council Meeting and meet with council members at 5:30 p.m. and present the draft of the Master Plan for the D.C.N.R. Trail Grant?

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Rudosky made a motion to begin the next Regular Council Meeting, Monday, October 4, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Kornasiewicz explained Ford City received an IDP Grant in the amount of \$805,000 to complete the infrastructure around Shop 2. These funds will be used to create a parking lot around Shop 2 and the Pattern Shop. Funds will also be used for roads leading to Shop2 and 25 new lights fixtures. These light fixtures will match the ones on the trail. Utility lines will also be installed. A tentative start date is Spring 2005.

Kornasiewicz explained construction on Shop 2 has begun. Landau Building started on September 7, 2004 and is expected to complete their phase by December 20, 2004.

Kornasiewicz stated the next CDC Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ford City Public Library.

#### MINUTES

Pendleton made a motion to approve the minutes of July 29, 2004. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 5-0 Malec abstains. [Malec was absent from the meeting.]

Rudosky made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2004. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Pendleton made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2004. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Rudosky made a motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2004. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bob Novak, 923 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, explained a utility pole was placed across the alley directly in front of his garage. The placement of the pole is making it difficult for him to enter his garage.

Rudosky explained the pole appears to be on private property owned by S & T Bank and is in the Right-of-Way of Allegheny Power. This is not a Borough issue. This is between S & T Bank and Mr. Novak.

A discussion took place concerning the width of the alley.

Council President Kozuch asked Mr. Novak if he was aware of Allegheny Powers intent to place a new pole? Novak responded no. Kozuch asked if there was a marker placed where the pole was to be placed? Novak answered there was a circle marked with "pole". Kozuch explained the Borough is able to make sure utilities stay within the Right-of-Way, but beyond that there is nothing the Borough can do.

Al Garay, 500 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thanked Tim Malec and John Rudosky for attending the

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meeting held at the C.U. Club to discuss the truck traffic on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Garay stated he his not trying to eliminate truck driving jobs.

Terry McGinnis, 319 9<sup>th</sup> Street, asked if bicycles are allowed to be parked on the sidewalks? Mayor Pyle explained it is illegal for bicycles to be on sidewalks and instructed Mr. McGinnis to contact the police when this happens.

Mr. McGinnis stated the Borough Park needs additional lights. Council President Kozuch stated additional lights may be added to future grant applications.

Mr. McGinnis asked why aren't the restrooms on the trail opened? A discussion took place about the restrooms. The secretary is to contact Pete Milito and make sure the restrooms are opened at a regular time.

Mr. McGinnis stated dog owners using the trail are not cleaning up after their dogs. Has council ever thought about banning dog owners from the trail? Council President explained the trail is for all citizens.

Mr McGinnis explained a lady fell on the Greenbaum corner and asked who is responsible for the repair of the sidewalks? Solicitor Wolfe stated the landowner is responsible for maintenance of sidewalks.

Marc Mantini, 929 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, provided council with copies of the M.C.T.A. transcripts of their meetings. [Mantini is the Borough representative to their board.]

Mr. Mantini submitted a petition containing the names of residents requesting the Mayor and Borough Council to take measures to protect the Borough residents from vehicles speeding and driving recklessly.

Chris Cox, 1133 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, requested a stop sign be placed at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street or 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Cox provided council with a list of signatures of citizens requesting the implementation of a new stop sign.

Rudosky explained he spoke with Ms. Cox concerning her request.

A discussion took place concerning the stop sign request.

Mayor Pyle will direct the Police Dept. To conduct a traffic study.

Malec asked 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street be included in the traffic study.

Rajiv Enid, CEO Caracal, requested that the building permit fees be based on the cost Caracal will be paying, the amount of \$1,200,000.00?

Rudosky steps out of the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Pendleton explains the permits are based on what the actual construction cost is.

Council President Kozuch stated there is no support from council to eliminate the building fees.

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Rudosky re-enters the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Codes Officer Dzugan stated he has not been provided with any amendments to the Shop 2 contract. At this time the permit fees are based on the original contract amount. If there is a change in the design, then new drawings must be submitted.

A discussion takes place concerning change orders.

Cousins explained there is no choice, the permit fees must be based on what the actual cost of construction is, the amount of \$2,700,000.00.

#### POLICE REPORT

Mayor Pyle explained total fines collected for the month of August 2004 are in the amount of \$1,492.04. Mayor Pyle read the Mayor's Report for September 2004.

Mayor Pyle requested permission for Ford City High School to paint numbers on the trail. These numbered sections , 7 through 12, will be used in the event of a disaster. Each class will have a designated area to gather in case of an disaster evacuation.

Rudosky made a motion to permit Ford City High School to paint numbers on the trail designating. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Cousins made a motion to accept the Police Report and the Mayor's Report. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Malec made a motion to accept the water reports. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Pendleton read the Treasurer's report for July 2004. Total Borough funds are in the amount of \$493,546.81. Pendleton explained the bills to approve are in the amount of \$57,924.70. (Reports Attached)

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

#### ENGINEER REPORT

Dave Nichols, Nichols & Slagle Engineering, submitted his report for September 2004. Nichols explained the ARC Grant has been awarded to the Borough and now the Borough is ready to proceed with the design and bidding of the Ford Street Project. Nichols explained the project is scheduled to receive bids right after the first of the year and begin in the Spring 2005.

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**OLD BUSINESS**  
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LIBRARY HVAC  
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Kozuch explained Bid Specifications for the Library HVAC have been prepared and

must be voted upon before the advertisement will be done. (Specification Attached)

Solicitor Wolfe stated the specifications look good.

Dave Nichols stated these specifications allow for a guideline for bidding.

Rudosky made a motion to advertise for the replacement of the Library HVAC and send all previous bidders the new specifications. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DIVINE REDEEMER** Pendleton made a motion to grant permission to Divine Redeemer School to hold their annual marathon on Friday, September 24, 2004 at the Ford City Borough Park. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

**CROP WALK** Rudosky made a motion to approve the request of Grace-St. John's Lutheran Parish to hold their annual CROP WALK on Sunday, October 10, 2004. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

**S & T BANK** Rudosky explained S & T Bank has requested permanent removal of two parking meters and temporary removal of one parking meter.

Rudosky made a motion to grant their request contingent upon payment of \$30.00 per meter per month for the two parking meters being removed as done in the past and a \$30.00 per month charge for the temporary parking meter removal.

Malec asked that the wording "until such time as the borough increases the fee"

A discussion followed.

Solicitor Wolfe explained a promise has been made to the S & T representative concerning the parking meters.

Rudosky stated he will not amend his motion because it was already discussed with S & T what the arrangement was to be and future increase have not been included in other persons requests.

Kozuch explained there was a motion on the floor made by Rudosky.

Seconded by Tokarek.

Solicitor Wolfe explained council may always go back and change the fee.

The discussion continued. Kozuch called for a roll call vote.

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Dan Cousins	No	John Rudosky	Yes
Tim Malec	No	Homer Pendleton	No
Steve Kozuch	Yes	Terry Tokarek	Yes

Kozuch explained to the Mayor there is a tie vote.

Mayor Pyle listens to Solicitor Wolfe explain the motion. Mayor Pyle breaks the tie in favor of the motion .

**CHURCH OF GOD** Rudosky made a motion to grant permission to the Church of God to park on the property owned by the Borough which is behind the Filter Plant on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 for a Special Event they are hosting. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

**LIQUID FUELS SEMINAR**

Cousins made a motion to authorize the Secretary and any council member to attend a Liquid Fuels seminar on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 in Indiana, Pa and approve mileage reimbursement and attendees must car pool to save money. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

**CHAMBER LUNCHEON**

Rudosky made a motion to approve any council member, the Borough Secretary, Fire Chief Wojcik and the Emergency Management Coordinator to attend the Chamber Luncheon on Friday, September 24, 2004 at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

**STOP SIGN REQUEST**

Rudosky explained this was discussed earlier and requested the police department study the situation during their patrol and prepare a recommendation for the next Regular Council Meeting to be held on Monday, October 4, 2004. The study area is from 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the northern border of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mayor Pyle will have this information ready for 10-4-2004.

**CHURCH OF GOD REQUEST**

Malec explained Pastor Flick, Church of God, is having a parking problem when there is activity at the Football field. Malec explained previously no parking signs have been prepared by the police department and issued to the church. The church is requesting permanent signs to help control the parking on church property. Rudosky made a motion to approve a curb cut and install two "No Parking Between Signs" and the cost of sign, pole and installation will be paid by the Church. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Malec suggested the Street Department paint the curb yellow.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Pendleton made a motion to pay the amount of \$90.00 to Guest Service for meals Greg Dinko will be receiving while attending a class at The National Emergency Training Center during February 2005 for continuing education as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Pendleton explained the Business Association purchased new Christmas Decorations and suggested the Borough give \$500.00 to the Ford City Area Business Association toward this purchase.

Pendleton made a motion to use funds from the General Fund and pay \$500.00 to the Ford City Area Business & Professional Association for the purchase of the new Christmas Decorations.

Rudosky asked if funds were available in the Budget? Pendleton answered yes.

Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Pendleton asked for permission from council to reapply to DCED for the Christmas Light Grant.

Pendleton made a motion to resubmit to DCED the Grant for the Christmas Lights. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

TRICK-OR-TREAT & HALLOWEEN PARADE

Rudosky made a motion to set the Trick-or-Treat date as Wednesday, October 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and permission to the Halloween Parade Committee to hold the 2004 Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 28 at 7:00. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

AUDIT 2004

Pendleton made a motion to advertise for an auditor for the year ending 12-31-2004. Seconded by Pendleton.

Malec explained the Finance Committee discussed obtaining a two year contract for auditing and suggested the advertisement be for a one year contract or a two year contract.

Kozuch asks for a roll call vote.

Dan Cousins	Yes	John Rudosky	Yes
Tim Malec	No	Homer Pendleton	Yes
Steve Kozuch	Yes	Terry Tokarek	Yes

Kozuch explained this motion is carried. 5-1

Rudosky made a motion to reconsider this motion. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Solicitor Wolfe explained the original motion to advertise for one year must be voted on again.

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Dan Cousins	No	John Rudosky	No
Tim Malec	No	Homer Pendleton	No
Steve Kozuch	No	Terry Tokarek	No

Kozuch explained the motion failed.

Malec made a motion to advertise for a bid for a one year contract and a bid for a two year contract for audit services beginning with the year 2004. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

#### FORD CLIFF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rudosky made a motion to approve the request of the Ford Cliff Fire Department for special motorcycle parking during a function benefitting the Fire Hall be held on Sunday, September 26, 2004 at Nimer's Kozy Korner from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on 8th Street, 8th Street will be closed from 5th Avenue to the alley and the alley to 6th Avenue -- traffic will be able to travel through the alley, the police department and fire department must be informed of the street closing at that time. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

#### BUDGET 2005

Pendleton explained that Susan Thompson submitted, at his request, a proposal in the amount of \$1,450.00 to prepare the 2005 Budget.

Pendleton made a motion to accept the proposal from Susan Thompson & Associates to prepare the 2005 Budget. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

#### LIQUID FUELS

Pendleton requested council schedule a Special Meeting to discuss Liquid Fuels. A discussion followed. The secretary will schedule a meeting.

#### LIBRARY UNEMPLOYMENT

Rudosky explained there are some issues concerning unemployment and that a meeting must be coordinated with the Library Board to discuss this topic.

#### SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS Mayor Pyle thanked Terry Walford, from the Indiana Regional office of Penndot for his help toward a resolution to the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue truck traffic problem.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins stated the last day to register to vote is 10-4-2004 and the next Public Meeting of the CDC will be held on 9-28-2004.

Cousins suggested council prioritize items and try to not make decisions quickly.

Malec reminded citizens that there is an ordinance in town that does not allow the parking of trailers on the Borough Streets. Malec asked the Mayor to tag these violators.

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Malec reminded council that a letter was received, at the end of June 2004, from the Police Department concerning negotiations and suggested council get together to start procedures for negotiations.

Tokarek stated the Police Department is doing a good job with the amount of work

they are to perform considering the number of people working in the department. Tokarek explained that if citizens are having trouble with a certain speeder they may contact the police and register a complaint.

Pendleton explained that during the ceremony in the Borough Park on Saturday, September 11, 2004 the American Legion presented a Blue Star Flag to the Borough.

Rudosky thanked Homer Pendleton, Ed Gerny and the remainder of the Picnic in the Park Committee along with the Ford City Fire Department for their activities during Picnic in the Park. It was a worth while event.

Rudosky congratulated the Ford City High School Football team on their victory against Freeport.

Kozuch thank the volunteers for the Picnic in the Park and stated that a community needs volunteers. Kozuch reminded everyone about the CDC meeting and the voter register deadline. Kozuch explained the police cannot be everywhere. Kozuch thanked everyone for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Cousins made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Lisa Bittner  
Borough Secretary

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