

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MAY 2, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER Council President Steve Kozuch called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Council President Kozuch led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ROLL CALL Terry Tokarek, Homer Pendleton, John Rudosky, Steve Kozuch, Tim Malec, and Dan Cousins were present.

ATTENDANCE Mayor Lux, Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I., Eugene Banks - Planning Commission, and Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe were also in attendance.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN HAND

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to honor former Mayor John Hand who recently passed away with a moment of silence. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

DOBSON CELLULAR

Chad Wood, a representative from Dobson Cellular, requested approval to lease space on the existing water tower on Neale Avenue. He explained the work that would take place on/near the tower. Mr. Wood assured that the work would be completed with no interruption to the water service and with no interference to police or fire services.

A discussion took place.

Councilman Malec made a motion that any money that would come from the lease of this contract go into a separate fund to fix the water tower. Motion fails due to lack of a second.

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

Council President Kozuch stated that there is a public G.F.C.C.D.C. meeting on May 24, 2005 at 5p.m. Councilman Rudosky stated that phase three and four of the RACP Funding Request has been completed for the Shop 2 Project.

Eugene Banks, Planning Commission, asked if Caracal is hiring. Rudosky stated that there are plans on hiring and that Caracal is now accepting applications.

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Councilman Cousins made a motion to accept the minutes of 4-4-2005. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Councilman Cousins made a motion to approve the minutes of 4-14-2005 with the change of the "FORD STREET" heading on page two to "COLLATERAL FOR CDC LOAN." Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Terry McGinnis, as a concerned citizen, would like to know if there is going to be a "Trash Day" this year. Council President Kozuch stated that this item is on the agenda and will be discussed later in the meeting. McGinnis passed out photos of areas in Ford City that he believes present unsafe conditions and propose danger to citizens. The photos consisted of a broken tree limb in the Borough park, trash/garbage bags in an alley, junk cars at a garage, a board falling out of the pump house roof in the park, broken windows of the old PPG Building, and a broken corner curb. Councilman Rudosky stated that it looked like the garbage bags in the alley were waiting to be picked up by the garbage men. Councilman Pendleton stated that he believes that the PCC will be fixing the pump house in the park this summer. Councilman Kozuch stated that the PPG building is not owned by the Borough or the G.F.C.C.D.C. Rudosky stated that a crosswalk is next to the curb in question and that pedestrians should be walking in the crosswalk. He also stated that there is dirt placed near the curb for work that is being done on the sewer and water lines. Councilman Rudosky stated that he questions comments made by McGinnis that didn't happen. Councilman Malec stated he spent Saturday, March 19, 2005 cleaning the park with five community service workers. He stated that he, along with 60 students in the Ford City Leo Club, also spent April 22, 2005 volunteering their time to clean the park, mulch the trees on the trail, and clean up at the clock tower. Other residents in the community have also been seen volunteering their time to clean the town. Councilman Malec recommended that McGinnis and the citizens who have complaints should also make the effort to help out and clean the community. Malec thanked the Ford City Leo Club.

Al Garay asked if a sign could be placed at Boulder Park stating that no pets are allowed in the playground. Council President Kozuch recommended that Mr. Garay contact the police department since there is a Borough Ordinance dealing with this type of situation. The Borough will look into getting signs for the playgrounds. Al Garay also asked if the P&M Auto Building can be cleaned up and the worn flag removed or replaced to show respect to Veterans. He also requested ten to twenty minutes of council's time without the news media. Councilman Rudosky stated that this could not happen because it would violate the Sunshine Law. Councilman Cousins stated that Mr. Garay could meet with the Street Department. Rudosky stated that Garay could work with Lisa to email Council about the issues he has.

Randy Johns spoke on his curb cut request and asked Council to vote in favor of it. A lengthy discussion took place. Councilman Rudosky stepped out of the meeting at 7:00p.m. He returned at 7:04p.m. Councilman Cousins asked if Johns had submitted the application for the curb cut. Randy Johns stated that he had submitted the application to Council. Mr. Johns stated that he thinks the application may not be correct and that it does not apply to his situation. Council President Kozuch had asked Johns to submit letters but had not received any. Kozuch asked numerous times if any council member is willing to make an action on this curb cut request. There was no response.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor John M. Lux, Sr. stated that a 17-year old juvenile was cited for causing damage to the fountain at the clock tower. He stated that the estimated damage is \$200 so far. Mayor Lux reminded the citizens to clean up after their pets. He stated that warnings and fines that cannot exceed \$1,000 will be issued to those who do not clean up after their pets.

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Mayor Lux submitted the police report for April 2005. Lux stated that magistrate fines in the amount of \$1,498.61 had been received for the month of March 2005 and had not been received, as of yet, for April 2005. He stated that fines in the amount of \$1,182.00 had been received for April 2005. (Report Attached)

Mayor Lux stated that the Ford City Police Department will be participating in the "Click It or Ticket" program during the month of May 2005. He stated that pedestrian signs have been placed on Fifth Avenue at 11th Street and 12th Street by Ford City High School.

Councilman Malec made a motion to accept the Police Report for the month of April 2005. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

WATER REPORT

Council President Kozuch explained the water reports for April 2005 are available in the Borough Office. (Reports attached)

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to accept the water reports for April 2005. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilman Pendleton read the Treasurer's report for March 2005. He stated that the total Borough funds are in the amount of \$341,835.09. He stated that total Borough investments are in the amount of \$1,438,278.79. Liabilities, which includes the Tax Anticipation Loan, the Fire Truck and the Police Car, are in the amount of \$468,148.85. Pendleton explained that the unpaid bill list to approve is in the amount of \$62,416.86.

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2005 and pay the bills as money becomes available and as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

ENGINEER REPORT

Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I. submitted the Engineer Report. (Report Attached) He stated that N.S.E.I. had issued a letter of minor deficiencies on the PPG Property to Borough Council on December 9, 2004 that must be addressed this spring. Nichols reminded Council that the time period to have the work completed by is almost over.

Mr. Nichols stated that approval of the bid documents from Armstrong County for public bidding had been granted. He stated that the gas company is ready and eager to start work on Ford Street. Nichols stated that he suggested that the gas company submit a letter to council requesting an excavation permit. He stated that the gas company is planning to replace the gas line between 4th and 5th Avenues including the portion within the intersection of Ford Street.

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to advertise a special council meeting for Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 4:30p.m. to open the Ford Street construction bids. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

FORD STREET

A discussion took place under the ENGINEER REPORT.

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RDP

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AGREEMENT WITH MTJMA

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Council President Kozuch stated that the PDP will not be discussed this meeting.

Council President Kozuch stated that there is a council work session on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 10:30a.m.

STREET OPENING ORDINANCE

Councilman Malec stated that he had discussed these issues during the ENGINEER REPORT.

S-10 BID OPENING

Councilman Pendleton made a motion to open the bids for the S-10 truck. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

The only bid received was from Harry J. Mangus for \$100.00.

Councilman Malec made a motion to accept Mangus' bid of \$100.00 for the Ford City Borough water truck. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS

Council will be holding interviews for the positions of playground supervisors, summer labor, and part-time labor on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 4:30p.m at the Borough office.

KLINGENSMITH DRUG STORE PROJECT

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to direct the Borough Solicitor to research LERTA designations for business improvement including but not limited to the geographic scope and drafting a purposed ordinance and to report back to Council within two weeks. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

BOULDER PARK - PAVING

A lengthy discussion took place concerning paving the basketball court at Boulder Park.

Councilman Tokarek made a motion to accept the proposal from Holbein to make necessary repairs to the basketball court at Boulder Park for the amount of \$1,370.00. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 4-2 Pendleton and Malec vote no.

EXTINGUISH STREET LIGHTS

Councilman Pendleton made a motion to send a letter to Allegheny Power requesting that they extinguish all street lights so the Ford City Lion's Club may hold their annual Memorial Eve Candlelight Service on Sunday, May 29, 2005. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

HERITAGE DAYS

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to grant permission to Heritage Days to use the Borough Park on Sunday, June 26, 2005 for Super Bingo. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

KENNYWOOD COMMITTEE

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to grant permission to the Kennywood Committee to place their banner across 4th Avenue after Heritage Days is over. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

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TRASH DAY
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Councilman Malec stated that he would like to discuss having a trash day this year since he has received many questions from citizens asking if one will be held. He stated that he is not sure if the Borough can afford a trash day because it usually costs approximately \$6,000 to \$10,000. Councilman Rudosky asked that trash day be put on the agenda for the next

special meeting of council.

REC GRANT RESOLUTION

Councilman Cousins made a motion to authorize the Council President and the Borough Secretary to sign the Resolution to submit for the Armstrong County Recreation Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

PRWA SEMINAR

Councilman Pendleton made a motion to authorize Pat Cujas to attend the chlorine seminar on Thursday, May 26, 2005 in Mercer County at a cost of \$20 and reimburse him for mileage. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

PSATS SEMINAR

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to authorize the Borough Secretary and any council member to attend the seminar on municipal law suits on Thursday, June 23, 2005 in Butler County at a fee of \$25 per person and reimburse for mileage and meal allowance; attendees must carpool. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

SAFETY BUG

Councilman Pendleton made a motion to authorize the FCHS to hold their Safety Bug Program on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 from 7am-2:15pm and to block 3rd Avenue from 10th Street to 11th Street and any necessary alleys and to notify the Police and Fire Departments. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

ASD REQUEST

Councilman Malec made a motion to schedule a meeting between the Armstrong School District and the ASA Softball League to discuss the 2006 Season at Fort Run Playground. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council President Kozuch read a letter to council from the Safety Committee.

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to send a letter to Armstrong School District in regards to installing a flashing light at FCHS both on 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue and direct the mayor to remind the Police Department of the need to be at the school and continue enforcement of any traffic and parking ordinances. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

A discussion took place concerning the weight limit on Fifth Avenue.

APPEALS BOARD

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to advertise for persons needed to become members of the Board of Appeals because the Borough has adopted the Uniform Construction Code. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

PARKING METER REPAIR

Councilman Rudosky stated that some parking meters needed repaired but could not be picked up by the repairman because council had not yet authorized him to do so. He stated that the meters must be inspected and certified by the Department of Weights and Measures. Councilman Malec recommended changing the mechanisms to one-hour meters.

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BOROUGH ASSOCIATION DINNER

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Councilman Rudosky made a motion to approve the attendance of any councilman, Mayor Lux, and the Borough Secretary to the Borough Association Meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2005 at a cost of \$12.00 each. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Council President Kozuch stated that he will be attending this dinner and advised the Borough Secretary to purchase a ticket for his wife which will be reimbursed by him to the Borough.

A.C. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councilman Pendleton made a motion to approve the attendance of Councilman Rudosky and the Borough Secretary at the Chamber Luncheon on Friday, April 29, 2005 at a cost of \$10.00 each. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to approve the attendance of any council member at the Chamber Luncheon on Friday, May 6, 2005 at a cost of \$12.00 each. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

GRANT WORKSHOP

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to approve the attendance of any council member and the Borough Secretary to the 2005 Grant Writing Workshop on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 or Tuesday, May 31, 2005. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Councilman Rudosky stated that Kittanning Councilman Bob Uhlings had informed him that the Corps. of Engineers is attempting to restrict pleasure boat traffic on the Allegheny River this summer. Rudosky made a motion to allow the Chief of Police to attend the meeting with the Corps. of Engineers regarding the closure of River Locks Systems on Friday, May 6, 2005 at no cost to the Borough and indicate Council's opposition to the closing of the locks. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Lux stated that he would like to discuss the letter from the district attorney about ARMNET.

Mayor Lux reminded citizens about the 6th Annual Golf For the Cure benefitting the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. It will be held at the Willowbrook Golf Course in Apollo at 10:30a.m. with a 12:30p.m. gunshot start.

The mayor stated that the radio station will be broadcasting the Ford City vs. Kittanning Varsity Baseball game this Friday at 4p.m. and may cover the Little League Opener.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Cousins asked all citizens to turn out all lights during the Memorial Eve Candlelight Service on May 29, 2005 and recommended that everyone attend the service.

Cousins also reminded citizens to donate items in the box located in the Borough office to be sent to our men and women in the Service.

Councilman Cousins stated that the Borough website is up-to-date and thanked Lisa Bittner and Katherine Czekanski for their work on it.

Cousins reminded everyone to get out and vote. He stated that there are three good candidates running for the position of mayor.

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Councilman Malec thanked the FCHS Leo Club and their advisor, Erin Lasher, for volunteering and helping to clean the park. He also thanked Representative Pyle for the trees that were planted on Earth Day.

Councilman Tokarek recommended that any citizen interested in keeping the Allegheny River locks open to attend the meetings on this topic. Any concerned citizen should contact the Borough Secretary to get the necessary information to attend the meetings.

Councilman Pendleton reminded everyone to turn all the lights out during the Memorial Eve Service.

Councilman Rudosky reiterated Cousins' and Pendleton's comments on the Memorial Eve Service. He stated that the Ford City Lion's Club has held the service every year but one since 1955. Rudosky suggested that everyone thank the Lion's Club members when they see them.

Council President Kozuch commented that the boat traffic is a very important issue. He urged everyone to participate in the Lion's Club Memorial Candlelight Service. Kozuch reminded everyone to vote. He thanked God and the health of everyone that puts in so much time, wisdom, and effort to keep this community going.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Cousins. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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