

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
JANUARY 10, 2005**

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President Steve Kozuch called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Lux and Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe were also present.

FORD CITY JR. FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

Fire Chief Ron Wojcik explained the Junior Firefighter Program. He would like the support of Council. The Juniors would have to be covered under the Borough's Worker's Compensation and range in age from 14 to 17 years old.

Rudosky made a motion to adopt the Ford City Fire Department's Junior Firefighter Program contingent upon approval of the Solicitor and insurance carriers. Seconded by Cousins. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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

COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY

Rudosky made a motion that Ford City Borough belatedly declare January 10, 2005 "Ford City Borough Community Awareness Day." Seconded by Malec. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

- G.F.C.C.D.C.** The Maher Duessel letter request has been tabled until a later meeting.

- MINUTES** Rudosky made a motion to accept the minutes of October 21, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion carried. 5-1 Cousins abstained because he was not present at the 10-21-2004 meeting.

Malec made a motion to accept the minutes of December 6, 2004. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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Renee Zacour - representative from Armstrong Community Theater asked if they would be tax exempt. Solicitor Wolfe directed her to ask the County Assessment Office. She also stated that the Armstrong Community Theater would like the support of Council. Their next production is at Lenape Vo-Tech on February 18th and 19th around 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Baer Beauty in Ford City, at

Mac's Gym in West Kittanning, or by calling Renee Zacour.

Terry McGinnis brought to Council's attention the danger of a tree limb that is hanging out of a tree near the PPG Tunnel. Kozuch directed McGinnis to contact the Borough Secretary tomorrow to let her know which tree it is and she will contact Pete Milito, Street Department.

McGinnis stated that the "30-minute Parking" sign in front of the 9th Street Hot Dog Shop has been moved to the corner by the Hoagie Shop. The Secretary is to contact Milito to have him pick up the sign.

McGinnis stated that a tree behind the John B. Ford statue in the park has graffiti written on it. Rudosky instructed him to contact the Ford City Police Chief tomorrow.

David Croyle -Family Life TV stated that there are 55 kids in their Career Program. He acknowledged Sam Gibson and Amanda Neal, two Ford City Borough residents in the Career Program, who needed to attend their municipal's council meeting as part of the requirement for their year long program.

Carl Bromley gave a presentation on the Tourism Program. He stated that if the insurance is too high for the Junior Firefighter Program, they may join up with Boy Scouts' Venture Crew Program and Explorer Post Program because their liability insurance program would cover their activities. Bromley also spoke about the Flu Shot Clinic in Kittanning and about the Armstrong County War Memorial. He is looking for storytellers and plans to start the program in April 2005.

Rudosky made a motion that Ford City Borough Council endorse the collaborative Tourism Plan for Spring, Summer, and Fall of 2005, noting that this plan does not require any funding from Ford City Borough. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Lou Vergari - Ford City Library thanked the people of Ford City and Council for replacing the old air conditioner and furnace. He explained that Donna Kornasiewicz wrote a grant for the library for the PCC to replace the lights in the Borough.

POLICE REPORT

Kozuch introduced and welcomed the new mayor, John Lux. Mayor Lux read the December 2004 Police Report, stating that Police Department fines totaled \$1,966.00.

Cousins made a motion to accept the Police Report for December 2004. Seconded by Malec. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous
(Police Report Attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Council President Kozuch explained that the water reports are available in the Borough Office. Cousins made a motion to accept the Water Reports. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Reports attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilman Pendleton read the Treasurer's report for November 2004. Total Borough funds are in the amount of \$400,147.27. (Reports Attached)

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

ENGINEER REPORT Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I. submitted his report for January 2005. (Report Attached)

Rudosky made a motion to authorize Council President and Borough Secretary to sign the Application for Highway Occupancy Permit for S&T Bank. Seconded by Malec. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Nichols stated that there will be a meeting Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 3 p.m. at the Borough Office on the Ford Street Improvement Project. Carmen Johnson will be in attendance. Come Spring, the PPG Property will need to be mowed.

FORD STREET PROJECT

Nichols gave an update under Engineer Report.

PDP

Pendleton explained the PDP. Solicitor Wolfe explained the Zoning Ordinance must be rewritten. He also mentioned the requirement of a concept plan prior to beginning construction. A covenant deed restriction document and design document is also required. He stated that there are possible inconsistencies between these documents.

Solicitor Wolfe stated that he could simply write the differences to what light industrial zoning is and what the current zoning ordinance says light industrial zoning is.

Solicitor Wolfe stated that the Borough already has an I-1 Zone and that the PPG Property is now zoned as I-2.

A lengthy discussion took place. Solicitor Wolfe stated that he will prepare a comparative list of I-1 and L-1 zones by the end of the week for council to review.

MASELLO/COUSINS MAIN STREET DITCH

Cousins asked if anything had been done since the last meeting. Pendleton explained that he had contacted Indiana PennDot and they referred him to Kittanning PennDot.

Malec stated that he had spoken with Pete Milito. Milito is concerned that if the Borough fills the ditch in, the Borough will have a liability issue. Malec stated that the original problem came from PennDot and that Council, as a whole, needs to pursue PennDot. Rudosky recommended, that if we do not get a response from PennDot, to have the Solicitor look into the advisability of suing PennDot.

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Citizen Marc Mantini suggested the next step is contacting a politician. Cousins stated that only one PennDot person in one month has been contacted and to give

it another month before contacting a politician.

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE

Rudosky explained the Police Civil Service Workshop. Rudosky made a motion that this seminar be made available to our local Civil Service Commission and the Mayor to attend, and that we would pay the registration fee and any expenses that occur with it. The seminar in the west is on February 22, 2005 in Meadville or Altoona. Seconded by Cousins. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Rudosky made a motion to approve the recommendations made by the Ford City Public Library Board to reappoint William Dodds to a 4-year term, to reappoint Christine Kramer to a 4-year term, and to reappoint Natalie Vergari to a 4-year term. Seconded by Malec. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

RALLY FOR LIFE REQUEST

Pendleton made a motion to grant Christ Prince of Peace Parish permission to have a public assembly at the gazebo in the Ford City Park on Saturday, January 22, 2005 at 1:50 p.m. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

TRUCK TRAFFIC ON 5TH AVENUE

Kozuch read a letter from Senator Don White regarding Albert Garay's concern with the amount of noise being generated by truck traffic on SR 128 - 5th Avenue. [Letter Attached]

Kozuch commented that there is no way he would vote in favor of moving truck traffic onto Second Avenue because the road cannot handle that type of load and the burden for repairs of Second Avenue would fall on the taxpayers. Pendleton agreed. Rudosky asked if there was anyone who would vote to move truck traffic from a state-maintained highway to a Borough street.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH

Rudosky made a motion to grant permission to any council member and the Borough Secretary to attend the Borough's Association meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2005 at a cost of \$12.00 per person. Seconded by Malec. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Rudosky stated that the plan could be viewed online at www.co.armstrong.pa.us and at the Borough Office. Kozuch stated that the deadline for comments is February 6, 2005. Gene Banks, newly elected President of the Planning Commission, stated that the Planning Commission would like to assist council as needed.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Malec made a motion to grant permission to the Lion's Club to use the park on March 26, 2005 at 1 p.m. to hold the Lion's Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt and to use the park on May 29, 2005 at 10 p.m. for the Memorial Eve Candlelight Service. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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MILOSER REQUEST

1-10-2005 Bernard Miloser requested that Council designate a loading zone at 405 9th Street. A discussion took place concerning loading zones. Pendleton stated that the Chief of Police
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recommended not to give Miloser a Loading Zone sign. Malec stated that every business wants a loading zone. Rudosky stated that there was a problem with allowing one person to have something and not allowing another person to have one. Pendleton and Malec will work on this and make a recommendation to Council.

HERITAGE DAYS

Rudosky made a motion to grant permission to the Heritage Days Committee to hold their annual festival from Wednesday, June 29, 2005 until Monday, July 4, 2005, and to grant permission to the Picnic in the Park Committee to hold their annual Picnic in the Park in the Borough Park on Saturday, September 10, 2005 with a rain date of Saturday, September 17, 2005. Seconded by Malec. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

JIM PASHEK A meeting is to be scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2005. Kozuch stated that this had been previously discussed and nothing more needed to be added.

BOH RESIGNATION

Rudosky made a motion to accept the resignation of John M. Lux, Sr. from the Board of Health and to advertise for the positions available on the Board of Health, Planning Commission, Shade Tree Commission, and Zoning Board. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

JIM PASHEK Pendleton made a motion that we pay Pashek and Associates out of the Community Development Fund because they used up the Grant Funds. She will be paid \$95 per hour for 3 hours for a total of \$285.00. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion carried. 5-1 Tokarek votes no.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe thanked Councilman Pendleton for his patience concerning the PDP.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Lux stated that there is a transmission problem with the 2001 Police Cruiser. He has collected quotes for repairs on the vehicle, ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500. The lowest bid was from Bandi Brothers for \$1400 to \$1800 with a 12-month/12,000-mile guarantee on the transmission.

Tokarek had spoken to Mark Kirkwood at B&J who had given a bid for \$2,500 with a 100% guarantee on everything with the Jasper Transmission being guaranteed for 3 years/ 75,000 miles. Malec stated he had talked to Chief Lysakowski about the warranty. Mayor Lux stated that a repair on the transmission was done Feb 18, 2002 at 17,000 miles while it was under warranty.

A discussion took place.

Malec made a motion, pending a written quote, to accept the local B&J quote of \$2,500 contingent on a 3-year/75,000 miles warranty, making sure to read the warranty. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

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Mayor Lux stated he got a phone call from the radio station wanting to broadcast the Boys and Girls Basketball games and are looking for sponsors. Interested persons may contact

John Defaio at 724-543-1380.

Mayor Lux thanked council for the opportunity to be Mayor and stated that his door is always open and he is willing to help. His office hours are 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins welcomed Mayor Lux aboard and thanked all the applicants for the position of Mayor. He congratulated Gene Banks on becoming the new President of the Planning Commission.

Cousins asked why there was no CDC Report this month. Rudosky stated that he believed there was a death in Tina Clark's family.

Cousins questioned the operating committee formed by the CDC. Kozuch stated that the committee had not been approved yet. Cousins commented on the appointments to the CDC Board. Kozuch stated that he had appointed himself. Cousins asked if the CDC Presidency is a one-year term. Kozuch stated that all the executive positions are one-year terms.

Cousins stated that the CDC Bylaws state that the nominations for the Executive Committee must be made by the Nominating Committee 45 days prior to the meeting. Kozuch stated that Pendleton is on the Nominating Committee, along with those on the Operation Committee. Those on the Operation Committee are John Rudosky, Frank Wolfe, Ray Boarts, and Homer Pendleton.

Cousins asked Pendleton if the nominations will be made 45 days prior to the meeting. Pendleton stated that he doesn't think it will be done by tomorrow. Kozuch stated that this is CDC business.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Marc Mantini stated that he did not think that Cousins' comments were accusatory toward anybody. He stated a quote that says, "The most successful people in life are those that are most informed."

Malec stated that he is volunteering his services to the CDC publicly on TV. He believes that the people that need to be supporters in the project are backing away from it. Malec stated that he is currently working on the Ford Street Project, Parks and Recreation, and anything else the Borough needs.

Tokarek had no comments.

Pendleton stated that his CDC term is up in 2005 and that he'll give his position up then so someone else has a chance. He stated that he gives a lot of time to the CDC and the Borough. He also stated that the CDC is not running perfectly because of people that were lost. Pendleton welcomed the new Mayor.

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Rudosky welcomed the Mayor. He stated that CDC problems should be brought up at a CDC meeting.

Kozuch thanked everyone for their hard work and welcomed Mayor John Lux.

ADJOURNMENT

Tokarek made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried.
Unanimous 6-0

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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