

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY BOROUGH OFFICE
FEBRUARY 7, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER Council President Steve Kozuch called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL Steven Kozuch, Homer Pendleton, Dan Cousins, Tim Malec, Terry Tokarek, and Mayor Lux were present. John Rudosky was absent.

ATTENDANCE Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe and Dave Nichols were also present.

G.F.C.C.D.C. Secretary was advised to contact the CDC office to obtain the information about Maher Duessel and to email the information to council members.

PROPOSED BUILDING PROJECT
Kim Petrie was not in attendance and therefore, the project plans could not be discussed.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

Terry McGinnis asked if a caution light or stop light could be placed near the intersection of Ford Street and Fifth Avenue due to the S&T Bank. Kozuch advised McGinnis to contact State Representative Pyle since Fifth Avenue is a state-maintained highway.

McGinnis requested that a pothole in the alley behind Citizen Bank be repaired because it is prohibiting the High Rise (Park View Apartments) residents from accessing the dumpster. Kozuch advised that he follow-up tomorrow by calling the Borough office.

Carl Bromley announced that Jay Rearick is the new District Executive of the Boy Scouts. He asked council for an endorsement letter of the Tourism Program for purposes of writing a grant proposal for \$250,000. Bromley invited Council, CDC and the public to the planning meeting at Armstrong Educational Trust Computer Lab on Thursday, February 10 at 1:30 p.m. He recapped the event in which canoes come down the Allegheny River from Detroit, Michigan. Bromley's goal is to have them host boy scouts troops and invite other troops from out of the area. Bromley informally requested that the Boy Scouts be permitted to camp out on the PPG Property for this event which will take place around the time of Heritage Days. A discussion followed concerning the safety of the PPG grounds. Solicitor Wolfe advised a survey be conducted before granting approval of camping on the PPG Property. Council suggested the possible use of the Fort Run or Cadogan Flats Ballfields.

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POLICE REPORT

Mayor Lux read the police report for January 2005. He commented that vehicles are parking in front of S&T Bank where the parking meters were removed. He suggested that "No Parking" signs be placed where the meters used to be located. Solicitor Wolfe stated the ordinance must be changed to designate the area as a "No Parking Area."

Malec made a motion to authorize Solicitor Wolfe to do the preliminary work on the "No Parking" ordinance. Cousins seconded. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cousins made a motion to accept the Water Report. Seconded by Tim Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Pendleton read the Treasurer's Report and Unpaid Bills List. Pendleton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2004 and pay the Unpaid Bill List as money becomes available. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

ENGINEER REPORT

Dave Nichols submitted the Engineer Report for February 2005. He stated that only concrete brick pavers are presently approved by PADot for use of Liquid Fuels Fund. A discussion followed.

Pendleton made a motion that Dave Nichols write a letter to PennDot requesting that Ford City Borough be allowed to use clay pavers for the Ford Street Project. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

FORD STREET PROJECT

Discussed under Engineer comments.

PDP

Pendleton made a motion to authorize Solicitor Wolfe to prepare the Planned Development Park in the form of an ordinance. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

FORT RUN PLAYGROUND

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Malec made a motion to grant permission to the ASA Softball team to use Fort Run Playground as requested under the conditions of the previous two years. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

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CAR WASH ON
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Pendleton made a motion to grant permission to the Ford City Cheerleader Booster Club to hold a car wash on Saturday, July 23 at the fire hydrant on the 3rd Avenue near the Borough Garage and that they contact the Police Department, Fire Department, Borough Garage, and all appropriate agencies beforehand. Seconded

by Cousins. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

BOULDER PARK REPAVING PROJECT

The Borough received a grant for approximately \$7,000 to repave the Basketball Court at Boulder Park but the estimated costs are much higher. A discussion followed. The Secretary is to place this on the agenda for next month under new business.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Cousins made a motion to appoint Jerry Miklos to the Ford City Borough Board of Health. Pendleton Seconded. Motion Carried. 4-1 Malec voted no.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pendleton made a motion to place in the Leader-Times and the Valley News Dispatch a reminder to citizens to park the correct distance from Fire Hydrants. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Cousins made a motion to send a letter, concerning defibrillators, to the Armstrong County Commissioners as requested by the Safety Committee with the letter being signed by Council President Kozuch instead of the Borough Secretary. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

ALLTEL

Cousins made a motion to sign a new 48 month lease agreement with Alltel in the amount of \$18.73 per month. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Pendleton made a motion to ratify the attendance of four representatives from the Borough at the Chamber Luncheon on Friday, January 28, 2005 at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Pendleton made a motion to grant permission to any Council Member and the Borough Secretary to attend the Chamber Luncheon on Friday, February 25, 2005 at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Cousins made a motion to hire Charles M. Shafer as a part-time police officer for the normal (6) six month probationary period, passing a physical examination, psychological examination, and background check to be performed at the direction of the Chief of Police and the Mayor and to be paid the current wage of the part-time police officer. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

CAR CRUISE

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Malec made a motion to approve the request of Bab Davila to hold the 4th Annual Street Dreams Car Cruise in the Borough Park on Saturday, June 11, 2005 and they are required to return the property back to the original condition and inform the Mayor and Police Department. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments.

Mayor Lux thanked council on the quickness of repairing the police cruiser and for hiring the part-time police officer.

Cousins asked if there is a CDC Report for this month. Kozuch stated Cousins should contact the CDC Board members including the CDC office about when a CDC report for Borough Council will be submitted.

Malec thanked the citizens for doing a good job of cleaning their sidewalks this winter.

Tokarek had no comments.

Pendleton made a motion to approve mileage reimbursement to Tim Malec for traveling to Blawnox, PA and Aspinwall, PA to speak to representatives about their brick street projects. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Kozuch thanked everyone, all the committees, all the groups, all the volunteers in the community for all the hard work, as well as our employees.

ADJOURNMENT

Cousins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Patty Hornyak

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