

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
APRIL 4, 2005**

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President Steve Kozuch called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- AUDIO TAPED** Council President Kozuch informed everyone that the meeting is being audio and video taped.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Council President Kozuch led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Council President Kozuch read a list of announcements. (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., Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe, Gregory D. Dinko - Emergency Management Coordinator, Eugene Banks and Marc Mantini - Planning Commission were in attendance.
- MINUTES** Rudosky made a motion to accept the minutes of 3-7-2005. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous
- Rudosky made a motion to accept the minutes of 3-23-2005. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 5-0 Councilman Cousins abstains because he was absent from this meeting.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT** Fire Chief Ron Wojcik reported that the Borough replaced three fire hydrants and repaired the fire hydrant near Nature's Blend. A hydrant on 9th Street and 5th Avenue also needs replaced immediately. Councilman Pendleton stated that Pete Milito believes that this service must be bid out. Solicitor Wolfe stated that there is an exception to bidding out services for water service and that no bidding is required to work on the hydrants.
- Councilmen Malec stated that the lead line under 5th Avenue is bad. Dave Nichols stated that it is leaking at the valve. He stated that he could get quotes.
- Rudosky made a motion to ratify the action of repairing/replacing the four fire hydrants which were emergency situations. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous
- Rudosky made a motion to proceed with the repair/replacement of the fifth hydrant on 9th Street and 5th Avenue with the cooperation of the Borough engineer as an emergency repair. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous
- Wojcik stated that the Fire Department will be testing fire hydrants and will be

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submitting a detailed report to council.

Fire Chief Wojcik stated that Emergency Vehicle Driver Training will be held on April 10, 2005 on Third Avenue from Ford Street to 11th Street. He asked Klingensmith employees to please move their vehicles to the municipal lot for that day. Those streets will be blocked off.

Rudosky asked Wojcik to get with Secretary Bittner to have Katherine Czekanski put this reminder on the borough website.

Fire Chief Wojcik reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stephanie Gorgas, Family Support Group Company A, explained that approximately 150 soldiers from the Unit consisting of the Ford City and Butler Armory are deployed in Iraq. The group is currently in the process of putting together care packages for the troops. They are placing boxes in the local businesses and churches for the public to donate needed items to the soldiers. Boxes are currently located at St. Luke's United Church in Kittanning, the Free Methodist Church in Kittanning, Walk Lutheran Church in Kittanning, Emmanuel Home and Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Church of Our Lady in Kittanning, the New Life Center in Ford City, Victory Baptist Church in Kittanning, the Walkchalk Second Baptist, the YMCA in Allegheny Township and West Vandergrift, and Jimmy's Dollar Store in Ford City. They are looking for donations of microwavable, non-perishable foods, snacks, powdered drink mixes, non-aerosol shaving cream, shavers, eyedrops, chapstick, body and foot powder, sunscreen, toothpaste, etc.

Gorgas asked the Borough to place a box in the Borough building. She asked for community support. Anyone interested in having a box may contact the Ford City Armory at 724-763-1501 or the Butler Armory at 724-789-7894. She asked Council for permission to do a Boot Drive, where they would stand at an intersection with a boot asking drivers for donations. They would also like to do a fund raiser at Heritage Days and asked the Heritage Days Committee if they could help them get a booth for a lesser cost.

Rudosky made a motion to approve the placement of a box in the Ford City Borough Office for donations to the Family Support Group Company and urge all businesses /churches to also support the group. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Rudosky made a motion to approve a Boot Drive at the intersection of 4th Avenue and Ford Street at a date coordinated with the Borough Secretary and the Police Department, and if available, the intersection at SR 66 and 128 contingent upon the approval of Manor Township and PennDOT. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Gorgas stated that the group has an account at S&T Bank under Company A 1/112th Family Support Group and are accepting monetary donations which may

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be directly deposited into the account or by contacting the Butler or Ford City Armory, or by contacting Stephanie Gorgas at 724-230-2467.

Roy Cigola, Armstrong Recycling Center, asked permission to set a recycling trailer on 3rd Avenue near the Borough Garage. The recycling trailers will hold eight 1 cu. yd. bins and one 2 yd. bin. They will pick up plastics, three kinds of glass, metal, aluminum, and cardboard. They would like to leave the trailers there year-round and will provide the necessary maintenance. Councilman Kozuch stated that he sees the cost of tipping fees being reduced by the recycling program. Kozuch asked what the cost of the program to citizens would be. Cigola stated that there is no cost to the citizens. Councilman Malec asked if signs marking the trailers and the types of materials accepted would be available. Cigola stated that the bins will be clearly marked. He stated that individuals that improperly dump garbage in the recycling bins will be warned and then legal action will be taken if the problem continues. The bins can be here no later than Wednesday.

Cousins made a motion to approve the placement of a recycling trailer on 3rd Avenue at the discretion of the Superintendent. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Roy Cigola stated that the Armstrong Recycling Center is holding an open house on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 from 4-7 p.m.

Marc Mantini, as the appointed Borough representative, stated that he has been attending the Mid-County Transit Authority meetings and that he is now the treasurer. He stated that he has been delivering reports to the Borough Office for council.

Mantini asked why there have been no reports from the CDC and asked when the reports will be starting again. Councilmen Kozuch stated that they are a little too busy to present them now. He stated that they had asked for the reports to be presented this month, but there is none for this meeting.

Mantini stated that taxpayers' money is being used and he would like to see any progress report as Ms. Petrie had submitted.

Randy and Molly Johns came to discuss their curb-cut request. This item will be discussed later in the meeting under the heading titled "CURB CUT REQUEST."

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Lux read the Police Report for March 2005. He explained that the overtime in the last three months is covered by HAVIN and the Seatbelt Grant.

Cousins made a motion to accept the Police Report for March 2005. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Report Attached)

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilman Pendleton read the Treasurer's report for February 2005. He stated that the total Borough funds are in the amount of \$321,909.78. Pendleton explained the bills to approve are in the amount of \$44,115.08. (Reports Attached)

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

ENGINEER REPORT

Dave Nichols - N.S.E.I. submitted the Engineer Report. He stated that N.S.E.I. assisted with the procurement of Gene Rayman Construction to assist in the repair/replacement of four fire hydrants using materials supplied by the Borough on emergency basis.

Nichols explained that they had previously performed the annual inspection on the former PPg Property. This inspection covered the soil, security fence, and site conditions for submittal to regulatory agencies. N.S.E.I. issued a letter of minor deficiencies to Borough Council on December 9, 2004 to be addressed this spring.

Nichols stated that Greg Scott had attended a meeting with Borough Council on March 16, 2005. N.S.E.I. provided a final copy of the design drawing for Ford Street improvements and that they are awaiting approval fo the bid documents from Armstrong County for public bidding. He stated that alternate bid prices will be obtained for construction of new concrete sidewalks, light standards, and tree planters. They are awaiting PADOT consideration of clay brick pavers as an approved roadway material. They requested approval to proceed with bidding upon receipt of County approval based on the submitted schedule. (Engineer Report & Schedule Attached)

Rudosky made a motion to authorize Armstrong County to proceed with the advertisement of bids contingent upon approval by the Street Committee. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

FORD STREET PROJECT

This had been discussed under the agenda heading Engineer Report.

PDP

Pendleton stated that he would like to postpone this until the next upcoming meeting. Solicitor Wolfe asked if the subdivision map was obtained yet because it is needed to draft the open space ordinance. Councilmen Pendleton stated that R.B. Shannon will be getting something for us.

PARKING IN FRONT OF S&T BANK

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Malec made a motion to adopt the amendment to Ordinance #459 dealing with prohibited parking. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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AGREEMENT WITH MANOR TOWNSHIP JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (MTJMA)

Councilman Malec explained that MTJMA would like a right-of-way through Fort Run Playground. Malec proposed that the Ford City Borough would grant a small

amount for a right-of-way in exchange for water and sewage for the playground at no charge to the Borough.

Rudosky made a motion to enter into preliminary negotiations on the right-of-way along with the Borough Solicitor, MTJMA, and Ford City Borough with MTJMA paying Solicitor Wolfe's fee.

A discussion of the benefits of Fort Run Playground to Manor Township followed.

Council President Kozuch reminded Council that there is a motion on the floor. Rudosky made a motion to enter into preliminary negotiations on the right-of-way along with the Borough Solicitor, MTJMA, and Ford City Borough with MTJMA paying Solicitor Wolfe's fee. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

STREET OPENING ORDINANCE

Council President Kozuch stated that councilman Malec stated that this is not ready to be discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

ARMSTRONG CO. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Pendleton made a motion to approve three representatives from the Borough attending the luncheon with Senator Don White on Friday, April 1, 2005 at a cost of \$12.00 each. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

GAZEBO

Cousins made a motion to approve the request of Danielle Schaeffer for use of the gazebo on Saturday, April 30, 2005 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

COMMUNITY ACTION

Pendleton made a motion to participate in the Summer Lunch Program operated by the Armstrong County Community Action Agency. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

SWEEPING SCHEDULE

Rudosky asked why the street sweeping continues into December as most communities stop sweeping in mid-November. He stated that this would free an employee if stopped. Cousins explained the need to sweep 5th Avenue. Rudosky stated that he would second the motion if Council promises to look into stopping the street sweeping earlier for next year.

Pendleton made a motion to accept the 2005 Street Sweeping Schedule prepared by Pete Milito and advertise in a large block ad in the Leader Times. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0 (Schedule Attached)

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Pendleton asked Dave Nichols if the Borough could resubmit the grant to the Hometown Streets/Safe Routes to School Program.

Cousins asked if the Solicitor has ever been sent to a seminar before. Pendleton stated that he cannot remember previously sending the solicitor to a seminar.

Rudosky made a motion to approve sending one councilman and Solicitor Wolfe to the 2005 Labor & Employment Law Seminar on April 26 & 27. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-1 Cousins votes no.

Rudosky made a motion to approve any Councilman and the Borough Secretary to attend the Hometown Streets/Safe Routes to School Program on April 29, 2005 in Greensburg and reimburse for mileage. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS AND SUMMER LABOR

Pendleton made a motion to advertise for Summer Help and Playground Supervisors with applications being accepted until April 29, 2005. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

PART-TIME LABOR Cousins made a motion to advertise for part-time labor with applications to be received by April 29, 2005. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

REGIONAL MEETING - ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Cousins made a motion to grant permission to any Council person attending the Armstrong County Regional Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at the Rayburn Township Fire Hall. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

BICYCLES

Rudosky explained that this motion will provide continuing approval to dispose of bicycles.

Rudosky made a motion to place an advertisement in the Leader Times stating the Police Department will be disposing of bicycles after a period of 30 days and authorize the Police Department to disposed of bicycles as needed by placing an advertisement. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

DCED REPORT 2004 Pendleton made a motion to advertise the DCED report for 2004. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

PENN PRIME - GRANT APPLICATION

Rudosky thanked Lisa Bittner and Katherine Czekanski for taking the initiative in writing the grant.

Rudosky made a motion to approve the submission of a Grant Application in the amount of \$1,000 to Penn Prime for the purchase of cones and barricades to be used by the Street Department, Police Department, and the Fire Department.

PLAYGROUND CRAFTS

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Pendleton made a motion to purchase supplies for the playground in the amount of \$1,173.60. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Gregory D. Dinko, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained the need for a deputy EMC and asked for Council's approval. He recommended Tom Ondrusek

for the position. Dinko stated that the deputy would have to fill out and submit forms and may be do so online. There are no qualifications for the position. The deputy would be covered under the Borough's Worker's Comp.

Cousins made a motion to table the EMC deputy until next meeting. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

CURB CUT REQUEST

Randy and Molly Johns explained the need to have parking in their yard. They stated that they are willing to meet the necessary requirements to be permitted to park in their yard. A lengthy discussion took place.

Fred Dzugan, Codes Enforcement Officer, arrived at 7:55 p.m. Dzugan stated that a driveway is an accessory use to a dwelling unit and that a conditional use hearing must be held with Council making the final decision. A stenographer would be at the hearing. The residents within 200 ft. of the same side of the street and 100 ft. on the other side of the street of the driveway would be notified to submit their input.

Dzugan is to submit the specific information on the codes being violated to Council. Rudosky asked the Johns' to supply the actual measurements on the regulations of a legal parking space to Council. Dzugan stated that he had sent the Johns' a Conditional Use Form with the second letter issued to them.

Pendleton made a motion to table this until later this month. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

LINE PAINTING - 5TH AVENUE

Pendleton stated that the Borough employees are capable and should paint the crosswalk lines on 5th Avenue. Cousins agrees. Mayor Lux requested that the Police Department be informed when this painting will be done.

WATER TRUCK

Rudosky made a motion to purchase a 1999 Chevy Silverado from Walker Motor Company for \$6,500.00 plus an \$85.00 transfer fee. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Cousins made a motion to advertise for bids on the old S-10 Chevy. A discussion took place. Solicitor Wolfe stated that if the value is less than \$500, the truck does not need to be advertised. Cousins withdraws his motion.

Malec made a motion to advertise on TV at this meeting to accept bids for the S-10 Chevy until April 22, 2005. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

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HANDICAP COMMITTEE

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Cousins made a motion to approve the purchase of stickers for the Borough vehicles at a cost of \$50 maximum per truck. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Pendleton made a motion to approve the list of names submitted by the Handicap Committee for renewal of existing handicap signs. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

ARMSTRONG COUNTY ASSOC. OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

Rudosky made a motion to authorize any council member to attend the Annual Meeting of the Armstrong County Association of Township Officer on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 with an RSVP date of April 22, 2005. Seconded by Cousins. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

PENNDOT - SUPER PAVE

Pendleton made a motion to authorize any council member to attend the PENNDOT seminar on Super Pave on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. and reimburse for mileage and all attendees must carpool. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe asked if Council decides who will comply with the Labor Board. Rudosky stated that he will do so.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Lux reminded the public about the Armstrong County Memorial Hospital Cancer Care Team fundraiser. They are sponsoring a golf outing to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay For Life on May 23, 2005 at Willowbrook Golf Course in Apollo.

Mayor Lux stated that Big Brothers and Big Sisters are having their Annual Bowl for Kids Sakes at King's Lane in Kittanning, Lee's Lanes in Leechburg, and Falcon's Lanes in Ford City on Saturday, April 23, 2005.

Mayor Lux thanked Secretary Bittner for the Borough website sign.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins stated that anyone who may have lost a bicycle should contact the Police Department since the bicycles will soon be disposed of. Cousins stated that the Ford City Public Library is selling Cookbooks for \$10.00 each.

Malec reminded everyone to mail in their tax returns by April 15th.

Tokarek thanked the Ford City Police Department and Mayor Lux for their escort service for the pilgrimage on Holy Thursday night. He invited anyone to a memorial mass for Pope John Paul II at Christ Prince of Peace Parish April 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Pendleton had no comments.

Rudosky congratulated the students who participated in the FCHS musical along with Mrs. Kathy Valasek and Mrs. Polly Hendrickson. He stated that the Indiana, Armstrong, and Clarion County Central Labor Council will be sponsoring a townhouse meeting on social security at 2199 Oakland Avenue in Indiana, PA. It

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will be held on April 7, 2005 from 7-9 p.m. The meeting will also be shown on Family Life TV.

Kozuch reminded everyone about the Family Support Group Company A and using the Recycling bins once they have arrived. He reminded everyone to vote. Kozuch thanked everyone who puts in hard work to help build the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Cousins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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