

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY BOROUGH BUILDING
APRIL 14, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER Council President John M. Lux, Sr. called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

AUDIO TAPED Council President Lux informed everyone the meeting is being audio taped and asked if anyone in the audience is audio or video taping this meeting? There was no response from anyone

ROLL CALL Terry Tokarek, Ray Klukan, Ron Dillard, John Lux, Tim Malec, Tom Shaffer and Mayor Mantini were present.

ATTENDANCE Solicitor Wolfe was also present.

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Malec made a motion to approve the appointment of Devyn J. Opalka as a Deputy Tax Collector as per the request of Bridgette D. Opalka, Ford City Borough Tax Collector, on condition that the Tax Collector complies with all conditions concerning the appointment of a Deputy Tax Collector and further secures any other approvals that may be necessary. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Shaffer made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the Producer of Record letter to be sent to Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield which appoints Michael Baer of Davevic Benefits Consultants as the Borough's Producer of Record. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR

Shaffer made a motion to authorize Solicitor Wolfe to review the administrative services agreement with Davevic Benefit Consultants, Inc for administration of the medical benefits. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FORD STREET PROJECT - APPROVE

Malec made a motion to approve Tony Baiano Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$555,000 as the contractor for the Ford Street Improvement Project. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FORD STREET - TREES

Malec made a motion to remove the exiting trees within the Ford Street Project and replace with new trees according to the job specifications and consulting with a representative from Penn State Extension.. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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Item removed from the agenda prior to the meeting.

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FORD STREET - LIGHTS

Klukan made a motion to approve the Ford Street Lights from Steel to Aluminum. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

POLICE PENSION FUND

Shaffer made a motion to approve, based on the recommendation of the Police Department Pension Board, moving the Police Pension Plan from Merrill Lynch to First Commonwealth Trust as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

BILLS TO APPROVE Shaffer made a motion to approve two invoices Ron Klingensmith & Tire & More in the amount of \$463.77 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PART-TIME HELP Dillard made a motion to hire Al Edward Craig, Jr. as a temporary part-time labor position, pending passing physical examination, for a maximum of 32 hours per week and completing the required paperwork, at the State of PA Minimum wage rate. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

PARKS & RECREATION

Dillard made a motion to appoint Allyssa Burk, StacyKlukan and Doug Anthony as members for the Parks & Recreation Committee and appoint Megan Ruffaner as a volunteer to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FORD STREET - BRICK COLOR

Malec expressed a concern about the colors of gray and buff for the brick on the Ford Street Project and requested the meeting be recessed so everyone may walk to Ford Street to take a look at the sample brick colors. No one objected, so the meeting was recessed at 7:16 p.m.

The meeting was back in session at 7:46 p.m.

A short discussion took place concerning choosing a third color of brick for the sidewalk.

Shaffer made a motion use only two colors of brick. Quarry Red and Charcoal, but if a third color can be included with no cost difference ass Red #15 as the third color. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

SPECIAL MEETING Shaffer made a motion to advertise for a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FORD STREET - INSPECTOR

Shaffer made a motion to advertise for a Ford Street Inspector if Solicitor Wolfe determines the position must be advertised. Seconded by Dillard.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Stivason stated there should be no trees on Ford Street because they leave a mess.

Councilman Malec the trees were planted and then nobody took care of them. Malec explained there is a Shade Tree Commission now and there are over 150 trees along the trail and along Ford Street.

A short discussion took place about totally removing the trees from the project

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini explained citizens are dumping at the recycling bins located along 3rd Avenue and stated he may be able to obtain the assistance of a Veterans Group to distribute candles for the Ford City Lions Memorial Eve Service.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe stated surveillance camera's maybe solution to the dumping problem

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dillard explained he is already in the process of obtaining a cost estimate for the purchase and installation of camera's and there may be the possibility of remote monitoring.

Tokarek expressed his thanks for the citizens that submitted letters of interest for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Klukan and Malec has no comments at this time.

Shaffer explained a schedule for the Ford Street Construction will be available soon.

Council President Lux has no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Klukan made a motion at 8:10 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

John M. Lux, Sr.
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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