

**AGENDA**  
**FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**LOCATION – FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**APRIL 6, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Lux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting will be audio and video taped.  
Is anyone audio or video taping this meeting? No.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
President Lux lead the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL** Terry Tokarek, Ray Klukan, Ron Dillard, John Lux, Tom Shaffer, and Mayor Mantini, Tim Malec (absent due to work)

**ATTENDANCE** Solicitor Frank Wolfe, Borough Engineer Dave Nichols, Jennifer Bellas, Tom Ondrusek

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**  
No comments at this time.

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION - JENNIFER BELLAS -**

Home Program housing rehabilitation program money is opened to Borough of Ford City residents. A maximum deferred grant of \$25,000.00 to correct code deficiencies is available. An additional \$25,000.00 is available to correct lead deficiencies. The Housing rehabilitation coordinator is Mike Swartz. The lottery will be held at 10 am Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ford City Public Library. An application and contact information will be available at the borough office.

Update 2008 & 2009 PCC Project will receive 75% of \$11,419.81, this comes to \$8564.00 will need to show \$20,000 worth of expenditures by June 30<sup>th</sup> to close project out.

CDGB 2007 monies of \$89,000.00 for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> avenue water main loop project. Last year when the RFP for the project was being prepared, one engineer did not feel that the proposed project would correct the problems identified by fire chief Wojcik. Bellas explained the valves may not be worked properly so they open 100%. The engineer suggested total replacement of lines at a cost of \$447,000.00.

Minutes

4-6-2009

Regular Council Meeting

approved 5-4-2009

At meeting it was brought up that an evaluation of total water system is taking place. Bellas asked what is the status of the evaluation?

Shaffer responded, Mr. Nichols has the information to send to you..

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Lux read the announcements.

Discussed the flushing of sewers with the hydrants. Nichols explained the process.

## POLICE REPORT

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Police Report for March 2009.  
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

Shaffer made a motion to accept the 2009 Girl's Basketball Proclamation.  
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

Shaffer made a motion to accept the 2009 Boy's Basketball Proclamation.  
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

Shaffer made a motion to accept the 2009 Hockey Proclamation.  
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dillard made a motion to accept the Water Reports. Water Reports are available in the Borough Office. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2009 & February 2009 and pay the bills in the amount of \$105,720.60 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

Shaffer made a motion to approve the 3 Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1038.10. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

## ENGINEER REPORT

Dave Nichols read the Engineer's Report.

A discussion took place whether to refurbish the existing pump or purchase a new pump.

Dillard made a motion to refurbish the existing pump at a maximum cost of \$15,363.00 as recommended by the Borough Engineer. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

## OLD BUSINESS

### DEMOLITION BUILDING #228

Shaffer - Senate Engineering has completed all the plan reviews and on April 23, 2009 there will be a Pre-Bid meeting.

Mayor Mantini questions where the funding will come from to demolish the building.

Shaffer - I have sent letters to state representative, senator, congressman, and county to offset cost of demolition. There is a lot of steel and even though cost is down, scrap may offset the cost of demolition. So far the borough has spent \$1200.00 for engineering and advertising. Eljer saved us some money by doing research prior to this. Thanks to the fireman for letting use their hall for the pre-bid meeting.

**VACTOR TRUCK** Frank Wolfe explained the legal situation with the fire truck. A short discussion took place and it was decided that a full refund must be made to James Celio in the amount of \$1500.00.

Shaffer made a motion to return money and re-advertise truck for bid. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

Shaffer made a motion to advertise the specifications for a new dump truck for borough workers. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

**KILLED IN SERVICE INSURANCE** - Item not mentioned at meeting.

**BOROUGH GARAGE ROOF**

Shaffer made a motion [based on recommendation from Senate Engineering] for the repair of the borough garage roof to be awarded to Schultheis in the amount of \$24,400.00. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

**STORMWATER PUMP REPAIR**

Borough Engineer David Nichols - See Engineer's Report

**ZONING AMENDMENT - COMMERCIAL TABLES**

Shaffer made a motion to accept the changes to the commercial zoning table. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

**KOZ - EXTENSION**

Frank Wolfe explains the guidelines. The only relative property would be the PPG property. To extend KOZ on vacant PPG property must go through Harrisburg to approve.

Shaffer explains LERTA - Saving on taxes over 10 years if build a building on the land.

Dillard points out that the KOZ has not been beneficial to the brown fields, with LERTA you do get partial taxation.

Shaffer explains that even if they make a motion to extend the KOZ it may not be extended. We need to make a decision to send to the county.

Shaffer made a motion to not extend the KOZ. Seconded by Dillard.  
Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **TEMPORARY STREET DEPT. LABORER**

Dillard made a motion to advertise for Temporary Laborer help. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

### **PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS**

Shaffer made a motion to advertise for Playground Supervisors. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

### **TRASH DAYS - 2009**

Dillard states that a time frame must be established. Last year ran pretty well but would like to keep it away from August since we lose our summer help.

Shaffer states : Borough office to pick up tags. Saturday available and maybe some evenings.

Shaffer made a motion to advertise for trash days for the last two weeks in July 2009. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

### **DCED REPORT 2008**

Shaffer made a motion to advertise the summary of financial information in the Leader-Times prepared by the Borough auditors Maher Duessel for the period ending 12-31-2008. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

### **BRIDGE FLAGS**

Shaffer made a motion to purchase flags for the bridge in the amount of \$474.00 [enough for two years ] and forward letters to Manor Twp. and North Buffalo Twp. asking them to share the cost. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

### **COMMUNITY ACTION**

Klukan made a motion to participate in the 2009 Summer Lunch Program operated by the Armstrong County Community Action Agency. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

### **GAZEBO**

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to the Marion Madzy to reserve the Gazebo on Saturday, August 8, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and inform the Street Dept. and Police Dept. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to the Ford City Ministerium to use the Gazebo and Ford City Park from Monday, August 10 to Friday, August 14 as per their request for their annual Vacation Bible School and inform the Street Dept. and Police Dept. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to the Paul Harmon to reserve the Gazebo on Saturday, August 29, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and inform the Street Dept. and Police Dept. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

#### FORD CITY HIGH SCHOOL - PROM

Shaffer made a motion to grant permission to the Senior class of Ford City High School use of the Gazebo and the park on Friday, May 8, 2009 for their Grand March and inform the Street Dept. and Police Dept. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

#### POLICE CAR

Shaffer made a motion to purchase a police car [from Day Chevrolet] through the program at a price not to exceed \$30,000.00. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

#### PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Dillard made a motion to hire Todd Pilston as a part-time police officer for the normal (12) twelve month probationary period, passing a physical examination, psychological examination, and background check to be performed at the direction of the Officer in Charge and the Mayor and to be paid the current wage of the part-time police officer. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

#### SIGN REQUEST - FORD CITY HOCKEY

Shaffer made a motion to approve the placement of two signs as per the request of Ford City Hockey pending approval from PennDOT. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

#### LOADING SIGN REQUEST

Dillard made a motion to approve the request of Dale's TV for a Loading Zone sign at a cost of \$30.00 per month at their business located at 910 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

#### PARKING REQUEST - LAURIE BLACK - Tabled to contact for more information.

Discussion about it conflicting with parking and the last day of Heritage Days. A letter will be sent to Ms. Black suggesting alternate motorcycle parking.

#### VOLLEYBALL COURT REQUEST

Shaffer made a motion to approve the request of Gregory Hedglin, who is working in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Committee, to begin restoration of the sand volleyball court located at the Cadogan ball fields at no additional cost to the Borough. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS - OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

No comments at this time.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe explained receiving an email from an attorney representing PPG regarding signs to be placed on property.

MAYOR COMMENTS -Thanks to Sgt. Brice & the Softball teams for cleaning up the softball fields. Condolences to city of Pittsburgh for loss of officers. Thanks to Ford City and State Police for catching the people who broke into the borough garage.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Terry Tokarek - Thanks to Falcons for landscaping. Parks & Rec- April 25<sup>th</sup> playground cleanup. There will be a meeting for all interested parties for rules for the Cadogan ballfields. We need to do something as a borough for the city of Pittsburgh.

Shaffer made a motion to authorize a police detail to represent Ford City Borough at the memorial service in Pittsburgh for the 3 fallen city of Pittsburgh police officers. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

Lux was told that the Government must declare all flags at half-mast.

Lux concerned that a deputy EMA director is needed for when EMA director is out of town.

Lux made a motion to nominate Tom Ondrusek as Deputy EMA Director subject to approval by County. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

Klukan - Congratulations to sports teams.

Dillard - Thanks to all athletes from Ford City, it is an honor to be an outstanding athlete from Ford City.

Shaffer - No Comment

John - Congratulate sports team ...condolences to the police dept. in Pittsburgh .

ADJOURNMENT Klukan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 5-0

John M. Lux  
Council President

Lisa Bittner  
Borough Secretary