

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
APRIL 7, 2008**

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President John Lux called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
- AUDIO TAPED** Council President Lux informed everyone the meeting is being audio and video taped. Lux asked if others were audio or video taping the meeting? There was not a response to the question.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Council President Lux lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for Marvin Russell.
- ROLL CALL** Tim Malec, Ron Dillard, John Lux, Ray Klukan, Tom Shaffer and Mayor Mantini were present. Terry Tokarek was absent.
- ATTENDANCE** Solicitor Frank Wolfe, David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, Joann Scopel, and Renee Zacour were also present.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Council President Lux read a list of prepared announcements. (Attached)
- SCHOOL DIRECTOR SOLAK**
Dr. Solak stated five members (Choncek, Close, Rearic, Waratuke, and Rupp) of the Armstrong School Board and Dr. Kerr are leading ASD down a path that will negate all of council members efforts of revitalizing Ford City.

Solak stated Dayton Council believes that school consolidation has led to a large loss in their community.

Solak stated Dr. Kerr's executive summary is available on the Armstrong School District web site.

Solak explained one year from now Dr. Kerr will recommend to close Ford City Junior-Senior High School and to open one new high school for grades 9-12.

Solak stated a meeting will take place on 5-8-2008 to discuss the executive summary and someone from council should have been invited if it involves planning.

Results of the three month study from Dr. Kerr will be given, majority of renovations bring buildings up to code and add more classrooms. The roof on Ford City School is Terra Cotta and will last 100 years.

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MINUTES

Shaffer made a motion to accept the minutes of 1-23-2008. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Malec made a motion to accept the minutes of 2-04-2008. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Klukan made a motion to accept the minutes of 3-03-2008. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ryan Taylor - Taylor's Auto Repair spoke in opposition to Borough Vehicles being taken out of town for repair. Mr. Taylor stated he was not contacted to provide a quote for work on the police car.

A short discussion took place.

Malec made a motion to authorize creating a list of approved vendors for repair of Borough Vehicles. Seconded by Dillard.

The discussion continues. Shaffer stated criteria must be established including proof of liability insurance.

Dillard stated tax payers money should be kept in Ford City in an effort to keep local business in the community.

Shaffer made a motion to table. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 3-2 Dillard and Malec vote no.

Former council member Grace Charney stated the original motion should have been voted on. Solicitor Frank Wolfe explains a motion to table comes first.

Charney asked if any decision had been made regarding the parking spaces at the Ford City Library? Charney reminded council a letter had been submitted in January.

Dillard stated he is aware of the letter and at this time no decision has been made about moving parking spaces.

Charney asked if the monthly allocation for the Public Library will be forward soon?

A short discussion took place concerning the monthly allocation and the library tax.

Charney stated that in the past the library always received the monthly allocation. Charney explained this allocation is a major portion of their budget.

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Chuck Christen and Paul Caruso - Allegheny Stewardship Project, spoke about Allegheny River Community Fishing Days that will be taking place along the

Allegheny River. Mr. Christen explained this is an effort to determine the sources and types of river pollutants that are present in the Allegheny River. (Attachments)

The Borough Secretary was instructed to post the information on the Borough Web Site.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Mantini read the Police Report for March 2008. (Attached)

Mantini read two letters of resignation. One from Charles Shafer and the other from Douglas Mazzanti. (Attached)

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Police Report for March 2008. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Shafer resignation. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Shafer made a motion to accept the Mazzanti resignation. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Dillard made a motion to adopt the 2008 Girl's Basketball Proclamation. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dillard stated the Water Reports are available in the Borough Office.

Dillard made a motion to accept the Water Reports. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2008 and pay the bills in the amount of \$88,423.65 as approved by the Finance Committee.

Shaffer informs borough council that he is not able to approve invoices for Clearwater Construction in the amount of \$38,430 and Pashek in the amount of \$999.99. Borough has not received the \$42,000 of grant monies that are necessary to pay these invoices. This is for a project handled by the CDC for Ford City Borough.

A discussion took place concerning approved change orders for the project.

Motion seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 4-1 Malec voted no.

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ENGINEER REPORT Borough Engineer, David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, submitted his report for April 7, 2008. (Attachment)

Shaffer made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, to adjust the F.C.B.M.S.D.A. weekly billing to \$985.44 effective 1-1-08. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

BOROUGH ROOF REPLACEMENT BID OPENING

David Nichols opened the three bids that were received and they all have a 15 year guarantee.

Davis Contracting	\$23,122.31
G&W Roofing & Construction	\$34,250.00
Michael/Howard, Inc.	\$25,700.00

Shaffer made a motion to table bids to allow further review by the Borough Solicitor and Borough Engineer until Monday, May 5, 2008. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous.

FORD STREET PROJECT

Shaffer explained the low bidder for the Ford Street Project is Tony Baiano Construction with a bid of \$555,000.

KILLED IN SERVICE Solicitor Wolfe stated he will have something ready for council to review on 4-14-2008.

GARBAGE RATE INCREASE INCLUDING AN ANNUAL TRASH DAY ADVERTISEMENT

Dillard made a motion to advertise an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 654 and increasing the monthly garbage rate to \$21.50. Seconded by Shaffer.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Malec asked council to consider less of a fee.

Dillard stated he is tired of skimping, "robbing Peter to pay Paul".

Shaffer explained business owners may elect to use a private hauler and reminded everyone the new ordinance will provide for an annual trash collection.

The discussion continues.

Motion Carried. 4-1 Malec voted no.

~~DEPUTY~~ TAX COLLECTOR

4-7-2008 Malec made a motion to table the deputy tax collector until 4-14-2008. No second was made and no vote was taken.
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DCED REPORT 2007 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 12-31-2007. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Dillard made a motion to advertise a Special Council Meeting for Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7 p.m. to discuss the Ford Street Project and any other business. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

ASD - FORD CITY BOROUGH AGREEMENT

Shaffer made a motion to authorize Solicitor Wolfe to prepare an agreement between Ford City Borough and Armstrong School District to grant permission to ASD to build permanent dug out structures at the Fort Run Baseball Field and agree to allow them first use for five years. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

COMMUNITY ACTION

Dillard made a motion to participate in the 2008 Summer Lunch Program operated by the Armstrong County Community Action Agency. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

GAZEBO

Malec made a motion to grant permission to the Debra Cornman to reserve the Gazebo on Saturday, August 23, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and inform the Street Department and Police Department. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

ARMSTRONG COUNTY CHAMBER MEETING

Shaffer made a motion to grant permission to any council member, Mayor Mantini, and the Borough Secretary to attend the Chamber of Commerce "Eggs & Issues" on Tuesday, April, 8, 2008 at a cost of \$12.00 each. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini congratulated the FCHS Boy's Basketball and the Girl's Basketball teams for having such fine seasons, invited any group interested in doing a general clean up of town to contact him. Mantini spoke about the passing of Stanley Sadeski and Marvin Russell and thanked the former police officers for their years of service to the citizens of Ford City Borough. Mantini thanked Darla Bernot for her work with the Crime Watch, thanked the police, fire, ambulance service for doing a tremendous job, and stated that all three Borough Parks have been vandalized and reminded everyone there is a curfew.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS

Klukan thanked Mrs. Trimarchi for donating the picture to the Borough.

Dillard thanked the meeting attendees.

Malec suggested now that Spring is here, everyone should help beautify the town.

Shaffer stated he doesn't mind an honest and open debate and he will point out something if it is wrong and stressed this council will work as a team.

Lux reminded everyone walking their dogs on the trail to clean up after their dogs.

ADJOURNMENT

Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Klukan.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

John M. Lux, Sr.
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary