

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President John Lux called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.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.
- ROLL CALL** Terry Tokarek, Tim Malec, Ron Dillard, John Lux, Ray Klukan, Tom Shaffer and Mayor Mantini were present.
- ATTENDANCE** Solicitor Frank Wolfe, David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, Bridgette Opalka - Tax Collector were also present.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Council President Lux read a list of prepared announcements.
- MINUTES** Shaffer made a motion to accept the minutes of 1-14-2008. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous
- CITIZEN COMMENTS** Bridgette Opalka - Tax Collector, introduced her self at the Tax Collector appointed by the previous council to replace Mr. Jansen. Opalka explained here office will be located in the former Holy Trinity Rectory.
- Al Garay explained he has a concern about the Boulder Park wall. Councilman Dillard explained he will be meeting with Mr. Garay about his concerns.
- Garay suggested council consider an advisory committee to assist council. Garay submitted a possible structure. (Attachment)
- Garay asked about the status of the position of Chief of Police. Council President Lux stated council is still considering this matter.
- Garay asked if the Borough is required to follow the OSHA regulations? Dillard answered sometimes yes and sometimes no. Dillard stated the community will see some protective gear in the future.
- Kim Bish - Heritage Days, explained the Heritage Day's Committee had a meeting and appointed many new members. Bish stated she was appointed the Public Relations Coordinator. Bish stated the dates for Heritage Days will be July 1 to July 6.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Mantini read the Police Report for January 2008.

Mantini asked anyone with information on the recent car break ins or any suspicious activity to please call the police.

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Police Report for January 2008. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Malec made a motion to accept the Water Reports. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$87,780.13 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

ENGINEER REPORT

Borough Engineer, David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, submitted his report for February 4, 2008. (Attached)

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Engineer Report. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

M.T.J.M.A.

Malec made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the permanent Right of Way Easement Agreement with MTJMA. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

GAS LEASE

Solicitor Wolfe stated he will contact PPG and requested a member of council to work with to negotiate a lease. Malec and Shaffer volunteered to work with Solicitor Wolfe.

CRICKET AGREEMENT

Solicitor Wolfe asked council to contact him if they have any final comments.

NO PARKING SECOND AVENUE ORDINANCE

Shaffer explained that he, Mayor Mantini, and Council President Lux met with representatives from various businesses to discuss the parking situation. Shaffer stated they will be speaking with residents too.

Shaffer explained the objective is to keep citizens safe with regard to parking along Second Avenue.

Shaffer made a motion to advertise the No Parking on Second Avenue Ordinance. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Kim Bish expressed concern that during Heritage Day's vehicles would not be able to park along Second Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS

SMALL PROJECT LOAN

Shaffer explained in order for the Ford Street Project to move forward the funding must be in place. Council is gathering information on a small project loan. This would be a five (5) year loan. The rate would be 1% over prime. This loan would be used for the Borough Roof replacement and the Boiler replacement too.

Shaffer made a motion to approve obtaining a Small Project Loan, from S & T Bank, of up to \$125,000 to ensure Ford City Borough Council has all funding in place for completion of the Ford Street Project and any other approved small projects. Seconded by Klukan.

Malec asked if council will only be borrowing what is necessary?

Shaffer answered only what is needed for the approved projects will be borrowed.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tokarek made a motion to re-appoint the Grace M. Charney and Lou Vergari to the Library Board effective January 1, 2008 as per the Ford City Public Library Board of Trustees request. Seconded by Malec.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dillard made a motion to authorize the Council Street Department and the Handicap Committee to review the request of the Library Board and report their findings to council prior to the next regular council meeting to be held on Monday, March 3, 2008. Seconded by Shaffer.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

ARMSTRONG CO. YMCA

Tokarek informed everyone a meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for all groups interested in using the playgrounds and ballfields.

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Shaffer made a motion to hire Aaron Zaliponi and Chris Airgood as part-time police officers at the current rate of \$10.98 per hour for the normal (12) month probationary period, contingent upon passing a physical examination, psychological examination, background check, and any other to be checks deemed necessary and to be performed at the direction of the Mayor and the Police Department. Seconded by Malec.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

ROOF BID Shaffer made a motion to advertise for roof replacement on the Borough Building located at 4th Avenue & 10th Street. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

CRIME WATCH REQUEST

Shaffer made a motion to grant permission to Ford City Crime Watch to use the Gazebo on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 for "National Night Out". Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

CHURCH OF GOD

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to the Church of God for use of the parking lot behind the Water Treatment Plant and allow parking along Neale Avenue on Saturday, March 29, 2008 for parking. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

EASTER EGG HUNT

Malec made a motion to grant permission to the Ford City Lions Club to hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Borough Park. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

MEMORIAL EVE SERVICE

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to the Ford City Lions Club to hold their annual Memorial Eve Service on Sunday, May 25, 2008 at 10:00 p.m. in the Borough Park and instruct the Borough Secretary to send letter to Allegheny Power asking them to extinguish the Street Lights during the service. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

A short discussion was held concerning the movement of vehicles during this service. Malec stated volunteers are needed to shut the roads down and keep the traffic from moving.

FORD CITY HIGH SCHOOL PROM

Klukan made a motion to grant permission to Ford City High School to use the Gazebo or the Clock Tower on Friday, May 16, 2008 beginning at 7:30 a.m. for the Prom Grand March and if the Gazebo is used permission to block of 4th Avenue between 8th Street and 9th Street so the cars may be lined up. In the event of rain - then 4th Avenue from 11th Street to 12th Street will be blocked off. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FORD CITY SCHOOL GRADUATION

Malec made a motion to grant permission to Ford City High School to block off 4th Avenue from 11th Street to 12th Street for Graduation on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 beginning at 7:00 a.m. and instruct the Secretary to inform the Fire Department, Police Department, residents on the 1100 Block and the Public Library. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Klukan made a motion to grant permission to the Picnic in the Park Committee to hold their annual Picnic in the Borough Park on Saturday, September 6, 2008 or the Rain Date of September 13, 2008. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

G.F.C.C.D.C.

Klukan made a motion to sever the management agreement with the Greater Ford City Community Development Corporation as of February 5, 2008 and instruct the Borough Solicitor to make preparation to retrieve all property of Ford City Borough by Wednesday, February 7, 2008 and instruct the Borough Solicitor to send a letter to the management of the Greater Ford City Community Development Corporation to cease all negotiations and dealings with any parties involved with the PPG Brownfield and the Ford City Heritage and Technology Park and direct them to deal with Ford City Borough Council exclusively. Seconded by Shaffer.

Dillard asked Councilman Klukan if he felt the CDC didn't cooperate with Borough Council? Klukan answered yes.

Dillard produced a list of 37 questions submitted to the CDC. Dillard explained these questions have been answered by the CDC.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Dillard made a motion to table the motion made by Klukan because this council voted on 1-14-2008 to have a meeting of the entire council with the CDC and until council honors the agreement council made to schedule a meeting with CDC council should not terminate the agreement with the CDC, and if the agreement is terminated what will council be doing as the management group to take over the responsibilities of the CDC.

The discussion continues.

Tokarek seconded the motion to table.

Council President Lux asks for a roll call vote on the motion to table.

Tom Shaffer	No	Ray Klukan	No
Terry Tokarek	Yes	John Lux	No
Ron Dillard	Yes	Tim Malec	Yes

Mayor Mantini breaks the tie against tabling the motion.

The discussion continues.

Shaffer stated the management agreement between the CDC and the Borough can be severed, a new management agreement can be agreed upon, and the CDC does not disappear.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dillard made a motion at 7:37 p.m. to enter Executive Session. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. 5-1 Shaffer votes no.

REGULAR SESSION Malec made a motion at 8:10 p.m. to exit Executive Session and Re-Enter Regular Session. Seconded by Klukan.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to amend to the motion made by Councilman Klukan to have the present management agreement with the GFCCDC severed and hopefully in a reasonable and responsible time ask to renegotiate a new management agreement with the GFCCDC as soon as possible. Seconded by Dillard.

Solicitor Wolfe explains the vote is on amendment to the original motion made by Councilman Klukan, to sever the management agreement with the CDC and with the amendment providing for negotiations to enter into a new management agreement with the CDC.

Council President called for a roll call vote on the amendment..

Terry Tokarek	yes	John Lux	yes
Ray Klukan	yes	Tim Malec	no
Ron Dillard	yes	Tom Shaffer	yes

Motion Carried. 5-1 Malec votes no.

Solicitor Wolfe stated a vote is needed on the resolution as amended.

Terry Tokarek	no	John Lux	yes
Ray Klukan	yes	Tim Malec	no
Ron Dillard	yes	Tom Shaffer	yes

Motion Carried. 4-2

ADJOURNMENT Shaffer made a motion to adjourn.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Council President Lux recognized Kim Bish for citizen comments.

Kim Bish asked about the letter and 37 questions sent to the CDC without the knowledge of the entire council, shouldn't everyone on council have been informed?

Councilman Shaffer answered that with the permission of the Council President he prepared and forwarded the letter and questions to the CDC with the thought of setting a professional agenda. A copy of the letter and questions were placed in each councilman's box.

Council President Lux reads a section of the letter sent to the CDC. Lux acknowledged that all members of council should have been consulted about the letter and questions.

Bish asked Councilman Klukan if Solicitor Wolfe should be giving opinions concerning the controversial topics when the Solicitor has financial interests in Borough Property because of his business interests?

Councilman Klukan stated he spoke with Solicitor Wolfe regarding legalities.

Councilman Shaffer stated the meeting with the CDC and Borough Council is necessary to move Ford City forward.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini expressed his condolences to the family of Nathan Jones, thanked Josh Abernathy for supplying coffee for the council meeting, thanked Tony Luke for providing Christmas Light Decorations, thanked the new members of Heritage Days, thanked Rep. Pyle for the work he has done for local law enforcement agencies, stated the police will be tagging cars parking on sidewalks, reminded citizens to shovel their sidewalks, reminded people using the recycling bins to not place trash along the trailers, reminded people walking their dogs to clean up after their dogs.

Terry Tokarek stated that anything he will say will be his own comments and not those of council.

Ray Klukan had no comments at this time.

Ron Dillard thanked the citizens in the audience for attending the meeting, explained that sometimes with hot button topics heated comments happen, stated this council held their temper and didn't get personal, stated this council will work together even though there will be disagreements, that is the democratic way, stated this council will be glad to work with any business wanting to come to Ford City.

Tim Malec stated this council has a lot of agendas that the entire council is not aware of, stated that all council members will be contacted when scheduling meetings.

Tom Shaffer congratulated the Boy's and Girl's basketball teams for reaching the playoffs.

Council President Lux stated he agrees with Councilman Malec with regard to scheduling meetings, and stated this council will work together.

ADJOURNMENT

Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Klukan.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

John M. Lux, Sr.
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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