

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
JANUARY 14, 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** Tim Malec, Ron Dillard, John Lux, Ray Klukan, Tom Shaffer and Mayor Mantini were present. Terry Tokarek was absent for personal reasons..
- ATTENDANCE** Solicitor Frank Wolfe, David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, Tom Ondrusek, Greg Dinko - EMC, Jerry Miklos, Renee Zacour, Lou Vergari, and Homer Pendleton were also present.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Council President Lux read a list of prepared announcements.
- MINUTES** Malec made a motion to accept the minutes of 1-7-2008. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous
- CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- Bill Oleksak requested permission to use portions of the website for a book he is writing on Ford City History through the eyes of postcards? A short discussion took place. Solicitor Wolfe stated permission must be granted by the original author.
- Malec made a motion to grant permission to Bill Oleksak for use of the website as requested contingent upon authorization is received from the original author. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous
- Bill Oleksak asked if anyone has old postcards or pictures of Ford City , he would like to use them for his book.
- Greg Dinko - EMC, explained he attended the Armstrong County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting and Bob Winters - Homeland Security attended this meeting. Dinko requested permission to contact Mr. Winters about conducting an assessment of the Borough. This would be at no cost to the Borough.
- Mayor Mantini asked that an after action report be submitted.
- Klukan made a motion to grant permission as requested and as long as the inspection complies with the vulnerability plan. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous.

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Dinko explained all new elected officials must be NIMS compliant, 0100, 0200, 0700, and 0800. Dinko stated this may be done using the internet.

Dinko stated the county offered these classes in the past.

Grant Kanish - Guardian Inspection Services, explained he works for a third party inspection agency. Kanish stated at the council meeting in December it was stated there were no other agencies conducting inspections in the county. Kanish came to inform council Guardian Inspection has an office in Kittanning.

Malec requested a fee schedule from Guardian. Kanish agreed to deliver a schedule to the Borough Office.

POLICE REPORT Mayor Mantini read the Police Report for December 2007. (Attached)

Malec made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Shaffer.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

WATER REPORT Council President Lux explained the reports are available at the Borough Office.

Malec made a motion to accept the Water Reports. Seconded by Klukan.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous (Attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shaffer presented the Treasurer's Report for November 2007. (Attached)

Dillard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2007.
Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous.

Shaffer presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2007 (Attached) and stated a list of the bills to approve (attached) for payment are in the amount of \$94,856.43.

Dillard made a motion to accept the Treasurers's Report for December 2007
Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$94,856.43 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Dillard.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

ENGINEER REPORT David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering submitted his report for January 2008. (Attached)

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Nichols explained he was informed by Penndot the Ford Street Improvement Project is ready to go out for bid. The bids will be made available on Monday, January 21, 2008 and will be due 30 days later.

Nichols requested permission to adjust the calculation of billing charges to F.C.B.M.S.D.A.

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

Malec made a motion to authorize David Nichols to update the billing to the F.C.B.M.S.D.A. effective 1-1-2008. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 5-0 Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

VACANCY BOARD Shaffer made a motion to appoint Ron Gribik to the Vacancy Board. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

FACSIMILE STAMP AND NO CASH

Shaffer explained there is an existing policy to not allow Facsimile Stamps and to not accept cash. Shaffer explained this council will continue with these two policies.

Malec stated these were recommendations made by auditors and another policy was in place about opening the mail. Malec stated a council person must be present to open the mail.

A short discussion took place.

OPENING MAIL Shaffer made a motion following all accounting practices and accounting practices to authorize the Borough Secretary and the Assistant Borough Secretary to open the mail without a council person present. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 4-1 Malec votes no.

COPIER POLICY Malec made a motion to not allow unauthorized copies made in the Borough Office and if a councilman must make a large amount approval must be received from council.

Shaffer asked if an authorization number is needed to operate the machine? Malec answered yes.

Motion seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

GAZEBO REQUEST Shaffer made a motion to approve the request made by Mike Nortup to use the Ford City Park and Gazebo on Saturday, June 7, 2008 or Saturday, June 14, 2008 for a prayer day in the park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. pending completing a Gazebo Request form, including electric if necessary and no fee will be charged. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

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TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN

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Malec made a motion to authorize the Council President and the secretary to sign the Resolution for the Tax Anticipation Loan in the amount of \$75,000.00. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

BOROUGH ASSOCIATION DINNER

Malec made a motion to grant permission to any Council Member and Mayor Mantini to attend the Borough's Association Meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at a cost of \$12.00 per person. Seconded by Dillard.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

CHRIST PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH

Malec made a motion to grant permission to Christ Prince of Peace Parish for their annual Rally for Life to be held on Saturday, January 19, 2008 between 1:45 p.m. and 2:00p.m. and inform the Police Department. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

CHLORINE DETECTOR

Shaffer made a motion based on the recommendation of the DEP and the Water Committee to purchase a Chlorine Detector from MVS Security Services in the amount of \$2,075.29 for the Water Treatment Plant. Seconded by Malec.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Klukan made a motion to grant permission to the Ford City Fire Dept. to place a 16' x 24' (could be smaller) equipment storage building on the 14th Street Pump House lot. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

HERITAGE DAYS

Shaffer reads the letter from Heritage Days (Attached).

Shaffer made a motion to hold a Public Meeting to discuss Heritage Days before permission is given to Heritage Days for use of the park. Seconded by Klukan.

Malec stated earlier in the meeting approval was just granted for use of the Ford City Park and Gazebo without discussion. Malec stated Heritage Days doesn't have any affiliation with the Borough and the Borough shouldn't be involved with a Public Meeting to discuss Heritage Days.

Mayor Mantini stated Heritage Days is different . The Borough picks the garbage on overtime hours. Mantini stated he is in favor of Heritage Days.

Malec stated the Borough elects to pay these expenses generated by Heritage Days.

The discussion continues.

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Shaffer stated he is not trying to stop Heritage Days just trying to enhance it and is inviting the whole Heritage Days Committee to attend this Public Meeting.

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to Heritage Days Committee as requested for use of the Borough Park from July 1 to July 6 of 2008. Seconded by Klukan..

Shaffer asked if Heritage Days owns the name Heritage Days? Solicitor Wolfe explained if Heritage Days owns the name it will be registered. Pendleton stated Heritage Days is a corporation.

Shaffer stated he would like to add working to his motion, add the words reserve July 1 through July 6.

The Borough Secretary reads back the motion made by Shaffer.

Shaffer made a motion to hold a Public Meeting to discuss Heritage Days before permission is given to Heritage Days for use of the park and reserve July 1 through July 6 not in any name. Klukan agrees to the wording change. Seconded by Klukan

Dillard withdraws his motion.

Pendleton stated he will not proceed with planning Heritage Days unless permission is received for use of the Borough Park. Pendleton stated there is a committee in place and a public meeting is not needed.

Lux stated that council is just trying assist the Heritage Day Committee and provide a format for the community to speak to the Heritage Days Committee.

Pendleton asked council to please vote?

Shaffer stated the park will be reserved and a Public Meeting will be scheduled.

Pendleton withdraws his request for the park

The discussion continues.

Pendleton disagrees with council because Ford City Area Heritage Days Committee is being made to do things other groups are not required to do.

Lux calls for the Borough Secretary to read the motion made by Shaffer and then a roll call vote.

Shaffer made a motion to hold a Public Meeting to discuss Heritage Days before permission is given to Heritage Days for use of the park and reserve July 1 through July 6 not in any name. Seconded by Klukan

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

Motion passes 3-2

Malec makes a motion to grant permission to Ford City Area Heritage Days for use of the Borough Park from July 1 to July 6, 2008 and schedule a meeting with the Heritage Days committee and they should be treated just like any other organization. Seconded by Dillard.

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

Solicitor Wolfe stated Heritage Days is approved with a vote of 4-1.

Lux stated Borough Council is attempting to help Heritage Days.

Pendleton stated he will attend this meeting along with the committee.

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

Shaffer explained Borough Council met with the Greater Ford City Community Development Corp. today at 4:30 p.m.

Shaffer stated he believes the CDC is not willing to cooperate with Borough Council.

Shaffer made a motion to sever the management agreement with the G.F.C.C.D.C. and authorize Solicitor Wolfe to do anything legally possible to obtain assets and to bring control of the CDC back to the people by the council.

Lux calls for a second. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Klukan made a motion to schedule a second meeting with the CDC before the next council meeting and have both solicitors present and not have a public meeting at this time. Seconded by Dillard.

Shaffer asked that ground rules be set, each group bring solicitors, this council have a game plan, and coordinate the right things for the people of Ford City.

Shaffer explained to everyone the Council President appointed Ray Klukan, Tom Shaffer and him self John Lux as council representatives to the CDC. Shaffer stated Malec still thinks he is still on the CDC.

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Shaffer stated they were told by the CDC they cannot be on the CDC.

The discussion continues.

Malec explained the CDC was told to reorganize because it was to Ford City dominated. It should be regional. Malec stated all seats are open to anyone who applies. Malec stated there were hardly any applicants.

Shaffer stated the CDC eliminated the three council positions. The CDC never notified council the composition of the board changed. Shaffer stated the council president had every right to appoint council members to the CDC.

The discussion continues.

The Council President call for a vote on the motion made by Klukan and asked the Borough Secretary to read the motion ..

Klukan made a motion to schedule a second meeting with the CDC before the next council meeting and have both solicitors present and not have a public meeting at this time. Seconded by Dillard.

Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous

The discussion continues regarding membership to the CDC.

Klukan asked Lou Vergari if the CDC would accept John Lux and Tom Shaffer as members on the CDC board if they submitted their resumes? Vergari explained the CDC committee chooses the members.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe explained the previous council voted to authorize preparation of a no parking ordinance for Second Avenue and asked if the current council would like him to proceed with the preparation.

All members agreed to proceed with the ordinance.

Wolfe stated the M.T.J.M.A. final paperwork is ready for review and Ron Dillard will be reviewing it and it should be ready for the next Regular Council meeting.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini thanked the Fire Dept. Borough Workers, and the Police Dept. for their work in 2007. Congratulated Tara Power for scoring 1000 points in her basketball career. Thanked Officer Abernathy for providing coffee at this meeting and thanked the citizens for attending this meeting. Remembered Councilman Dan Cousins for his service to the Borough.

Klukan asked how many vehicles will be involved with the Rally for Life? Mayor Mantini answered five vehicles. Klukan stated that 4th Avenue should remain open for emergency vehicles. Thanked the people for voting for him.

Dillard thanked the attendees at the meeting tonight, thanked the people who are working with council on some hot button issues. Dillard stated if at anytime the CDC is not working to the greater advantage of the Borough he will vote to dissolve the CDC.

Malec agreed with Dillard's statement concerning the CDC. Malec stated times are tough in Western Pennsylvania and placed the blame on Harrisburg.

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Shaffer stated he sits in a tough seat. The one previously occupied by Mr. Dan Cousins. Mr. Cousins always wanted the people to know what was happening with the CDC. Shaffer stated the CDC should be responsible to the people. Shaffer stated he wants to reorganize the CDC and make it accountable to the people. Shaffer stated the Borough is carrying over about \$165,000 in debt. Shaffer stated his vision for two years from now is to carry over zero.

Lux thanked the voters and pledged to work for the betterment of the community and this council will respect each other. Lux stated character attacks and personal gain in not part of this council. Everyone is focused on moving forward. Lux stated every effort will be made to complete the Ford Street Project in 2008. Within the first six months a comprehensive downtown parking ordinance will be created. Lux explained council will be fiscally responsible. Lux invited all citizens to become involved, attend all meetings, provide feed back on the web page, and join committees.

ADJOURNMENT

Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Klukan.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

John M. Lux, Sr.
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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