

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY BOROUGH OFFICE
JANUARY 7, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER Councilman Tim Malec called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

AUDIO TAPED Councilman Malec 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Malec led everyone in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Terry Tokarek, Homer Pendleton, Steve Kozuch, Tim Malec, John Rudosky, Ron Dillard, Ray Klukan, John Lux, Tom Shaffer, and Mayor Marc Mantini were present.

ATTENDANCE Solicitor Frank Wolfe, Greg Dinko, Lou Vergari, David Nichols - N.S.E.I. and J. Gary DeComo - District Justice were also present.

OLD BUSINESS Malec thanked the old council and welcomed the new council.

REORGANIZATION Malec turned the meeting over to Mayor Mantini.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY
District Justice DeComo administers the Oath of Office to Ron Dillard, Ray Klukan, John Lux and Tom Shaffer.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT
Mayor Mantini calls for nominations for Council President.

Shaffer nominates John Lux. Seconded by Dillard.

Mantini calls for a vote.

Mayor Mantini announces John Lux is the Council President with a vote of 6-0.

Mantini turns the gavel and meeting over to Council President Lux.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT
Lux calls for nominations for Council Vice-President.

Malec nominates Ron Dillard. Seconded by Tokarek.

Lux called for a vote.

Lux announces Ron Dillard is the Council Vice-President with a vote of 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Klukan made a motion appoint Tim Malec as the Council President Pro-Tem. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

COUNCIL PARLIAMENTARIAN

Shaffer made a motion to appoint Frank Wolfe as the Council Parliamentarian. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

SOLICITOR

Dillard made a motion to re-appoint Frank Wolfe as the Borough Solicitor. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Solicitor Wolfe expressed his thanks to council for the appointments and stated it is a privilege and honor to serve Ford City Borough.

ENGINEER

Tokarek made a motion to re-appoint Dave Nichols of Nichols & Slage Engineering as the Borough Engineer. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Malec made a motion to table. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Council President Lux distributed the list of council committee assignments. Shaffer made a motion to make public the committee assignments. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

A short discussion took place concerning the council appointee to the Safety Committee. Lux stated Terry Tokarek and Ron Dillard will represent council on the Safety Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Shaffer made a motion at 6:15 p.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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REGULAR SESSION

Tokarek made a motion to exit Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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

Shaffer made a motion to meet with the full board of the Directors of the G.F.C.C.D.C., and the entire Borough Council, Solicitor Wolfe, and Mayor Mantini on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the offices of the CDC to discuss the past, present, and future of the economic revitalization in Ford City Borough. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

WTP - DEP

Dillard asked David Nichols if he is available to attend the meeting with DEP on

Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Nichols stated he would be available for this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dinko submitted the resignation of Ron Dillard from the Zoning Board.

Pendleton asked what are the issues regarding the meeting with the CDC? The CDC is willing to meet with the Council. Lux explained there are different issues.

Vergari wished the new council good luck.

Malec made a motion to accept the resignation of Ron Dillard. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe explained the information requested by the previous council has been received from S & T Bank concerning the Tax Anticipation Loan for 2008. Wolfe asked council if this council would like him to proceed with the necessary paperwork? Council requested Solicitor Wolfe to proceed. Wolfe stated he will proceed and have information for them on 1-14-2008.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mantini thanked the former council and welcomed the new council, and reminded council they are the caretakers of Ford City Borough for the citizens.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tokarek welcomed the new council and stated he looked forward to working with them..

Malec welcomed the new council and explained there is a lot of work involved.

Klukan had no comments at this time.

Shaffer thanked the citizens for voting, stated everyone is capable and willing to work together, stated the people voted for change and change is what they will get.

Dillard thanked the voters, and suggested placing a book in the library in memory of Councilman Daniel M. Cousins, stated he is ready to get to work, and asked anyone to give him a call if needed.

Luz thanked the voters, explained this is a six member council who will be working together, council won't be arguing on TV and they will be representing the Borough in a good manner.

ADJOURNMENT

Malec made a motion at 6:45 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

John M. Lux, Sr.
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary