

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

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President John Lux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- AUDIO TAPED** Council President Lux advised everyone that 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 led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Council President Lux read a list of prepared announcements. (Attachment)
- ROLL CALL** Terry Tokarek, Ray Klukan, Ron Dillard, John Lux, Tim Malec, Tom Shaffer, and Mayor Mantini were present.
- ATTENDANCE** Solicitor Joe Caruso [Solicitor Wolfe on Vacation], David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, Tom Ondrusek, and Chris Zionkowski were also present.
- CITIZEN COMMENTS**  
Darla Bernot and Mr. Kasan question Ordinance 403 - which does not allow bicycles in the Business District. They requested council do a modification to the ordinance to permit bicycles in the Business District.  
  
Ron Dillard explained the ordinance dates back to 1961 this council will be reviewing this ordinance.
- POLICE REPORTS** Mayor Mantini read the Police Report for June 2008. (Attachment)  
Mayor explained the police are patrolling town using the police bicycles, which leads to savings for the Borough.  
  
Shaffer made a motion to accept the police report. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous
- WATER REPORTS** Council Vice-President Dillard stated the Water Reports are available at the Borough Office.  
  
Dillard made a motion to accept the Water Reports. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Shaffer read the Treasurer's Report for May 2008. (Attachment)

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Treasurers's Report for May 2008 and pay the bills in the amount of \$69,385.78 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Klukan. (Attachment) Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

ENGINEER REPORT Borough Engineer, David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, reported progress on Ford Street. (Attachment)

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

Nichols also presented three bills from Microbac to be paid immediately totaling \$1179.50 to be paid from the Public Utility Fund. (\$699.50, \$240.00, \$240.00)

Shaffer made a motion to pay Microbac in the amount of \$1179.50. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

**OLD BUSINESS**

DUMPSTER FEE Dillard made a motion to adopt the dumpster ordinance which increases the collection fees. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

HEARING FEE Dillard made a motion to adopt the ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance which increases the hearing fee from \$400.00 to \$500.00. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

LINE OF CREDIT Shaffer made a motion to draft \$50,000 from the line of credit in anticipation of several bills to pay and a list of expenditures will be presented for approval. . Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Malec requested the Finance Committee provide him with copies of all invoices to be paid using the line of credit.

ASD- FORD CITY BOROUGH AGREEMENT

Shaffer made a motion to ratify the Council President signing the agreement 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 Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS**

DENSMORE REQUEST

Malec made a motion to grant permission to Carla Densmore and friends to landscape and beautify the grounds of the Ford City Public Library. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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CARACAL RENT - AUGUST

Shaffer made a motion to waive the rent payments from Caracal, Inc. for a period of 31 days, August 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008 and to authorize the Council President or the Council Vice-President to sign a letter to Caracal, Inc. of their decision. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-1 Malec voted No

FORD CITY HOSE CO. #1

Klukan made a motion to approve the request of Ford City Hose Co. #1 to hold an Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Program on Sunday, August 17, 2008 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Ford Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and inform the Street Dept. and the Police Dept. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FORD CITY HOSE CO. #1 AMBULANCE SERVICE

Shaffer made a motion to explore the possibility of granting permission to the Ford City Hose Co. #1 Ambulance Service for placing a Medical Helicopter Landing Zone on the former PPG Property Site. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PLAYGROUND - CELL PHONES

Shaffer made a motion to pay in a lump sum the amount of \$20.00 to each of the following playground supervisors; Shannon Kerr, Aaron Shriver, Erin Suwala, Allyson Suwala and Kayla Wolfe for use of their personal cell phones during the 2008 playground season. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried 6-0 Unanimous

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERA

Dillard made a motion to authorize the council president to sign the agreement with MVS Security to install (1) one additional camera at a cost of \$578.4. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried 6-0 Unanimous

INSURANCE BOROUGH BUILDING

Shaffer made a motion to purchase insurance from Millville Mutual for the Borough Garage in the amount \$1853.00. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried 6-0 Unanimous

REGIONAL POLICE

Shaffer made a motion to contact surrounding municipalities about obtaining DCNR to complete a free study on a regional police force. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried 6-0 Unanimous

PLANNING COMMISSION

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Dillard made a motion to send the attached letter to the current Planning

Commission in an effort to assist the Planning Commission complete their duties. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PATCHING

Dillard made a motion to authorize Terra Works to complete the patching as specified on their estimate number 08-1067 in the amount of \$4608.00. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Joe Caruso stated how much smoother the meetings seem to run from the last time he attended a council meeting.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini thanked all participants involved in the River Sweep, thanked the Heritage Days Committee and all Volunteers, thanked the Police Department & Fire Department also thanked Sgt. Brice for his own time donated toward Heritage Days. Mantini reminded the citizens to contact the police if any concerned citizens have any drug information. Mantini expressed concerns regarding clogged storm sewers, junk cars, parking on grass, loud radios, and tires left out (West Nile Virus).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tokarek thanked the Heritage Days Committee(old & new) and the Parks & Recreation Committee for their work. Tokarek informed everyone a work detail is being planned for this Saturday at the Softball Fields in Cadogan.

Klukan thanked Heritage Days Committee and stated the Fire Department needs members.

Dillard thanked all volunteers on the tremendous job they are doing around Ford City and stated how good the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was.

Malec thanked all the volunteers and mentioned how good 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue looked, especially the mulch around trees and the park.

Shaffer commended the new Heritage Days Committee and thanked people for being patient with the Ford Street Construction project. Shaffer stated the parking situation will be better next year. Shaffer thanked all the volunteers.

Lux stated he is glad for all the volunteers and mentioned that Heritage Days already has vendors interested for next year.

ADJOURNMENT

Klukan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

John M. Lux, Sr.  
Council President

Lisa Bittner  
Borough Secretary

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