

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MARCH 3, 2008**

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President John Lux called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- AUDIO TAPED** Council President Lux advised everyone that the meeting is being audio and video taped.
- MOMENT OF SILENCE**
Council President Lux asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for Mr. Stanley Sadeski who served this community as a police officer and was a former Chief of Police.
- 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 , Dr. James Solak - Armstrong School Director, David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, John Rudosky, Tom Ondrusek, Chuck Pascal, Patrick Crow - Cricket, and Chris Zionkowski were also present.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR SOLAK

Dr. Solak stated he is aware the elected officials are working for the betterment of Ford City Borough. Solak stated if Ford City High School is lost to the Borough it will hurt Ford City.

Solak stated there is research which show smaller schools are better.

Solak explained FCHS has problems with leaking windows and the estimated cost to facilitate the repair is \$20,000. At this time it was recommended was made to the school board to not make the repair. Solak stated there is also a problem in the auditorium, which is not to be repaired at this time.

Solak explained the school board meets on the 3rd and 4th Mondays of the month. The meeting may be viewed on the IUP Channel 20 on the Saturday following the meeting from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS Council President Lux read a list of prepared announcements. (Attached)

3-7-2008

CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Rudosky, explained that Anna Marie (Rihn) Trimarchi would like to donate a photograph of the 1908 Ford City Borough Council to the Borough. (Attachment)

approved 4-7-2008

POLICE REPORTS Mayor Mantini read the Police Report for February 2008. (Attached)

Shaffer made a motion to accept the police report. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Malec made a motion to accept the resignation of Nathan J. Lash from the Ford City Police Dept. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Malec made a motion to hire David C. Moore as a part-time police officer for the normal (12) twelve month probationary period, passing a physical examination, psychological examination, and background check to be performed at the direction of the Officer in Charge and the Mayor and to be paid the current wage of the part-time police officer.

WATER REPORTS Council Vice-President Dillard explained the reports are available at the Borough Office. (Attached)

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shaffer explained council is studying the Garbage Collection rates and charges and is looking to keep the rates competitive.

Shaffer stated major renovations are necessary at the Water Treatment Plant and these will be mandated by the DEP. Shaffer explained council is also studying these costs.

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Treasurers's Report for January 2008 pay the bills in the amount of \$44,681.53 as money becomes available and as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachments)

ENGINEER REPORT Borough Engineer, David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, submitted his report for March 3, 2008. (Attached)

Nichols explained the F.C.B.M.S.D.A. has loaned, at no cost, a Flow Meter to the Borough's Water Treatment Plant. The meter will be used to measure discharge of back wash water at the WTP.

Nichols stated he had no concerns about the lease with Cricket.

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

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OLD BUSINESS

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ELJER LETTER

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Malec made a motion to ratify the letter sent to Mr. James Kutsh dated 2-14-2008 which formally accepts Eljer's offer of Building #228 [near the Borough Garage] Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

SECOND AVENUE PARKING ORDINANCE

Shaffer made a motion to adopt the amendment to the parking ordinance prohibiting parking on the east side of Second Avenue. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

ACCOUNTING SERVICE

Shaffer made a motion to authorize the Council President and the Finance Chairman to sign the engagement letter as presented for accounting services provided by Susan Lasher Thompson in the amount of \$1500.00 per month. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

CRICKET

Malec made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the Cricket Agreement. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

NEW BUSINESS

WEATHER EXERCISE - SIREN

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to the Ford City Emergency Management Coordinator - Greg Dinko to set the Emergency Warning Siren Tone off on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. as an Emergency Test and notify the residents on 10th Street and O'Connor Street. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

TEMPORARY STREET DEPT. LABORER

Shaffer made a motion to advertise for Temporary Laborer help. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS

Shaffer made a motion to advertise for Playground Supervisors. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Shaffer made a motion to grant permission to any council member, Mayor Mantini and the Borough Secretary to attend the Chamber of Commerce "Out to Lunch with the Armstrong County Commissioners" meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at a cost of \$15.00 each. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

GAZEBO

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to Harvest Community Church to use the use the Gazebo for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 15, 2008 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

BOROUGH ASSOC. MTG

Malec made a motion to grant permission to any council member, Mayor Mantini, and the Borough Secretary to attend the Borough's Association Meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at a cost of \$15.00 each. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Shaffer thanked the citizens who submitted letters of interest to serve on the various committees. Shaffer explained not all appointments have been made.

Shaffer made a motion to appoint Joshua Adams to the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to appoint Brenda Vargo to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to appoint James H. Milligan to the Zoning Board. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to appoint Dr. William Oleksak to the Parks & Recreation Committee and the Shade Tree Commission. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to appoint Brenda Vargo to the Sewage Authority. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time,

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini congratulated the Ford City Girl's Basketball team for making it into the WPIAL and PIAA playoff this season. Mantini reminded citizens to call 911 if they see any acts of vandalism. Mantini reminded everyone that recycling saves the Borough money and suggested everyone use the Recycling Trailers located along 3rd Avenue. Mantini reminded everyone sidewalks must be shoveled with 24 hours of a snowfall. Mantini expressed his condolences to the family of Stanley Sadeski.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Terry Tokarek congratulated the Girl's Basketball Team on a great season. Tokarek informed everyone Big Brother & Big Sisters will be having their annual bowling outing on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at King's Lanes. Tokarek challenged other councils and county row offices to participate. Contact Community Action or Donna Livengood for further information.

Ray Klukan congratulated the FCHS Girl's Basketball Team and wished them Good Luck for the game tomorrow against Norther Cambria.

Ron Dillard thanked everyone in the audience for coming to the meeting and thanked the many volunteer who assist the Borough.

Tom Shaffer explained council is continuing to work on a comprehensive parking ordinance. Shaffer congratulated the Girl's Basketball team and informed everyone their next game is tomorrow, at the University of Pitt Johnstown at 6:00 p.m. against Northern Cambria.

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Tim Malec thanked Cricket for working with the Borough. Malec asked residents who reside on the corners to clean the street corners to allow the water flow freely into the storm drains. Malec stated Spring is around the corner and reminded everyone to change their clocks.

John Lux congratulated the Lady Saber's and also asked residents to clean their street corners.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kim Bish spoke on behalf of Heritage Days informed everyone the committee has reorganized and meets on Sundays. A bingo is scheduled for Sunday, April 6 at the Latin American Club and a dance is scheduled for April 19 at the Manor Twp. Firehall.

Bish explained she applied for the Planning Commission and would like to bring Ford City "back". Bish stated she wished there was a way to keep part-time police working in the Borough, to slow down on the turnover. Bish stated she has been appointed to the CDC.

ADJOURNMENT

Shaffer made a motion at 7:23 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

John M. Lux, Sr.
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary