

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MAY 5, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER Council President John Lux called the meeting to order at 6:06 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT Council President Lux read a list of prepared announcements. (Attachment)
Lux also read the flushing notice.

ROLL CALL Terry Tokarek, Ray Klukan, Ron Dillard, John Lux, Tim Malec, and Tom Shaffer were present. Mayor Mantini is absent because of military duty.

ATTENDANCE Solicitor Frank Wolfe and David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, Renee Zacour were also present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – AT THIS TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Renee Zacour asked why the Ford City Public Library hasn't received their monthly allocation.

Shaffer replied that council does not have the money because this council is paying bills from 2007.

Zacour stated she was placed on a "Health Insurance Committee" and understands there was a meeting which she was not invited to attend. To date there has been spent an extra \$35,000 for medical insurance.

Lux replied that if the previous council would have handled the medical insurance situation we would not be in this situation.

A discussion took place concerning the medical insurance coverage and the evaluation of the medical insurance and the co-pay situation.

MINUTES Shaffer made a motion to accept the minutes of 3-31-2008. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Malec made a motion to accept the minutes of 4-14-2008. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Malec made a motion to accept the minutes of 4-21-2008. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried 6-0 Unanimous

Malec made a motion to accept the minutes of 4-28-2008. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

POLICE REPORT

Council President Lux read the Police Report for April 2008.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dillard made a motion to accept the Water Report that is available in the Borough Office. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2008 and pay the bills, in the amount of \$118,097.25 as money becomes available as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

ENGINEERS REPORT Dave Nichols reads the Engineer's Report.

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report for May 2008. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

GARBAGE RATE INCREASE INCLUDING AN ANNUAL TRASH DAY ADVERTISEMENT

Dillard made a motion to approve the ordinance amending the garbage rates. Seconded by Shaffer.

Malec asked where did the numbers come from? Shaffer answered Borough Reports. Shaffer stated this increase is not to make money, but to break even and includes an annual trash day.

Malec asked why the garbage tags or dumpster rates are not being raised? Shaffer and Solicitor Wolfe explained they are covered under a different ordinance.

Malec stated he has a definite problem with these numbers. Does this include the labor rate and the cost for their good benefit package? Malec reminded everyone part-time summer help is used to pick garbage.

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Shaffer explained this information is not just three guys in a truck.

Malec explained the elderly place out two small bags and the borough should cut back on the number of bags allowed per week and increase the cost of the garbage tag.

Malec made a motion to table to get answers on labor rate amount. Seconded by Tokarek.

Council President Lux called for a roll call vote.

Tokarek - Yes	Klukan - No
Dillard - No	Lux - No
Malec - Yes	Shaffer - No

Motion fails. Vote 4 -2 to not table.

Dillard pulls his motion off the table until he is able review the figures with the Borough Accountant.

FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Klukan made a motion to grant permission to Ford City Public Library use of the Gazebo for an end of season session for the pre-school summer story on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

BOROUGH ASSOCIATION DINNER

Klukan made a motion to approve the attendance of any Councilman, Mayor Mantini and the Borough Secretary at the Borough Association Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at a cost of to be specified later.
Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dillard made a motion to grant permission to Ford City Public Library the use of the Gazebo for a presentation for their summer reading program "Catch the Reading Bug" on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Seconded by Malek. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

GAZEBO

Malec made a motion to grant permission to Ford City Ministerial Association for use of the Gazebo and Park during the Week of August 11th thru August 15th for a Community Vacation Bible School.
Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Shaffer made a motion to open a new checking account at S & T Bank for the purpose of Benefits Administration and keep a balance of \$2500.00 in the account. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

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Shaffer made a motion to add the Council Presidents name to the Police Checking Account and adding any two of three names may sign the checks.
Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Al Garay - resident 500 Block 5th Avenue, explained he continues to have concerns about the large trucks traveling on 5th Avenue.

Garay stated he believes 5th Avenue is not a state road. Garay will prepare a report for council,

Garay thanked Councilman Dillard for cleaning up Boulder Park.

Mike Nortrup reminded everyone at the Gazebo on Saturday, June 7, 2008 "Prayer in the Park" will take place and it will be open to all residents in Ford City. Nortrup asked if this could be posted on the Borough Web site? The Borough Secretary will add the information to the web site.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tokarek thanked all the new members of the Parks & Recreation Committee. If anyone is interested in assisting them, please contact the Borough Office. Tokarek reminded everyone Allegheny River Community Fishing Days will be held this Saturday, and asked that the new families moving in at the lower end of 5th Avenue, please supervise the kids because of the heavy truck traffic.

Klukan asked if there was an ordinance in place that doesn't allow kids to play in the alley? Solicitor Wolfe answered that such an ordinance does not exist.

Dillard stated he is not aware of any ordinance and if one exists, get rid of it. Dillard explained he observed a young baby walk out onto 3rd Avenue and not parent was around. Dillard walked to the child and returned the child to the mother. This is an accident waiting to happen. Dillard stated he will speak to the Police Department and requested speed traps be put in place at the lower end of town. Dillard thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

Malec stated the traffic on 6th Avenue travels too fast also. People drive too fast and park too close to corners. Malec reminded everyone to park 30 feet from an intersection. Malec reminded everyone to cut their high grass.

Shaffer explained the Ford Street Project is moving forward. Shaffer thanked the business owners and building owners for their patience, Ford Street will look good when the project is finished.

Lux agreed that cars are flying along the streets. Lux stated extra stop signs were already added to 6th Avenue, but cars still fly.

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ADJOURNMENT

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Klukan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

John M. Lux, Sr.
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary