

**MINUTES**  
**FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**LOCATION – FORD CITY BOROUGH BUILDING**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**     The meeting was called to order by President John Lux at 4:35 p.m. The audience was advised that the meeting was being audio taped. Is anyone audio or video taping this meeting? There was no response.

**ROLL CALL**             Ron Dillard, John Lux, Tim Malec, Tom Shaffer, Mayor Marc Mantini were present. Terry Tokarek and Ray Klukan were absent.

**ATTENDANCE**         Solicitor Wolfe, Greg Dinko, Tom Ondrusek and Lou Vergari were also present.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS AT THIS TIME**  
There were no comments at this time

**\$150 BUSINESS PRIVILEGE ORDINANCE**

Shaffer made a motion to adopt the \$150 Business Privilege Ordinance. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Vote 3-1. Malec voted no because he believes this will lead to the Borough ending up in a lawsuit.

Discussion takes place about any legal complications concerning rentals, and home businesses.

Greg Dinko questions if home occupation is exempt from this tax? Solicitor Wolfe answers yes.

Mitch Fryer - Leader-Times asks what is the anticipated revenue? Councilman Shaffer answers \$70,000.00.

Shaffer explains each rental property is going to generate revenue.

Ron Dillard states that any legal concerns should be deferred to Solicitor Wolfe.

Frank Wolfe states that the new ordinance is simpler than the other tax.

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BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE - INCREASE

**SPECIAL MEETING** Shaffer made a motion to adopt and advertise the Board of Health Ordinance increasing the fees beginning 1-1-2009.

approve 3-2-2008 Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0.

with corrections

LERTA ORDINANCE - RESIDENTIAL

Shaffer made a motion to adopt and advertise the Residential LERTA Ordinance. Seconded by Dillard.  
Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0.

LERTA ORDINANCE - COMMERCIAL AMENDMENT

Shaffer made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Commercial LERTA Ordinance. Seconded by Malec.  
Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Tabled their request for the council to turn over the title to the 1966 Mack Open Cab Pumper to the Hose Company.

COMPOST RESTROOM ADVERTISEMENT

Malec made a motion to advertise for a Compost Restroom that is included in our PCC Grant for 2008 to 2009. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0.

C & C FOREST AGREEMENT

Shaffer made a motion to accept the agreement upon completion with necessary changes included. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous 4- 0.

Craig will pay Frank's fees and consult Shade Tree commission for a year.

BILLS TO APPROVE

Shaffer made a motion to authorize payment of two invoices in the amount of \$5,526.88 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Malec.  
Motion Carried. Unanimous 4-0.

FORD STREET - SIDEWALKS

Malec has concerns about not using salt on new concrete on Ford Street. Borough should send out letter to Business owners. Solicitor Wolfe states that the sidewalks and bricks are the owners responsibility. Options are discussed such as sand, potassium chloride, and curing the sidewalks with a type of spray.

CITIZEN COMMENTS OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

There were no comments at this time.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

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Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

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MAYOR COMMENTS

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Mayor Mantini stated Happy Thanksgiving!, and reminded everyone the Methodist Church will be serving Thanksgiving dinner, but reservations must be made.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ron Dillard explained Ron Dillard & Tim Malec met with Library Committee on Tuesday and was a good meeting. They will be forwarding information to other council members. Information includes concerns about the Library's future and what needs done. Concerns with Fire Department too. Happy Thanksgiving!

Tim Malec stated the Lions Club will be having a work party at the Clock Tower to have everything ready for light up.

Tom Shaffer stated he had been trying to obtain the information on Library salaries, expenses, and overhead. A meeting is trying to be scheduled with Allegheny Power. Happy Holidays!

John Lux stated Happy Thanksgiving!

## ADJOURNMENT

Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 4-0 Unanimous.

Council President  
John Lux

Borough Secretary  
Lisa Bittner

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