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FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION – FORD CITY BOROUGH OFFICE
NOVEMBER 3, 2008

CALL TO ORDER Council President John Lux called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Lux lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Council President Lux read a list of prepared announcements.

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

ATTENDANCE Solicitor Frank Alan Wolfe, David Nichols - Borough Engineer, and Kim Petrie - Klingensmith Healthcare were also present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Darla Bernot - Ford City Public Library invited everyone to the Founders Day Event to be held at the library on Monday, 11-17-08. Bernot explained a book sale will take place on Tuesday, November 18, 2008.

MINUTES Klukan made a motion to accept the minutes of 9-8-2008. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 6-0

POLICE REPORT Mayor Mantini read the Police Report for October 2008. (Attachment)

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dillard presented the water reports. (Attachment)

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

Treasurer Report was read by Tom Shaffer. (Attached)

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Approved 12-8-08 Shaffer stated the proposed 2009 Budget will be in council mailboxes Tuesday, November 4, 2008 and that there is no tax increase.

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Report was read by Dave Nichols. (Attachment)

Nichols recommends a hard cover for the water treatment plant. The life is more than twice as long as the soft cover.

Mayor Mantini questioned whether this cover is a requirement of the DEP. Nichols responded it is a requirement.

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

OLD BUSINESS

PCC GRANT 2009-2010

Shaffer informed the council the deadline for comments is 11-15-2008.

CHEMICAL BIDS 2009

Shaffer made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Borough Engineer for the low bidder of the chemicals for 2009. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 6-0 (Attachment)

LERTA

Shaffer & Wolfe went to Armstrong School District meeting. Wolfe explains a Public Hearing is necessary and the hearing must be advertised. Wolfe explains the commercial LERTA will be amended to include the entire Borough and the new residential LERTA will also include the entire Borough.

Shaffer made a motion to advertise the LERTA public hearing for Monday, November 10, 2008 at 5 p.m. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 6-0

STREET LIGHTS

Council President Lux explained he requested this item be included on the agenda due to the amount of phone calls.

Dillard states that they are doing a study around town. Dillard explained they are removing bulbs that are 8000 lumen and replacing them with 21500 lumen bulbs. The study is continuing to try to look at lighting conservation for the future. Safety issues are being addressed too.

Shaffer asks that if there is a safety issue or a resident wants their light turned back on, what do you want to do? Shaffer explained 15 lights are out in the business district. That is too many. The trail lights aren't good enough to light the necessary areas. Shaffer also asks if we are still paying the same amount? Dillard responds that Tom would be the one to know.

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Shaffer stated council needs to decide what direction we are going to go with these lights. Shaffer explained the amount of \$60,000 is included in the 2009 budget for street lights. Shaffer stated the hill is dark also.

Dillard states that if additional money was put in then there is no real reason to keep doing study. Dillard explained the 2008 budget was underfunded.

Shaffer states that conservation is still something that needs to be considered.

Dillard stated that street money was used. Dillard stated that by the year 2012 all lights must be changed, maybe we should look into purchasing our own.

Malec states that there was no money to pave streets because funding was used to pay for street lights. Malec explained Manor Township will not share costs of lights for Route 66. Malec suggested marking the poles that have are turned off because of the lighting study.

Dillard asks if maps are copied? The Borough Secretary answered yes. Dillard stated the police should be provided with a copy. Dillard states that some areas could be turned back on, don't want to raise taxes but neighborhoods must be kept safe.

Malec states that Allegheny Power wanted the Borough to sign a 10 year lease.

Dillard states that purchasing lights would give us a choice, long term would be cost-saving.

A short discussion took place concerning who knew about the lights being turned off.

Dillard stated not a single member of council didn't know what was happening.

Shaffer informed the residents that if there is a light turned off and you would like it to be turned back on, contact the Borough Office.

NEW BUSINESS

BOROUGH ASSOCIATION

Shaffer made a motion to grant permission to any elected official to attend the Borough Assoc. meeting to be held on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Seconded by Klukan.

Motion Carried. Unanimous. 6-0

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KLINGENSMITH HEALTH CARE - PARKING REQUEST

Kim Petrie explains the request of Klingensmith Health Care to place concrete parking bumper curbs along the spots where their trucks park along 3rd Avenue.

Shaffer made a motion to grant permission to Klingensmith Health Care to place concrete parking bumpers curbs in all the parking stalls in the third section along 3rd Avenue and return the area back to original condition if the parking permits are returned.

Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Dillard requested the top of the curbing be painted for safety.

SPECIAL MEETING

Shaffer made a motion to advertise a Special Meeting for Monday, November 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of adopting a tentative budget for 2009 and any other business. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-1 Malec voted No.

SPECIAL MEETING Shaffer made a motion to advertise a Special Meeting for Friday, November 21, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of adopting the \$150 Ordinance and any other business. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 6-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini thanked Eric Johnson who alerted 911 about fire on 10-03-08. Congratulated the Ford City Sabers Football team on a Good Season. Commended Ford City High School for donating over four (4) tons toward the local Salvation Army.

Mayor Mantini thanked John Lux for fighting two fires tonight in the borough. Mantini reminded everyone of the Founders Day Event at library. Mantini reminded everyone that 10 years ago Keith Kovac [a member of the Planning Commission] did a great deal of work on the Landlord Tenant Act and council should pass this ordinance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

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Approved 12-8-08 Tokarek - Congratulations Sabers and stated keep up the good work, and . thanked Family Life for televising the games for the people who can't get to them.
Klukan - Go Sabers, don't forget to vote, and the Fire Department still needs recruits.

Dillard - Thanks to Ford City people for their attention to detail around town. Sabers, congratulations! Go out and vote tomorrow, exercise your American, constitutional right.

Malec - Thanks to Lisa Bittner for all the hard work she did for the Halloween Parade, and thanks to the committee, Lions club, and FCFD for another great parade.

Shaffer - Thanks to the Fire Departments for saving my garage, Go Sabers!

Lux - Go Sabers!, the siren is fixed, and vote tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT Klukan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 6-0

John M. Lux
Council President

Lisa A. Bittner
Borough Secretary

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