

**MINUTES**  
**FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**LOCATION – FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER** Council President John Lux called the meeting to order at 6:05 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.

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

**ATTENDANCE** Solicitor Wolfe and David Nichols were also present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Council President Lux read prepared announcements (Attached).

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**  
Council President Lux asked for Citizen Comments on agenda items. There were no comments at this time.

**POLICE REPORT** Council President Lux read the police report for August 2008. Dillard made a motion to accept the Police Report for August 2008. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0 (Attached)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
Dillard made a motion to accept the Water Reports which are available in the Borough Office. Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0 (Attached)

Shaffer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2008 and pay the bills in the amount of \$100,963.07 as approved by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. (Attached)  
Tokarek abstained and Malec voted no. 4-1

**ENGINEER REPORT** Borough Engineer, David Nichols - Nichols & Slagle Engineering, submitted his report for September 8, 2008. (Attached)

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**  
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Dillard made a motion to advertise pending additional information to be added by Council. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Shaffer made a motion to appoint Dave Sheaffer to the Planning Commission.  
Seconded by Klukan.

Malec asks how the interview process is being conducted?

Motion Carried. 5-1

Malec abstains because this is not a legal way for council to conduct business.

Dillard stated there are still vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Dillard suggested creating interview criteria.

## WATER MAIN LOOP PROJECT

Malec made a motion to grant permission for Armstrong County to proceed with advertising for Engineering Services for the Water Main 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Loop Project. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

## NEW BUSINESS

CROP WALK - 2008 Shaffer made a motion to approve the request of Grace-St. John's Lutheran Parish to hold their annual CROP WALK on Sunday, October 12, 2008 beginning at 2:30 p.m. and inform the Police Department.  
Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

## DIVINE REDEEMER MARATHON

Malec made a motion to approve the request of Divine Redeemer School to hold their annual Marathon on Friday, September 26, 2008, a rain date of Monday, September 29, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. in the Borough Park and inform the Police Department and the Street Department.  
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Dillard made a motion that any request made to the Borough must be in letter form with a signature. Seconded by Malec. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

BOARD OF HEALTH Malec made a motion to accept the resignation of Joann Martinez Scopel from the Board of Health and thanked her for her years of service.  
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Malec made a motion to appoint Ann Crawford to the Board of Health.  
Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

## HOMEcoming PARADE

Shaffer made a motion to approve the request of Ford City High School Student Council to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Bon-Fire at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue end of the FCHS school parking lot and inform the Police Dept. and the Street Dept. This request will be approved upon submission of a new parade route.  
Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

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#### HALLOWEEN PARADE - TRICK-OR-TREAT

Dillard made a motion to set the date for Trick-or-Treat date as Wednesday, October 29 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and for the Halloween Parade to be held on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and inform the Police Department, Street Department and the Fire Department.  
Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

#### BULK DEICING SALT

Shaffer made a motion to advertise for the bulk de-icing road salt needed for 2009. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous. 6-0

Dillard stated a liquid chemical should be used on Ford Street rather than the road salt. Dillard explained the Ford Street bricks are not fired and he has a concern about the streets being ruined by using road salt.

Shaffer stated the manufacturer has already been asked about the winter maintenance issue and information will be sent to the Borough.

#### CHEMICAL BIDS

Malec made a motion to advertise for bids for the chemicals needed in 2009 for the Filter Plant Operation. Seconded by Shaffer.  
Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

2001 CHEVY IMPALA Klukan made a motion to accept bids for the 2001 Chevy Impala to be sold to the highest bidder in "as is condition". Seconded by Dillard.  
Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Shaffer made a motion to remove the decals, lights, and any other equipment before the vehicle is advertised. Seconded by Dillard.  
Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

FIRE SAFETY NIGHT Shaffer made a motion to grant permission to the Ford City Fire Dept. as requested to block off the municipal building parking lot for their annual Fire Safety Night to be held on Thursday, October 2, 2008 and inform the Police Dept. and the Street Dept. Seconded by Klukan.  
Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

#### FORD STREET WEIGHT LIMIT

Shaffer made a motion to authorize Solicitor Wolfe to create and advertise an Ordinance for a maximum Weight Limit of 26,000 pounds for Ford Street.  
Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

Shaffer explained the recommendations for the weight limit from the brick supplier will be included for the record

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Shaffer made a motion to enter executive session at 6:45 p.m to discuss personnel. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

REGULAR SESSION Shaffer made a motion to exit executive session at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

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SEARGENT IN CHARGE

Dillard made a motion to Appoint a Sargent in Charge on condition that the police bargaining unit agrees in writing with the creation of this position, the Sargent in Charge will receive no additional compensation beyond that already provided for a Sargent. Seconded by Shaffer.

Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

PART-TIME COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Malec made a motion to advertise for applications to appoint a part-time Compliance Officer on the conditions the Police Bargaining Unit agrees to the creation of this position. Seconded by Shaffer.

Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini is absent from the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Renee Zacour explained Federal subpoenas have been served for the time period of 2000 to 2005. Zacour stated no current CDC board members are subjects of the investigation.

Councilman Shaffer stated he had a copy of a subpoena that is requesting documents from 1-1-2000 to present. Shaffer stated this council will fully cooperate with this investigation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tokarek stated the Cadogan Ballfield look great and thanked all the volunteer who helped clean them up, and thanks to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Klukan stated Ford Street looks good and always new recruits are needed for the Fire Department.

Dillard thanked the people who attended the meeting, and who are interested in local government. Also, check the local newspaper for Progressive Workshop's Open House.

Malec thanked Homer Pendleton and Ed Gerny for all the work they have done for the Picnic in the Park, hope people are happy with Ford Street.

Shaffer thanked everyone for their patience on Ford Street and mentioned the Grand Opening events scheduled for Friday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lux commended the library on a job well done for the 71% increase of participation in their summer reading program, Ford Street is coming along and it looks good.

ADJOURNMENT

Klukan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Seconded by Shaffer. Motion Carried. Unanimous 6-0

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John M. Lux  
Council President

Patty Hornyak  
Assistant Secretary