

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
LOCATION- FORD CITY BOROUGH BUILDING
APRIL 28, 2010

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President Lux called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
- Lux advised the audience the meeting for Wednesday, April 28, 2010 will be audio taped. Lux requested that everyone please place their phones on vibrate. If you must answer, step out of the meeting. Lux asked if anyone was audio or video taping the meeting. There was no response.
- ROLL CALL** Ron Dillard, Lou Vergari, John Lux, Ray Klukan, Paul Harmon, and Mayor Mantini were present. Rob Mohney was absent.
- ATTENDANCE** Solicitor Frank Wolfe, Bill Oleksak, Jerry Miklos, Sandy H., Paul Ondrusek, and Eugene Banks were also present.
- PAVING - 2010** Lou Vergari asked if anyone rode along with the Penndot guy. Also questioned if borough gets same price as Penndot.
- Dillard answers yes.
- Lux explains paving areas.
- Dillard made a motion to advertise for the 2010 paving as listed on the specifications prepared by Penndot. Seconded by Klukan.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous.
- M.C.T.A.** Dillard made a motion to authorize the Council President and the Borough Secretary to sign the one year agreement from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$7,497.00. Seconded by Vergari.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous.
- RAILS TO TRAILS** Lux explains received bid to seal trail, kill weeds, and need holes filled in.
- PERMIT PARKING** Harmon made a motion to change the designated permit parking area for Friday, May, 14, 2010 from third avenue to an area along second avenue and inform all permit holders. Seconded by Klukan.
Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous.
- DESIGNATION OF AGENT RESOLUTION**
- Vergari made a motion to approve the form Designation of Agent Resolution, the PEMA-DAP-2, form necessary for the possible reimbursement for the cost associated with the snow event that happened during a designated 48 hour period of time February 2010 and authorize the Council President, all members of Borough Council and the Borough Secretary to sign. Seconded by Klukan. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 5-4-2010

Council President Lux explained there would be a Special Meeting of Borough Council held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini had no comments at this time.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Harmon made a motion to forgive the Eljer water lien +\$14,000 and direct Solicitor Wolfe to mark the courthouse records satisfied. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous.

Jerry Miklos would like council to explain.

Harmon explains water leak at Eljer.

Miklos asks when the leak was.

Harmon states it was a 10 day period 1-17-2009 to 1-26-2009.

Miklos wants to know why council is forgiving the lien.

Dillard states so the sale of the property may go through.

Miklos questions if the lien was attached.

Solicitor Wolfe comments that the lien did not get put in place before sale of property.

Miklos states people of Ford City get screwed again.

Dillard explains Pete Milito was looking for leak and it was eventually found on the Eljer property.

Harmon states that Eljer was notified.

Dillard questions why they did not pay if it was sent to them.

Miklos comments that it should have been collected.

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Dillard states that technically Eljer owes money to Ford City.
Wasn't aware of letter sent to Eljer.

Miklos questions if there is any way to hold Eljer responsible.

Lux states a notice can be sent that it is still outstanding.

Dillard states that American Standard should be sent this letter, move forward, go forward.

Solicitor Wolfe states that wrong person should not be punished.

Dillard agrees.

Miklos feels if Eljer can be held responsible, they should be.

Sandy Hutchison questions if stipulations are placed on agreements made to pay water bill.

Dillard states that generally a time is associated with agreements. Feels since this group became council, money owed on water bills has gone down significantly.

Sandy states she knows there is a lot of money owed on water bills.

Dillard comments that a game is being played.

Paul Ondrusek questions how the borough shuts water off when more than one on a line.

Dillard states that each apartment building should have own, individual utilities, in an ordinance. Have failed as a group to correct that issue.

Citizens ask if could be corrected during sewer project.

Dillard states some people may claim they cannot afford it.

Ondrusek asks if is the borough's responsibility since they put it in that way.

Dillard states problems with that and what borough is responsible for. Sites examples of some problems.

Sandy Hutchison asks what if shut off cannot be found.

Dillard states borough is responsible for finding shut off.

Lux states to look at houses involved in sewer separation project, make sure all water shut offs are correct, have Milito look at. Get corrected while opened up.

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Dillard states one service line for four houses on 3rd Avenue. Has been

that way for years.

Lux states there was a house like that by his.

Dillard states have no sign offs at closings. Inspectors and water people should check at the time a house is sold. Problem borough has had for years. When owed \$79,000 delinquent bills not fair to people who pay. If there is a hardship, make and keep agreement, dealt with compassion at the window. Deliberate non-payment is the problem. Dig it up and shut it off.

Ondrusek states borough can't afford to dig it up.

Dillard states paying people to dig them up

Ondrusek asks how many workers on in street department.

Dillard states six (6). Dillard asked for summer help to take care of menial jobs. Start in December inquiring about summer help and what needs to be done. Garbage and grass can be taken care of by lesser paid laborers.

Ondrusek questions how you get somebody from county for summer help. Worked in 70's for borough and was paid for by the county.

Dillard states can get it, but need a supervisor, somebody must sign off on their time sheets and training. Specified to council that we need borough manager but still need first line supervisor.

Harmon states looking into hiring people along with a supervisor.

Dillard states better talk to Dave Wolfe.

Eugene Banks - No longer own 8 acres, what about 55 acres that are left? Wouldn't it behoove council to approach KPM?

Lux answers already approached him, not interested in moving in that direction.

Banks asks if there has been any marketing.

Lux states at present time, no.

Dillard (speaking for himself) states any employer/business owner willing to enter into a 10 year contract, give it to them for \$1./speaking himself

Banks asks if that was offered to KPM.

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Vergari states this is the council that rejected Carson at \$35,000 per acre.

Sandy asks what happened to Bloser.

Dillard states blowing smoke, didn't have money to pull trigger

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Wolfe had no comments at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no council comments at this time

ADJOURNMENT

Klukan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Dillard. Motion Carried. 5-0 Unanimous.

John M. Lux
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary