

# FOREST CITY BOROUGH MINUTES

## MONDAY July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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### **CALL TO ORDER:** (President Obelenus)

Vice President Scalzo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone. He then asked everyone to join in the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: V.P. Bernie Scalzo, Council Members Michael Norella, Eileen Lynch, Rebecca Scoggins, Secretary Cindy Stone, Mayor Ginton, and Solicitor McAndrew. Absent were President Obelenus, Councilwoman Amy Bean and Secretary/Treasurer Dennise Yankauskas.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (President Obelenus)

A special meeting was held June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 to fill the vacancy left by Councilwoman Woody.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (President Obelenus)

John Kameen brought it to council’s attention that the Roxy Historical Marker has been damaged and the council to be aware that the responsibilities lays on the borough marker to notify and get the marker fixed. Secretary Stone stated that she has called and emailed the PA State Historical Marker Coordinator Alli Davis several times.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ADMINISTRATION:** (President Obelenus)

V.P. Scalzo asked if there were any letters of interest for the vacant seat. Secretary Stone said one was received today from resident Carla Stackhouse. John Kameen the Vacancy Board Chair stated it was received too late and could not be acted on.

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to approve regular meeting minutes from June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. Councilwoman Lynch made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, all in favor, motion carries 4-0.

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to approve work Special Meeting Minutes from June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Councilwoman Lynch made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, all in favor, motion carries 4-0.

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to approve June’s treasurer report. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call 4-0 motion carries.

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion approver payment to FCES of \$10,000 the boroughs Impact Fee Contribution. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call vote was 4-0 motion carries.

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to approve payment of 13,500 payable to VFIS to help cover vehicle insurance cost. Councilwoman Scoggins made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, roll call 4-0, motion carries.

V.P. Scalzo announced \$ 98,264 Act 13 Impact Fee were received by the borough and the road closure application for the August 2, 2025 Parade was submitted and permit received.

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to accept the Borough’s 2024 Financial Audit Prepared by Brian Kelly’s office; Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call vote was 4-0 motion carries.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:** (V.P. Scalzo)

The Public Works report for June 2025 was offered. V.P. Scalzo also stated recycling donations for the month of June was \$215 that the donations are what keeps the program going. V.P. Scalzo stated there is a place at the garage area for scrap metal to also be donated. V.P. Scalzo gave an update on the Susquehanna and Hudson Street projects. JHA came took pictures and have not gotten a proposal. The state gave us permission to fix the road but have not gotten

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design specs for it to give to the state. V.P. Scalzo asked Councilman Norella to help him evaluate and get bids on the Center Street water eruption issue to which he agreed.

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** (Sarah Woody)

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to accept Schindler quote of \$9,985 to fix the hole in a 2" pipe of the elevator hydraulic system. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call vote was 4-0 motion carries.

### **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** (Amy Bean)

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to approve amended Resolution #15\_2025 "Forest City's Inclusion in the Pennsylvania Arts and Communities Creative Communities Initiative" with a cash match of \$5000 (balance is \$3750) to be paid in 2025 but to include four years 2025-2029; Councilwoman Lynch made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call vote was 4-0 motion carries.

### **PARKS & RECREATION:** (Michael Norella)

Councilman Norella stated the park is open to swim, the vendor market unfortunately was canceled due to the weather. Councilman Norella mention the chicken BBQ tickets are now on sale and thanked everyone for the time they put in. Councilman announced "Reptile Pete's program will be held June 20, 2025 @ 1 PM.

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to approve the purchase of prizes for the August 3, 2025 Fishing Derby with donations received this year and prior years from the Special Event Account at a cost of \$570.55 and food for the event not to exceed \$150.00; Councilwoman Lynch made the motion, seconded by Councilman Norella, roll call vote was 4-0 motion carries.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH:** (President Obelenus)

No Updates

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT** (Eileen Lynch)

Councilwoman Lynch read the code enforcement report for June 2025.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:** (Mayor Christopher Ginton)

Mayor Ginton asked if there are any questions or concerns on the June 2025 Police report.

Mayor Ginton asked for a motion to purchase a 2025 Tahoe PPV \$56525.00 from COSTAR Member Bonner Chevrolet, minus trade of 2020 Dodge Charger \$11,525.00 for a cost of \$45,000.00 plus \$350.00 Doc Fee Total Cost \$45,350.00; Upfit 2025 Tahoe \$16,966.12, TOTAL Cost \$62,316.12; Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, roll call vote was 4-0 motion carries.

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to approve financing the Police Vehicle through FNB Bank with a term of (5) five years; Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call vote was 3-0 motion carries (Councilwoman Lynch abstained from the vote).

Mayor Ginton asked for a motion to the hire of Matthew Reed as part-time Patrol Officer, contingent upon meeting the requirements of Act 120, including a background check. & 6-month probationary period; Councilwoman Scoggins made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, roll call vote was 4-0 motion carries.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** (Solicitor McAndrew)

Solicitor McAndrew gave update on 501 Main Street that the borough will file a petition if it's not safe to force owner to tear it down, she also asked if it was council's pleasure

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for her to pursue the courts in regards to 618 Delaware Street which they stated they did. Solicitor also discussed the Continual use hearing to be held on August 5, 2025.

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS:** (Various Council Members)

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to approve picking our own engineering firm for the PMMT grant 600 block of Main Street at a cost of \$25,500; ; Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch , roll call vote was 4-0 motion carries.

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to approve Wayco's sealed bid for the Road Work/Paving of Fell Street, Caryl Street and North Street after the review process for \$49,424.38; Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call vote was 4-0 motion carries.

V.P. Scalzo opened Mascaro's and Casella's sealed bids but there was a lot information to decipher. V.P Scalzo passed the bid sheets with the prices to council members to review and compare. This will be voted on at the August meeting and was stated that Secretary Stone would do a spread sheet to make it easier for council members to review.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:** (President Obelenus)

V.P. Scalzo asked for a motion to approve Quote #1555 & 1556 from Ed Bognatz Jr. for repair work to Coal Miners Memorial at the cost of \$4,350 (repair work) & \$1,750 (sealing), this item was tabled and will be soliciting more quotes/bids.

#### **CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Nick Cost asked Solicitor McAndrew if the 3-0 vote for the FNB Loan would stand. Solicitor McAndrew stated as long as it was majority of the quorum in attendance it would. Nick Cost also wanted clarification on the cost of the repairing the elevator. Mr. Cost also asked questions about the repair work to the storm drains on Delaware and Center Street.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (President Obelenus)

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be, Monday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 380 Railroad Street at 6 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilwoman Lynch made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, all in favor, none opposed. V.P. Scalzo adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.