

# FOREST CITY BOROUGH MINUTES

## MONDAY DECEMBER 1st, 2025

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

President Obelenus 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: President Obelenus, V.P. Bernie Scalzo, Michael Norella, Rebecca Scoggins, Eileen Lynch, Amy Bean, Secretary/Treasurer Dennise Yankauskas, Secretary Cindy Stone, Mayor Glinton, Solicitor McAndrew.

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

No announcements

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

No comments

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve regular meeting minutes from November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. V.P. Scalzo made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call vote was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 special meeting minutes. V.P. Scalzo made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, roll call vote was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve November 2025 treasurer report. V.P. Scalzo made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call vote was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve Resolution 23-2025, Local Share Assessment Grant for Center Street Pocket Park. V.P. Scalzo made the motion, seconded by Councilman Norella, roll call vote was all in favor.

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

The Public Works report for November 2025 was offered. V.P. Scalzo also stated recycling donations for the month of November was \$215. V.P. Scalzo also mentioned the LSA Assessment Grant for North, Susquehanna Street with Roxy Road is in the works and hoping for the spring of 2026 to start.

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** (Michael Norella)

Councilman Norella updated on the elevator the contract was signed and sent back to the company and all the parts are on order, repair will start as soon as the parts come in.

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

Councilwoman Bean stated that Jason Wood was here in November to discuss the Pocket Park and everything is on hold because of the GEO Testing and the Action team is still looking for volunteers.

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

Councilman Norella mentioned that the park was closed for the winter and the next event is in February for the soup and chili cook off. Councilman Norella also introduced the gentlemen that cleaned up the discus golf course and explained they want to improve it more come the spring and what the cost would be and how to raise funds for the project and the community thanks the gentlemen for their hard work.

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

No Updates

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

Councilwoman Lynch read the code enforcement report for November 2025. Councilwoman Scoggins asked about 612 Hudson Street, Councilwoman Lynch said it is condemned due the present condition of the oil tank that leak in the ground and the pigeon feces. Letters were sent to the diocese in Scranton. Councilman Norella asked at this point the church is a loss, Councilwoman Lynch replied, yes at this point.

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

Mayor Ginton asked if there are any questions or concerns on the November 2025 Police report. The Mayor stated free parking on Main Street from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. President Obelenus mentioned the Police radios for the cars. He asked for the quotes before the budget meeting and never received the information, so the item will be discussed after the first of the New Year.

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

No updates from Solicitor McAndrew. Councilman Norella asked the Solicitor if she had sent the letter to the diocese of Scranton, Solicitor McAndrew stated she knew nothing about a letter. Secretary Stone stated that the borough received a letter telling us there was a leak and it was given to Joe Unis. It was left at that.

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

A motion to approve the crosswalk blinker lights was tabled again for more information. The information we received was from Penn Dot with a lot of leg work and looking at an expense to the Borough of around \$5000. Councilman Norella made a motion to reject the purchase of blinking cross walk lights, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, roll call was all in favor. There was some discuss about just a regular steel sign for crosswalks that we will look in the Public Works Garage and were we purchase signs from.

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

President Obelenus asked to pick a date for work session for FNB credit card payments for sewer payment. Secretary Stone explained a little of what to except from the program. The president would also like to discuss including sewer and garbage bill on the tax bill. A work session is set for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The president would like a motion to print sewer and garbage bill in the Forest City News that are delinquent was tabled. Solicitor McAndrew suggest that the correct amounts be posted so the borough does not get hit with a lawsuit.

The president asked if everyone read the new employee handbook, V.P. Scalzo made a motion to approve the handbook, seconded by Councilman Norella, roll call was all in favor.

Councilwoman Bean asked for information on the church being sold, Councilwoman Lynch said the code enforcement would be at the January meeting to discuss the issues.

### **CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Kameen suggest to spread the discussion of sewer and garbage over a two-month period. The president said we are working with the owners and not looking to embarrass them. Kathryn Singer asked what the complaint about 729 Delaware Street, she miss heard of the address when it was 329 Delaware Street. Ron Franks spoke about and thanked the borough for the use of Kennedy Park and would like to do some fund raising to improve Kennedy Park and looking to work with the borough. Councilman Norella suggested a work session with the little league. Ron Franks will email the borough information on what they would like to do. Nick

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Cost would like the code enforcement officer at all the meeting so he can address the issues that are going on. Tracey Lazier asked what the limit would be on the sewer and garbage bill that they plan on putting in the paper. Stephen Mikloiche asked if he is clear of fines because he cleaned up his property. Councilwoman Lynch said it was dropped that he is has to pay the cost to file at the court house. There is some confusion on the fines and they are waiting on word from the lawyer. Solicitor McAndrew advised Councilwoman Lynch about not to advise Mr. Mikloiche on court hearings and fines.

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

President Obelenus stated the Borough is looking for volunteers to plan and organize a Celebration for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USA in the summer of 2026.

The next regular meeting will be January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6 p.m. held at the Emergency Service Building at 380 Railroad Street.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Norrella made the motion to adjourn, seconded by V.P. Scalzo all in favor, none opposed. President Obelenus adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.