FOREST CITY BOROUGH MINUTES
MONDAY OCTOBER 5th, 2026

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:

President Obelenus, V.P. Scalzo, Council members Michael Norella, Donna Gasper, Tracey Lazier, John Zasik, Eileen Lynch, Secretary/Treasurer Dennise Yankauskas, Secretary Cindy Stone, Solicitor McAndrew, and Mayor Cost.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus announced that there was two executive meeting, September 7th, for personnel issues and 21st, on agenda corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (President Obelenus)

John Kameen asked about the ATV Ordinance. President Obelenus said it has passed and is in effect except the section with Route 247 involving Penn Dot approval. The Police Department is under the impression that the Ordinance is not in effect until they get approval from PennDot on Route 247. The Borough has not received the ATV signs for the rules have not been received yet. Solicitor McAndrew explained it in detail that it is in effect. The Ordinance came in effect on September 8th, 2026 for roads east of Main Street.

Lori Remus presented a petition to Council with over 600 signatures who opposed data center in Clinton Township.

Glenn Mattos asked if council understood the Ordinance was in effect. President Obelenus said if you read the Ordinance, its state's it is in effect September 8th, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve regular meeting minutes from September 8th, 2026. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilman Zasik, roll call vote was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve September 2026 Treasurer report. V.P. Scalzo made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to advertise a Special Meeting for a Budget Workshop Meeting for October 15th, 2026 and October 22nd, 2026. Councilwoman Lynch made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve Resolution #9-2026 Bank signatures for all accounts held at First National Bank. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus announced the road closure was approved for Halloween on Main Street for October 30th, 2026 from 5 p.m. – 7 p. m.

Councilman Zasik mentioned that someone should talk to Zazzera's Market about the road closures because the loss of business they have. President Obelenus said that he did talk to him already about this.

Council tabled to approve the General Fund and Sewer Audit for 2025. John Kameen asked if there were any errors on the audit, President Obelenus said there was book keeping errors and no findings of missing funds.

PUBLIC WORKS: (V.P. Scalzo)

The Public Works report for September 2026 was offered. V.P. Scalzo also stated recycling donations for the month was $193. V.P. Scalzo mentioned he talked to JHA storm drains and some LSA grant came out and we were not ready for them because they were submitted a year

ago, so maybe we will get it the next time around. Councilwoman Lazier asked about the weeds at Coal Miner's Memorial and V.P. Scalzo said they trimmed them. Councilwoman Lazier also asked about the road behind her and Public Woks will take care of it. Councilwoman Gasper asked about the alley way between Susquehanna and Hudson Street to fill in the holes and he stated the Public Works Department is working on it.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: (Michael Norella)

Councilman Norella asked for a motion to hire Samuel Hampton for part-time cleaner and it was decided to table it so the personal committee can interview him.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Tracey Lazier)

Councilwoman Lazier mentioned she doesn't see anyone from the Action Team, but she mentioned she noticed more murals that went up in town and they look nice. Councilwoman Lynch gave an update on the funds owed to the borough that we are just waiting on Jayson Woods information then we will be reimbursed from the state. President Obelenus mentioned the LSA Grant did not go through for the Pocket Park. Councilwoman Lazier asked about the stairs and President Obelenus mentioned that other groups put in funds so that President Obelenus said that himself and Councilwoman Lazier will get together with Ms. Zefran.

PARKS & RECREATION: (Michael Norella)

Councilman Norella mentioned that the Vendor Market didn't have a good turn-out for it because of the rain, that only about 15 vendors came out. Councilman Norella stated that the Cicilioni family donated a tree and that he planted it by the Pavilion. Councilman Norella also announced trunk or treat will be October 24th, 2026 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH: (John Zasik)

Councilman Zasik asked about the railroad tie wall behind the borough should be fixed before it falls on someone and President Obelenus stated action will take place before the winter.

CODE ENFORECEMENT (Eileen Lynch)

Councilwoman Lynch read the September 2026 code enforcement report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: (Mayor Nick Cost)

Mayor Cost asked if anyone had questions about the Police report for the month of September. Mayor Cost said he called Senator Baker and the reason we didn't get any money was because there are 4 grants in process and we should only have one grant and they don't know which one is priority. There is one coming up in February for sewer and water and when the information is available I will pass it on. The street scape project was advertised with the bids opening November 5th, 2026. The PA Fish Commission called to stock the park for 2027. Mayor Cost Stated the parking meters are in bad shape and the DPW are fixing will fix them as we go, so if you park by one put the quarter in because they are being watched and you will get a Twenty-dollar ticket. This money is used for snow removal on Main Street. Mayor Cost mentioned the Steam Town Marathon on October 11th, 2026 and volunteers are needed to help with road closures, they should contact Chief Foley if interested.

Mayor Cost announced there is a drug take back on October 24th, 2026 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Forest City Emergency Services.

Mayor Cost mentioned trick or treating will be October 31st, 2026 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Mayor Cost thanked the Lion Club for the $500 donation to the Police Department.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (Solicitor McAndrew)

Solicitor McAndrew no updates on sewer but one property we put on lien on received $10,000, no new liens, total of 61 liens. Councilman Norella asked if we can send on letter to the

residents that haven't made a payment this past year. Secretary Stone said to send a letter come January; that this is what you owe and if you want to go on a payment plan contact the borough or a lien will be placed on your property. Councilwoman Lynch said we should send a letter that the bill is going on the taxes and you no longer receive a bill but you are still delinquent and you still owe, that you need to call the borough building. Councilwoman Lazier asked about paying online and if was said we are not doing that because it is going on the tax bill.

Solicitor McAndrew stateded we talked about the amendments for the Zoning Ordinance, had a special meeting, advertised Ordinance #532 and she needs someone wants to make a motion to amend the classifications for data centers and solar farms that there is conditional use that need to be an industrial zone; Ordinance #532. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lazier, roll call was all in favor.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: (Various Council Members)

President Obelenus touched on the topic made by the Mayor concerning the sidewalks, the bids are going out after nine years.

NEW BUSINESS: (Various Council Members)

President Obelenus asked for a motion to advertise Ordinance #533-2026 – NOISE. Councilman Zasik made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to advertise Ordinance #534-2026 – Chickens. Councilwoman Gasper made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lazier, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to advertise Ordinance #535-2026 Unexcused absence from meetings and compensation. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to advertise bids for the East Side of the 600 block Main Street sidewalks. Specifications are not available at this time but when they become available we would be able to advertise. Councilman Zasik made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve the Library request to use the third floor on October 19th, 2026 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. V.P. Scalzo made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lazier, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve a porta potty on Main Street for the October 30th, 2026 Halloween Event not to exceed $250. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus mentioned the Forest City Emergency Services is requesting the borough to budget $1500 more from $13,500 to $ 15,000 for EMS insurance for vehicles (line 412.30 on budget)

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Norella read a letter from Rocky the owner of the smoke shop next to Zazzera's parking lot. He would like to be reimbursed since there was no sewer break. Councilman Lynch mentioned that The Code Enforcement Officer talked to the owner and he said there was fecal matter in it but it is not coming from there. It is believed that it is coming from higher up. There are steps that the borough is taking to resolve this problem.

Councilman Norella wanted to thank Assist Chief Dzanis for getting the radios for the Police from the Susquehanna County. Councilman Norella asked Solicitor McAndrew about a repeater for up the school so direct commutation between the SRO and the Police that it would need to go through the County for a direct line.

President Obelenus mention Diversified Technologies about a program they have to help the borough with permits, RTK, potholes, etc. The Web-Site they offer has various platforms to offer for these topics and you will no longer receive a bill. If you are still delinquent as of

December 2026 you need to contact the borough office. Solicitor McAnrew stated. She needs someone to make a motion. Diversied Technology will have a presentation on October 22nd, 2026 at 6 p.m.

There was talk about ordinance's going to the court house and magistrate and it was mentioned that the borough never did that and if the magistrate wanted an ordinance they would call and we would send it over. Councilman Norella asked Secretary Stone about what one mil adds up to be and she replied she was not prepared for that it was not on the agenda. President Obelenus explained what the county had told him what one mil would increase approximately. President Obelenus announced an executive session after the meeting for personal issues.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus announced the next scheduled meeting is November 2nd, 2026, at 6 p.m. on the Third Floor of the Borough Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Norella made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Zasik 7:30 p.m.