

FOREST CITY BOROUGH MINUTES

MONDAY AUGUST 3rd, 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, John Zasik Secretary/Treasurer Dennise Yankauskas, Secretary Cindy Stone, Mayor Cost, Solicitor McAndrew. Councilwoman Lazier had a conflict at work and arrived at 6:30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Obelenus)

No announcements

PUBLIC COMMENT: (President Obelenus)

Paul Dovin asked about the letter that he sent to the Borough about his sewer problem, President Obelenus commented that it will be addressed later in the meeting. David Clark asked about the walk way on 247 from Browndale, snow is not removed in the winter and people are walking on the road. David also would like to know who does the up keep on it, President Obelenus commented that the Browndale is on their side and the Borough is to keep up on the Forest City side and NEP is to do so on their property. V.P. Scalzo stated owner on to keep up on their property and the State plowing that road hard and it freezes over.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve regular meeting minutes from July 3rd, 2026. Councilwoman Gasper made the motion, seconded by Councilman Zasik, roll call vote was all in favor.

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

PUBLIC WORKS: (V.P. Scalzo)

The Public Works report for July 2026 was offered. V.P. Scalzo also stated recycling donations for the month of July was \$290.00.

V.P. Scalzo read all three bids for cinders and asked for a motion to approve Cinders from Prince for \$2375.00, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: (Michael Norella)

Councilman Norella asked about the pump outside the elevator and if the guys will fix it or someone else. President Obelenus said Joe Unis and I will be fixing it. Councilman Norella stated about the Little League’s request dirt, that are we not paying for it like we have in the past. President Obelenus said there was a lot of question for budgeting. Councilman Norella asked if the dirt was paid for already. Councilwoman Lynch stated what was done in the pass for the bill. Councilman Norella asked the Secretary/Treasurer Yankauskas if we could write the Little League a check, the answer was no, Solicitor McAndrew said we could pay them for the dirt with copies of the bills. They were a lot of questions about where the money would come from. There will be a line item for Little League Operations for next year’s budget. Councilman Norella asked for motion to open the agenda for the Little League payment, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, roll call was all in favor. Councilman Norella asked for a motion to approve payment to the Little League, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, roll call was all in favor.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Tracey Lazier)

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President Obelenus asked Katie about the Action Team, she stated they are just waiting LSR Grants. President Obelenus explained the murals in town.

PARKS & RECREATION: (Michael Norella)

Councilman Norella stated the Park is now accepting applications for the upcoming vendor markets for September at Kennedy Park. Applications can be found on the borough website or in the borough office. Councilman Norrella stated the chicken bbq was a great day and was sold out. Councilman Norella stated kiddie day on July 12th was a big hit. A parks and recreation member gave a small report on Trail Town Days. Councilwoman Gasper asked President Obelenus how the shirt sale was going, he stated that \$2100.00 was sold so far and he planned on selling more at upcoming events and explained where and how you can get shirts. Councilman Norella stated the park was busy all weekend with events every day.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH: (John Zasik)

No updates

CODE ENFORCEMENT (Eileen Lynch)

Councilwoman Lynch read the July 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 July.

Mayor Cost stated the fishing derby was a big success. Mayor Cost thanked all sponsors. Mayor Cost mentioned that the sidewalk bid will go out in the next month and hoping for Spring the work will begin. Mayor Cost stated that the Police Department will need a new vehicle and radios and asked it to be budgeted for. Mayor Cost also mentioned the Police are hosting a National Night Out on August 4th, 2026 from 5 – 8 @ Kennedy Park, they will be looking for donations and volunteers.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (Solicitor McAndrew)

Solicitor McAndrew stated no new liens or lien letters this month. Solicitor McAndrew asked for a motion to advertise the sewer and garbage tax ordinance. She explained how they will be collected. V.P. Scalzo asked how to go about collecting if something happened to the current tax collector and someone else what more to collect them if they could just go back to collecting sewer and garbage by the borough. She said we could go back to the way it was. Councilman Norella made the motion to advertise the ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

Solicitor McAndrew asked for a motion for the Ordinance #530 that adds SR247 as a road ATV's are allowed to drive on. Councilwoman Gasper made the motion, seconded by Councilman Norella, roll call was all in favor. Solicitor McAndrew will send the information to the State and wait to see what happens if the ordinance needs to be changed. President Obelenus requested a motion for the ordinance to come in effect on September 8th, 2026. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lazier, roll call was all in favor. Solicitor McAndrew spoke about the Data Center and Solar Farm ordinance and the zoning application and is a public hearing on September 11th, 2026 for adding the definition of Data Center and Solar Farms to see what GFCI on the property on Rte. 247 and what it means to the town residents.

Katie Zefran spoke a little about what the GFCI wants and what will happen to the property when it is sold. Councilman Norella asked why did they not come to us before when it started 30 years ago and they still want to be anonymous with who the developer is. President Obelenus asked if it is still industrial and commercial. GFCI is asking for changes, Solicitor McAndrew said it has to go through the Planning Commission and they have to submit an application and the fee for the changes.

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CONTINUED BUSINESS: (Various Council Members)

President Obelenus said if Diversified Technology does not get back to him he will just drop it but he did do the paperwork that they wanted and he will update later.

NEW BUSINESS: (Various Council Members)

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve advertising for winter snow removal for the 2026/2027 season. Councilwoman Lynch made the motion, seconded by Councilman Zasik, roll call was all in favor. Mayor Cost wants a list of properties the snow removal is done privately and President Obelenus stated there are none. Councilwoman Lazier asked who makes the call for removal and they are V.P. Scalzo, President Obelenus and Mayor Cost.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT:

Solicitor McAndrew asked if a business owner had replaced a sidewalk before the Spring project begins, can you get reimbursed. President Obelenus said we can't always get grants, that they would try to reimburse but you can't touch the curb and maybe the façade program would help cover the cost.

Paul Dovin asked for a time frame on the response of his letter. Councilman Norella said the borough is not responsible for the people laterals and your problem happened 13 years ago. Mr. Dovin also stated the Borough sent a contractor to the house and that they broke the flap. Solicitor McAndrew asked if the flap could be fixed but the road would have to be dug up 15 feet down. Councilwoman Lynch explained her problem from years ago and said had the pay for it herself that the borough was not responsible for it. Paul said he has complained in the past but it never went anywhere. President Obelenus said the borough is not responsible and Mr. Dovin stated he would see them in court.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus announced the next scheduled meeting is September 8th, 2026 at 6 p.m. An executive session to be held on second floor after this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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