

FOREST CITY BOROUGH MINUTES

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2025

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, Secretary/Treasurer Dennise Yankauskas, Secretary Cindy Stone, Mayor Glinton, Solicitor McAndrew. Absent was Councilwoman Lynch and Councilwoman Bean.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Obelenus)

JHA was in attendance to discuss on the projects on Susquehanna Street drainage project and Hudson Street storm drain project and Center Street erosion and water issues. V.P. Scalzo spoke briefly on all issues. Residents from those streets did take a look at the projects and questions were answered. Plans were left with the borough building. There are plans to apply for grants for the projects. JHA did give a ball park figure of what the projects would cost. All hope this will start in the spring.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (President Obelenus)

No comments

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve regular meeting minutes from August 2nd, 2025. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call vote was all in favor.

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

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve road closure for Halloween on Main Street. V.P. Scalzo made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve a choice for the Edward Jones CD that matured for \$123,370.99 with the options of a 6, 9 or one-year CD roll over or put into a money market. Council decided on a roll over with Edward Jones for one year at 3.95%. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by V.P. Scalzo, roll call was made, all in favor

PUBLIC WORKS: (V.P. Scalzo)

The Public Works report for August 2025 was offered. V.P. Scalzo also stated recycling donations for the month of August was \$275 and donations are what keeps the program going.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: (Michael Norella)

Councilman Norella made a motion to advertise the elevator ad, seconded by V.P. Scalzo, roll call was made, all in favor.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Amy Bean)

August meeting for Action was cancelled.

PARKS & RECREATION: (Michael Norella)

Councilman Norella thanked the volunteers for their hard work on getting the disc golf course back up and running again.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH: (President Obelenus)

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No Updates

CODE ENFORCEMENT (Eileen Lynch)

President Obelenus read the code enforcement report for August 2025.

Councilman Norella made a motion to adopt ordinance #527-2025 Rental Ordinance amending Rental Ordinance #493-2013, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call was made, all in favor.

Councilwoman Scoggins made a motion to increase CEO hours to no more than 30 hours per week. No one made a second so it was tabled to October Council Meeting.

V.P. Scalzo made a motion to advertise Ordinance #528-2025 “Curfew”, seconded by Councilman Norella, roll call was made, all in favor.

MAYOR’S REPORT: (Mayor Christopher Ginton)

Mayor Ginton asked if there are any questions or concerns on the August 2025 Police report. Chief Foley gave a brief update on the new Police vehicle that should be delivered by the end of September. The Mayor announced the drug take back for October 25th, 2025 from 10 – 2 at the FCES building. He also announced again volunteers are still needed for the Steam Town Marathon on October 12th, 2025 to contact the Police department.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: (Solicitor McAndrew)

Solicitor McAndrew reminded everyone of the Planning Commission meeting for September 4th, 2025 @ 6 pm and Borough Council Special Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 @ 6 pm at the FCES Building. Solicitor McAndrew stated there will be another meeting for the Planning Commission on September 17th, 2025. John Kameen stated that the council needs to be more careful when announcing meeting, too make sure they get the right dates because it could have led to problems down the road. Remember, public notice is very important.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: (Various Council Members)

PMMT grant 600 block on Main Street at a cost of \$25,500 will not be needed for engineering and project will not happen until 2026. The 400 and 500 blocks will go out for bids this year and will commence in 2026.

Received one snow removal bid from Mikloiche Timber & Construction at \$5,500 per removal. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, roll call was made, all in favor.

Councilman Norella stated that the Solicitor McAndrew was working on business incentives for Main Street and will continue to update council as we move forward.

President Obelenus updated on paving project will start late September.

NEW BUSINESS: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus stated that the November 3rd 2025 Council Meeting will be moved to November 6th, 2025 due election year.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident from Delaware Street brought up some complaints and concerns on the Code Enforcement Officer pertaining to harassment against her family and a neighbor. Council asked for the complaint in writing and council will have a meeting to address the issue.

Kathryn Singer mentioned that there is an issue with raccoons, skunks, chipmunks, deer and would like council to address the issue.

Jim Griffin from Railroad Street questioned the rental ordinance and how it would be enforced now that your decreasing CEO hours? Will the CEO act professional with the all the

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complaints received? Mr. Griffin also asked if this ordinance would be enforced in the trailer park; council stated it would.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Obelenus)

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be, Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 380 Railroad Street Fire Hall at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Norella made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Councilwoman Scoggins, all in favor, none opposed. President Obelenus adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.