

AGENDA – MONDAY – FEBRUARY 5, 2024

FOREST CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** (*All stand*)
- **ROLL CALL**

OPENING REMARKS: (President DeGonzague)

Welcome new Council Member Sarah Woody, filling Joann Matarese's Seat for the next two years until the next General Election. Councilwoman Woody was appointed at a special meeting on January 29, 2024.

Reminder to all: Please review the meeting rules, copies available.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*specific to agenda items*)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION: (Tracey Lazier)

- a) Motion to Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from January 2, 2024 and special meeting on January 29, 2024 (*Motion, second - All in favor? Any opposed?*)
- b) Motion to Approve the January 2024 Treasurer's Report (*Motion, second - roll call vote*);
- c) Final monitoring review report was received from PA Dept. of Transportation confirming Liquid Fuels compliance for 2022, audit performed on 9/25/2023;
- d) **Resolution #1_2024 – Bank signature changes** for accounts held at Honesdale National Bank, to add President DeGonzague and remove former Councilwoman Joann Matarese (*Motion, second - roll call vote*);
- e) **Resolution #2_2024 - Bank signature changes** for accounts held at First National Bank, to add President DeGonzague and remove former Councilwoman Joann Matarese (*Motion, second - roll call vote*);
- f) **Resolution #3_2024-Establish ARPA _FCOTAT Grants Account** for balance of ARPA (Covid) funds. (*Motion, second - roll call vote*);
- g) The Co-Stars salt contract for 24/25 Winter Season has been completed & confirmed, price will be available in August, 2024.

B. PUBLIC WORKS: (Bernie Scalzo)

- a) JANUARY 2024 Public Works Report;

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: (Nick Cost)

- a) PPL quote – Electrical relocation costs for the Borough building roof project - \$63,613, brings the price of completion to \$550,850. (*Motion, second, - roll call vote*);
- b) Resolution #7_2024 – Debt obligation \$250,000 for roof project – waiting for more information.

D. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Amy Bean)

- a) Update on Main Street Façade Projects - \$5,000 paid to Yujing Greenleaf for façade improvements to 423 Main Street, estimated payouts for 3 final projects to be completed in February 2024 - \$4,500;
- b) Action Team updates, minutes & agenda;
- c) Resolution #6-2024 - Junior Committee Member for the FCOT Action Team. (*Motion, second - All in favor? Any opposed?*);
- d) Request for a “Letter of Support” for future grants (i.e., T-Mobile, AARP, etc.), info to be provided for each applications.

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E. PARKS & RECREATION: (Nick Cost)

- a) Upcoming events – 5th Annual Winterfest & Soup Cook-off – Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration and soup setup begins at 10:00 a.m. \$5 fee per person to sample all the soups.

F. COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH: (President DeGonzague)

- a) **Res. #5-2024 – Adoption of the 2023 Susq. County Hazard Mitigation Plan** (*Motion, second - roll call vote*);
- b) Invitation to all Elected Officials to attend an Emergency Management Training on 2/8/2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Training room, Suite 2, at 210 Public Way, New Milford, PA;

G. CODE ENFORCEMENT: (President DeGonzague)

- a) **Resolution #4_CEO appointment** – Resolution to appoint Christopher DeGonzague as Code Enforcement Officer as required by the District Magistrate’s office. (*Motion, second - roll call vote*);

MAYOR’S REPORT: (Mayor Christopher Ginton)

- a) 2023 Annual F.C. Emergency Services Report;
- b) January 2024 Police Report
- c) “No Hate in Our State Town Hall” Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in Pentecost Hall.

SOLICITOR: (Marissa McAndrew, Esq.)

- a) **Review Ordinance #522** – Amendment to Ordinance #498 Parking & Traffic, due to some additional changes, the **vote to advertise** will be revisited. (*Motion to advertise, second - roll call vote*);

NEW BUSINESS: (President DeGonzague)

- a) Security camera purchase for Borough building & exterior, Quote from A New Era Security - \$4,807. (*Motion, second - roll call vote*);
- b) **Advertise Ordinance #525-2024 – Uniform Pension Amendment** per Compliance Audit of 2023 (*Motion to advertise, second - roll call vote*);
- c) **Advertise Ordinance #526-2024 – Non-Uniform Pension Amendment** per Compliance Audit of 2023 (*Motion to advertise, second - roll call vote*);
- d) **Authorize signatures** for the Adams Cable Franchise Fee Agreement renewal originally approved by Ordinance #420-2007- no changes; (*Motion, second – all in favor, any opposed?*);
- e) Advertise the sale of inoperable vintage Christmas Lights & bells stored at Boro Garage (*Motion to advertise, second - roll call vote*);
- f) Approval for Councilwoman Woody to participate in Council Member Boot Camp training by Zoom on March 8th & 9th, 2024 - \$150. (*Motion, second - roll call vote*);

PUBLIC COMMENTS or QUESTIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President DeGonzague)

- The garbage fees increased from \$18.50 to \$19.00 per month for the January collections that are billed in February.
- The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: (*Motion, second - All in favor? Any opposed?*)