

AGENDA – MONDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2022

FOREST CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

- **CALL TO ORDER**
 - **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** *(All stand)*
 - **ROLL CALL**
- PUBLIC COMMENT** *(specific to agenda items)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. ADMINISTRATION:** (Joann Matarese)
- a) Motion to Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2022 *(Motion, second - All in favor? Any opposed?)*
 - b) Motion to Approve Treasurer’s Report for OCTOBER 2022 *(Motion, second - roll call vote);*
 - c) Distribute proposed Budget for final review. 2023 General Fund & Sewer Budgets will be voted on to advertise (see ad). Will be submitted to Council for adoption at the December meeting. *(Motion to advertise, second - roll call vote);*
 - d) Announce Geisinger rates for 2023 – Individual rate - \$849.87 – 2023 monthly premium - \$4,249.35 - down from 2022 monthly premium- \$5,439.18 with no change in benefits.
- B. PUBLIC WORKS:** (Bernie Scalzo)
- a) October 2022 Public Works Report;
 - b) Open sealed snow removal bids for the metered section of Main Street. *(Motion, second - roll call vote);*
 - c) Center Street Park stairs – update.
- C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** (Tracey Lazier)
- a) Resolution to amend fee schedule for Pentecost Hall;
 - b) Get a price to paint the sign on the 3rd floor – “Pentecost Hall”.
- D. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** (Amy Bean)
- a) Update on Main Street Façade Project Meeting, Gus Fahey.
 - b) Action Team meeting minutes – October and agenda for November 2022;
 - c) Report on Halloween on Main held October 26, 2022
 - e) Action Team presentation on Center Street Park - Center St. project- vote to approve the Action Team to continue with this project. *(Motion, second - All in favor? Any opposed?)*
- E. PARKS & RECREATION:** (Nick Cost)
- a) Determine fees to reserve pavilion for 2023 season, requires an amended fee schedule by Resolution;
 - b) Bathroom renovations at Kennedy Park, discuss the plans from CAM Engineering and prepare for advertisement to bid;
 - c) Report on Halloween event at K.P.
- F. COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH:** (Chris DeGonzague)
- a)

MAYOR’S REPORT: (Mayor Christopher Ginton)

- a) October 2022 Police Report;
- b) Code Enforcement update.
- c) Report on Steamtown Marathon, held Sunday, October 9, 2022;
- d) Approve the purchase of Ammunition from Witmer Public Safety - \$2,229.16 (Impact Fees) - *(Motion, second - roll call vote)*
- e) Email from Pierre Bernard, France – requesting information - relocating to Forest City in 2023.

SOLICITOR REPORT – (Marissa McAndrew, Esq.)

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- a) Borough Council held an executive session (as previously announced at the October meeting) on October 18, 2022, at 11:00 at the Borough Hall for the following purposes: (1) Consultation with council regarding legal obligations to provide assistance to fire and ambulance and ability to oversee/regulate the use of the funds; and (2) Consultation with council regarding potential liability relating to dangerous overhanging trees in the Borough right of ways and the ability to recover the cost of tree removal from property owners.
- b) Talk about executive sessions/it is not required that an executive session is held during a public meeting. The law merely requires that it be announced during a public meeting.
- c) Discuss opening line of communication with FCAES regarding review of records:
 - a. Motion to authorize Attorney McAndrew to send correspondence to FCAES to request that they cooperate with an audit by an auditor selected by the Borough, to be paid for by the Borough;
 - b. Motion to authorize Secretary to get price quotations for audit.
- d) Discuss the complaint from the last meeting about dangerous tree on Delaware Street
 - a. Motion to move forward with tree removal.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Distribute 2023 Meeting Schedule, motion to accept & publish in F.C. News (*Motion, second - roll call vote*);
- b) **Announce the 2023 Garbage Fee rate increase - \$18.50 per unit per month.** Increase will be in the February 2023 bill for January services, adopted with the renewal of the 5-year collection contract – Resolution #12, 11/2/2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS or QUESTIONS:

CORRESPONDANCE:

- A letter from Marlea Hoyt, Executive Director of the BSST Area Agency on Aging regarding termination of the lease for the Senior Nutrition Center.
- A letter from PA DEP - RE: Abandoned Oil & Gas wells – identifying & reporting;
- Notice from the Susquehanna Co. Dept. of Planning & Development that they have adopted a \$25 fee for Review & Comment actions brought to them eff. 10/1/22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular monthly Council Meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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