

**FOREST CITY BOROUGH
MINUTES
MONDAY June 3, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: (President Nick Cost)

President Cost called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all to join him in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

ROLL CALL:

Present: President Nick Cost, Council members Robert Lesjack, Joann Matarese, Chris DeGonzague, Tracey Lazier, V. Pres. Bernie Scalzo, Amy Bean, Mayor Chris Glinton, Solicitor Paul Smith and Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Vannan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments offered at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION: (Joann Matarese)

Councilwoman Matarese made a motion to approve minutes from May 6, 2019 Meeting. Councilman Scalzo seconded the motion; all voted aye, motion carried.

Total Cash Receipts - \$266,729.98, total disbursements - \$104,071.99, included Liquid Fuels (Streetlights) \$3201.48. Sewer Account disbursements - \$13,693.56 (\$10638.58 for garbage fees collected with sewer payments) Councilwoman Matarese motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Councilwoman Lazier seconded the motion. Roll call vote - 7 yes, none opposed.

PUBLIC WORKS: (Bernie Scalzo)

Councilman Scalzo provided the Public Works Report for May 2019 as reported by Bob Tedesco, put up flags on Main Street, Bob, Wally, Councilmen Scalzo & DeGonzague attended a PA One Call 811 seminar in Wilkes-Barre, repaired water tank on jet truck - \$209.90 & collected 6 dump truck loads of yard waste. They worked on a sewer issue in Vandling and repaired storm drain in the 300 block of Susquehanna St. Saturday recycling donations were \$207.

There was discussion about the issues with bears at the garage and in the park. Chief Rowan responded to Councilwoman Lazier's question about traps, "We're working on traps and the game commission has been contacted, I advise residents not to leave out food or anything that will attract the bears."

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: (Robert Lesjack)

Councilman Lesjack had nothing new to report. The Palette Pals had a successful art show and were all very impressed with the renovations on the third floor. They have committed to creating "Chandelier" artwork for donation to the borough in lieu of the fee normally charged for the hall. Councilman Lesjack noted that there is a lot dust on the trim and suggested that maintenance needs to do some additional cleaning.

PARKS & RECREATION: (Amy Bean)

Councilwoman Bean reported that a Reptile Demonstration will be at Kennedy Park on June 29 from 1p.m. to 2 p.m. The cost of the demonstration is covered by the funds raised from the recent Cheesecake sale and free to the public. The concession stand will be open and the Parks Board will be selling hotdogs & beverages. There will be a fishing derby on August 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. sponsored by the Lions Club and directed by Chief Rowan. The Chicken BBQ will be on August 4 from noon to 2 p.m. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$10 –take-outs only. There are picnic tables or bring a blanket and enjoy your meal in the park. The menu will include a ½ chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans, a roll and desert.

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The Forest City Emergency Services will be sponsoring a “Purse Bingo” on Sunday; 9/8/19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Proceeds will benefit Parks & Recreation. The cost is \$25 for 16 games and 4 bonus games for an additional fee. There will be refreshments available. This is a BYOB event.

Still waiting for confirmation on the PPL trees but they will not be distributed until spring 2020. The volleyball net is up. Suggestions for where to store the pickle ball equipment are needed. Erin Debish has the equipment at this time.

The electrical work for the pumps at Kennedy Park will be done on Friday. Currently there is no water or restrooms. Two Port-a-Johns are available until repairs are complete.

Gary Wilding is preparing new specs for the basketball court. Only the basketball court will be resurfaced at this time. The tennis court is postponed for now.

The gazebo will be delivered as soon as the concrete pad is completed. The pad will be moved 15 feet and the area where the old gazebo stood will be filled and planted. President Cost added that the move was necessary due to the slope and wet conditions in the area.

Councilwoman Bean added, “The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Lazier reported that Nicole Kovalski from the Little League is interested in doing a Big Ball Tournament for First Responders to raise money for repairs to the field. There will be food, raffles, a bounce house, games & activities. They would like to have a beer tent, possibly in the fenced-in tennis court and the concession stand will be open. It will be a one-day event, planned for Sept. 7 (rain date, Sept. 8). There will be more information at the next meeting. Insurance information is required and special police coverage. Completion of a park event application and a fee is required to serve alcohol.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH&SAFETY: (Chris DeGonzague)

The May Code Enforcement Report from Stephanie Reisch was distributed. Councilman DeGonzague reported that he attended the PennDot CAB meeting and talked about some of the funding issues that are affecting road maintenance and paving. He noted that there is a new Supervisor for Susquehanna County.

Councilman DeGonzague updated everyone on the repairs to fire hydrants in the borough. Hydrants are slated for repairs or replacement on Welch Road, Hudson & Susquehanna Streets, North Main Street and Commerce Blvd. Replacement/repairs are scheduled.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Tracey Lazier)

Councilwoman Lazier had nothing to report.

MAYOR’S REPORT: (Mayor Christopher Glinton)

Mayor Glinton provided the May 2019 Police Report and Vandling’s invoice for June 2019 patrols & May 2019 Calls.

Mayor Glinton reported that Chief Rowan is applying for the “Bulletproof Vest” grant program. The department is enforcing parking meters and tickets are being issued.

Mayor Glinton announced that National Night Out is on August 6 this year. The Fishing Derby will be on Sunday, August 4, before the Chicken BBQ. The FOP is planning to hold a memorial service at Kennedy Park on May 15, 2020, more information will be forthcoming. The Mayor commented on the success of the Memorial Day Services and thanked everyone who participated, giving special thanks to Jeff Swegel.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: (Paul Smith)

Solicitor Smith had nothing to report.

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CORRESPONDENCE: (President Cost)

President Cost reminded everyone about the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that Wayne Memorial Outpatient Services is holding on Friday, June 7 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the new facility at 100 Dundaff Street.

The GFCBA "Mixer on Main" will be at Shirley's Restaurant this week on Wednesday, June 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Eighty people so far have responded.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Cost presented a bid from Mikloiche Timber & Construction to repair the streetlight bolts/bases for the new streetlights for \$1,000. Councilwoman Lazier offered a motion to accept the bid. Councilman Scalzo seconded the motion. A roll call vote found six in favor, one opposed. Councilman DeGonzague voted "no". The motion carried.

A request from Rail Trail Council to stencil the roads with a bike logo was not approved. PennDot indicated that painting is not permitted on state Rts. #171 or #247.

Tax Collector Pamela Green submitted a written request to bring her commission in line with other tax collectors; she is asking that the current 2.5% increase to 5%. This would not affect her as the current tax collector; it would take effect when the next tax collector takes office in 2022, whether it is she or someone else elected for the position. Councilman DeGonzague made a motion to advertise Ordinance #517 approving the increase of the tax collector commission from 2.5% to 5% effective in 2020. Councilman Scalzo seconded the motion to advertise. All voted aye and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS: (President Cost)

President Cost opened the floor for comments:

Councilwoman Lazier commented on how well the the Memorial Day Program/Parade was attended and thanked everyone for making it a great day. President Cost also added his thanks to everyone.

Jeff Swegel thanked everyone for all the support at the Memorial Day event saying, "I could never have pulled it off without everyone's help, especially Pauline Wilcox, the Emergency Services, F.C. Fire Dept., the F. C. Police Department, John Kameen and a special thank you to speaker Robert Lesjack." Jeff went on to say that, "The Legion is looking for new members for the Legion and the Auxiliary. The president and vice president recently resigned and members are needed."

Abigail Swegel addressed the council with an idea to help Frugal Living improve their space on Main Street, repairing the concrete and fence, making it a green space. She would like to add bike racks and seating. She plans to raise some of the money to accomplish her goals. She asked if Council would also help with some of the funding. President Cost indicated that the solicitor would look into it and council would review her proposal. Ms. Swegel added that her brother is also looking for ideas for a project for the Eagle Scouts.

Robert Swegel spoke to council with some ideas that included repairing things around town and the historical markers on Rails Trails. He was open to any ideas that council could suggest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Cost)

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is Monday, July 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: (President Cost requests motion to adjourn)

Councilwoman Lazier - motion to adjourn. Councilman Lesjack seconded. All members responded "aye" and the meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.