

**FOREST CITY BOROUGH
MINUTES
MONDAY July 1, 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 June 3, 2019 Meeting. Councilman Lesjack seconded the motion; all voted aye, motion carried.

Total Cash Receipts - \$89,563.36, total General Fund Disbursements \$81,977.27, Liquid Fuels (Streetlights) \$3,134.97. Sewer Account disbursements are \$21,761.50 which included the transfer to the General Fund account for the 2nd qtr. wages/benefits and garbage fees collected with sewer payments. Councilwoman Matarese motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Councilwoman Bean seconded the motion. Roll call vote - 7 yes, none opposed.

PUBLIC WORKS: (Bernie Scalzo)

Councilman Scalzo provided the Public Works Report for June 2019 as reported by Bob Tedesco. A storm drain repaired in the 300 block of Susquehanna Street. A washed out area near Adam's Garage was filled with rocks and concrete. A ditch was dug out on Maxey Street and part of a curb above St. John's Church parking lot was removed.

There is still a problem with bears getting into the garbage at the park. Anyone using the park must be told to put the garbage inside or take it out of the park.

Councilman Scalzo also noted that part of the problem on lower No. Main, behind Adam's garage may be the result of Rails Trails using a 16" pipe inside the borough's 36" pipe and it can't handle the water. President Cost asked Councilman Scalzo to talk to Lynn Conrad about the problem.

Councilwoman Matarese excused herself from the meeting for a family emergency.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: (Robert Lesjack)

Councilman Lesjack said he is working on the holiday light project. He would like to get ten volunteers to help. Ms. Stone suggested he speak with Bill Orasin who had mapped out the connections on Main Street when he was working on the old lights. President Cost noted that all of the sensors are in place for the wreaths, part of the problem are due to missing buildings where lights were plugged in before. Mayor Glinton added that we have more solar lights than were used last year. Councilman Lesjack said that he needs help to do a proper job. Mayor Glinton volunteered to assist.

PARKS & RECREATION: (Amy Bean)

Councilwoman Bean reported that the Reptile show was a huge success with nearly 70 people in attendance. John Kameen counted 68. \$55 collected in donations and \$52 from the sale of hotdogs/beverages.

Councilwoman Bean thanked Blueberry Hill for their donation of flowers for around the sign and the gazebo. The next Parks & Rec. meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m.

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Councilwoman Bean asked if the borough could purchase street signs to identify the road leading into the park. The price for a “Park Street” sign and a number sign for the borough’s concession stand would be about \$50. Councilwoman Bean made a motion to purchase two aluminum reflective, 2-sided signs for up to \$50. Councilwoman Lazier seconded the motion. The roll call vote was six to 0. Ms. Vannan would order the signs from Smart Signs.

Councilwoman Bean reminded everyone about the 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament on July 7 beginning at noon. The Kennedy Park concession stand will be open selling hotdogs & beverages.

Councilwoman Bean asked council to consider the purchase & installation of cameras. This would require Wi-Fi connection. More information is needed.

The F.C. Emergency Services asked the parks committee to consider waiving the \$500 fee to have a beer tent for the Big Ball Tournament scheduled for September 7 or (rain date 9/8/19). The point was made that all of the money would be going into the park to make necessary repairs to the Little League Field. The committee (Council Members, Amy, Nick & Joann) will consider the request.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH&SAFETY: (Chris DeGonzague)

The May Code Enforcement Report from Stephanie Reisch was distributed. Councilman DeGonzague reported PA American Water is working on the hydrants at Lackawanna, Dundaff Streets and at William Penn Apts. on Welch Road. All will be repaired soon.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Tracey Lazier)

Councilwoman Lazier reported that Main Street Coordinator, Paul Daugevelo, has been working on the GFCBA Mixer, the Ribbon Cutting at the Frugal Living, and with the owners of the new gym coming to Main Street. The Day Care has expanded into the vacant part of their building that was previously occupied by a dental practice. The section that was a Subway is available for lease. There will be a Bike Ride starting at the Anthracite Hotel heading north to the Forest City Trailhead. Plans for the Trail Town fest are proceeding, with 25 entries for the light parade. National Night Out is August 6 at Kennedy Park. President Cost added that he needs two propane tanks for the gas grill. Cindy Stone offered one. Tracey Lazier offered another. Councilman Scalzo indicated that he might have one as well.

MAYOR’S REPORT: (Mayor Christopher Glinton)

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

Mayor Glinton reported that the “2019 Bulletproof Vest Grant” paperwork was submitted. Chief Rowan confirmed that it had made it by the deadline with a request for two vests at a cost of about \$1,100 each, half of the cost covered by the grant, the other half with Impact Fees.

Mayor Glinton reminded everyone about “National Night Out” on Tuesday, August 6. The Fishing Derby will be on Sunday, August 4, before the Chicken BBQ. Sgt. Foley is working on “National Night Out” and Chief Rowan is directing the Fishing Derby.

Michael Ceccato submitted his letter of resignation. His last working day was March 15, 2019. Councilwoman Bean made a motion to accept the resignation. Councilwoman Lazier seconded the motion. All responded aye and the resignation was accepted.

Mayor Glinton submitted a request for the purchase of an HP Slim Desktop computer tower, three (3) Microsoft Home & Student software licenses for the new tower and the two laptops. He also requested approval to purchase a Canon Camcorder package for videotaping police interviews. Total cost would be around \$1218. Councilman Scalzo made a motion to approve the purchase. Councilman DeGonzague seconded the motion. The roll call was six to 0

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in favor. Ms. Vannan is authorized to purchase the tower and software from Staples and the video camera from Amazon.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (Paul Smith)

Solicitor Smith asked council to make a motion to find that the property at 517 Susquehanna Street has satisfied the requirements to seek approval and support from the County for a DCED demotion grant. He prepared and read the Adjudication document that required President Cost's signature. Councilman Scalzo offered a motion to approve the Adjudication for signature. Councilwoman Lazier seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion carried six to 0.

Solicitor Smith noted that Ordinance #517 was advertised in the Forest City News as required and was ready for Council's vote. See "Continued Business".

CONTINUED BUSINESS: (President Cost)

President Cost asked Council to offer a motion to adopt Ordinance #517-Increase Tax Collector's Commission from 2.5% to 5% for the 2022 tax year. Councilwoman Lazier made a motion to adopt Ordinance #517. Councilwoman Bean has several questions about the impact this would have on taxes. No second was offered. President Cost tabled the Ordinance for further review.

President Cost presented a price change from Critelli Electric for the installation of the Street Lamps for the West side of the 400, 500 & 600 blocks of Main Street. Originally \$9,957, now \$11,457. The \$1,500 increase will be paid with Impact Fees. Councilwoman Lazier offered a motion to accept the increase and proceed with the installation. Councilman Lesjack seconded the motion. All voted yes in a roll call vote, six to 0.

President Cost presented a bid from Colachino Masonry to replace the sidewalks in front of the Historical Society Building for \$14,300. Councilman DeGonzague made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Lazier seconded the motion. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the project was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS: (President Cost)

President Cost opened the floor for comments:

Jeff Reynolds asked council to approve the Fire/Emergency services' request to waive the \$500 fee for the Beer Tent at the Big Ball Tournament planned for September. He added that the League is working on many planned activities, a dunk tank, a bounce house, food and non-alcohol beverages and a fireworks display. All proceeds will be going back into the field. The dirt alone will likely be \$1,300 to \$1,500. There are serious problems in several areas like a large hump in the infield and the third base. Councilwoman Lazier made a motion to waive the \$500 fee. Councilman Lesjack seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Cost)

President Cost was pleased to announce that the Impact Fee payment for 2018 is expected for July 1, 2019 - \$141,116.30. This is a \$25,121 increase over the 2017 fund paid in 2018.

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: (President Cost requests motion to adjourn)

Councilwoman Lazier - motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Bean seconded. All members responded "aye" and the meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.