

**FOREST CITY BOROUGH
MINUTES
MONDAY August 5, 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, Joann Matarese, Chris DeGonzague, Tracey Lazier, V. Pres. Bernie Scalzo, Mayor Chris Ginton.

Absent: Solicitor Smith, Council members Amy Bean and Robert Lesjack. Cindy Stone filled in for Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Vannan who was also absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Kameen thanked council for their action to proceed with the sidewalks in front of the Historical Society.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION: (Joann Matarese)

Councilwoman Matarese made a motion to approve minutes from July 1, 2019 meeting. Councilwoman Lazier seconded the motion; all voted aye, motion carried.

Councilwoman Matarese motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Vice Pres. Scalzo seconded the motion. Roll call vote - 5 yes, none opposed. Motion carries.

Councilwoman Matarese motioned to adopt Resolution #6-2019 authorizing renewal of HNB C.D. for 11-month term at 2.07% interest. Councilwoman Matarese motioned and Councilwoman Tracey Lazier second. Roll call vote - 5 yes, none opposed. Motion carries.

PUBLIC WORKS: (Bernie Scalzo)

V.P. Scalzo provided the Public Works Report for July 2019 as reported by Bob Tedesco. Bob & Wally took the truck to Powell’s for a hydraulic leak but will have to return as it is still leaking.

Sewer pumps are in at Kennedy Park and the water turned on.

Councilman Scalzo also noted that \$154 in recycling donations were collected for July along with \$124.80 for light iron sold to Archbald wrecking.

Furdock installed two back up cameras on the new 550 truck.

Sixty feet of 8-inch pipe and a storm drain was installed on Lower Main Street below Adams Body Shop.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: (Robert Lesjack)

No report in Councilman Lesjack’s absence.

PARKS & RECREATION: (Amy Bean)

Councilman DeGonzague reported in Ms. Bean’s absence. A spectacular Fireworks display on Friday 8/2/19 was hosted by NEP everything went off without incident. Main Street activities brought in monies for the Parks and Recreation Committee; hoodie sale - \$80.00, 50/50 raffle - \$39.50, donations - \$21.00, Frugal Living (name your price sale) – \$800.00 and Josh Faatz (Corn Hole Tournament) - \$360.00 for a total of \$1300.50.

Councilwoman Lazier reported that 285 chicken BBQ tickets for a total of \$2990 and the Parks and Recreation Committee informed council they will hold a small fall festival maybe a 3 vs 3 basketball tournament and horseshoe tournaments. Council made a motion to approve the fall festival and later rescinded, as the consensus was a motion was not needed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & HEALTH&SAFETY: (Chris DeGonzague)

The July Code Enforcement Report from Stephanie Reisch was distributed.

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Councilman DeGonzague asked to back up and questioned if the leak on the pickup truck could be a manufacturer's defect or something from Powell's up-fit. President Cost said it could be either but noted Powell would be fixing the leak.

Councilman DeGonzague reported that moving forward he would not be in charge of Code Enforcement but would be applying his time to Emergency Management and Safety, which needs his full attention at this time. In the future Code Enforcement will be under the direction of President Cost.

Mr. DeGonzague stated he would be taking an EM course in October in Jessup.

Councilman DeGonzague distributed pictures of barricades/blockades, which he spoke to the school wood shop about building as a class project; with the parade this weekend, it was clear that more are needed. President Cost suggested he get a list of materials needed along with the cost and present it at the next council meeting.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Tracey Lazier)

Councilwoman Lazier reported on the Designer Purse Bingo to benefit FC Parks & Recreation on September 8, 2019 and hosted by the FC Emergency Services. An amount of \$2,500.00 is needed to purchase designer purses for the bingo; Councilwoman Lazier made a motion to approve not more than \$2500.00 to be spent on purchasing the purses using the boroughs Discover Card. Councilman Scalzo seconded the motion. Roll call vote - 5 yes, none opposed.

President Cost added all receipts are to be turned into the office so the books can be kept straight and Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Vannan will provide tax-exempt forms as needed. Ms. Lazier stated that donations for baskets and anyone wishing to sponsor a purse should contact her.

Councilwoman Lazier mentioned the Main Street Coordinator is working on events for Halloween and Christmas and possibly a turkey raffle for Thanksgiving.

MAYOR'S REPORT: (Mayor Christopher Ginton)

Mayor Ginton provided the July 2019 Police Report and Vandling's invoice for August 2019 patrols & July 2019 Calls.

Keith Rynearson submitted a letter of resignation. His last working day was July 12, 2019. Councilman Scalzo made a motion to accept the resignation. Councilwoman Matarese seconded the motion. All responded aye and the resignation was accepted.

Mayor Ginton requested council's approval to hire a new police officer. Councilwoman Matarese made a motion to approve the new hire, Vaughn Black at \$14.50 per hour. Councilman Scalzo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, five voted yes, none opposed, the motion carried. Effective hire date is today, August 5, 2019.

Mayor Ginton reported that an accident left 2010 SUV totaled; an insurance check will be issued for \$10,006. Chief Rowan added the radio equipment and gun racks were removed and are in the Mayor's office.

The mayor requested a motion from council for the bid for new police car totaling \$38,037, a 2019 Dodge Charger AWD. Councilman Scalzo asked if they would be comfortable with a car instead of an SUV. Chief Rowan stated the car is perfect for our town and an SUV is not needed. President Cost asked when it would be ordered and Chief replied it should be ordered immediately because it will not be delivered for 3 to 4 months. Councilwoman Lazier motioned to purchase the new police car for \$39,380 minus \$10,000 insurance money for a total of **\$29,380** and Councilman Scalzo seconded. Roll call vote - 5 yes, none opposed.

Chief Rowan requested a motion to send his officers to a "Defensive Drivers Training" at a cost of \$65.00/officer for a total of \$455.00. Nick Cost added "Get serious about these cars" anytime a vehicle is dented, damaged or involved in an accident he is to be notified by the next day.

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Chief Rowan reported that the Fishing Derby was a huge success; there were 49 participants of which 38 were male and 11 were female - 51 fish were caught in a breakdown as follows; 30 Blue Gills, 10 Perch, 10 Bass and 1 Crappie. Also a big "Thank You" to all of our sponsors and volunteers.

Mayor Glinton reminded everyone about "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 6 and urged council and residents to plan on attending.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (Paul Smith)

Solicitor Smith was absent no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Cost read a "Thank You" from Frugal Living for support for their open house on July1, 2019.

President Cost read an informational letter from the Area Agency on Aging about the cost of providing services to seniors in the Forest City Area. They were looking for a donation which the borough is not allowed to do.

Mr. Cost asked everyone if they had the letter from Maeve Rupp & Diana Dakey seeking councils support with a resolution supporting Legislative & Congressional Redistricting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS: (President Cost)

President Cost opened the floor for comments:

Kathy Kernoschak asked about the basketball court at Kennedy Park. President Cost responded not all the bids are in.

Ron Potter asked if the motion for the fall festival was withdrawn since it seemed everyone came to the consensus that it was not needed. President Cost replied that it was withdrawn and V.P. Scalzo added a motion is only needed if money is being spent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Cost)

Due to the Labor Day holiday the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: (President Cost requests motion to adjourn)

Vice President Scalzo - motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Matarese seconded. All members responded "aye" and the meeting ended at 7:38 p.m.