

# MINUTES – TUESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2020

## FOREST CITY BOROUGH BUDGET WORKSHOP

President Cost called this Special Budget Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call** was taken, Present: President Cost, V.P. Scalzo, Council members R. Lesjack, J. Matarese, T. Lazier, and A. Bean, Secretary/Treasurer Vannan. Arriving a few minutes later were Councilman DeGonzague and Solicitor McAndrew.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public comment was offered at this time.

**PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING:** (President Nicholas Cost)

President Cost began by opening the Snow Removal bids.

Aquaduro LLC from Taylor, PA - \$3,000 per event.

Mikloiche Timber & Construction from Vandling, PA - \$3,400 per event.

After several questions from council, Councilman Lesjack offered a motion to approve and accept the bid from Mikloiche Timber & Construction, citing their close proximity to the Borough and past experience with the company. Councilwoman Lazier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Six in favor, one opposed. The one opposition from Councilman DeGonzague. The motion carried.

Before proceeding to the Budget discussions, two other issues related to the Budget were open for discussion. Ms. Vannan reported that there would be a decrease in the Geisinger Health Insurance plan for 2021 with no change in the current co-pays or deductibles.

Next, was the issue of garbage removal. Ms. Vannan provided a fee schedule to be adopted by Resolution at the November meeting for everyone's review. A five-year contract with County Waste would guarantee a small increase in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year so everyone agreed that the five-year contract would be the way to go. "Exhibit A" Garbage/Recycling Fee Schedule was presented and would be adopted by Resolution #12-2020 at the November meeting. President Cost recommended that the fifth year not hit the \$20 mark, but rather be set at \$19.75. Councilwoman Lazier offered a motion to accept the 5-year proposal and approve the proposed fee schedule for adoption with Resolution #12-2020 at the November meeting. Councilwoman Bean seconded the motion. All responded "Aye". None opposed. The motion carried. Ms. Vannan would notify County Waste that their five-year proposal had been accepted. Ms. Vannan also noted that the monthly charge is set and good for 20 +or- units.

President asked if there were any comments or suggestions from Council for the tentative Budget provided for their review. Several questions from Council members resulted in no significant changes in the budget as proposed.

Mayor Glinton submitted a list of requests from the Police Department. President Cost replied that these would be reviewed and a decision made at the November meeting. The request included the 3-year financing for a police vehicle, approval for a \$1 raise for Part-time officers, a holiday bonus for all holidays that part-time officers work, and approval for the purchase of new badges at a cost of \$2000. Also requested was the re-instatement of the Sergeant's position and the cost of FOP Legal Defense plan and membership for all members of the force.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No comments offered

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Cost announced that the next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Scalzo made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Lazier, all responded "Aye" and the meeting came to a close at 6:56 p.m.