

**MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021**  
**FOREST CITY BOROUGH**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

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President Cost called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: President Nick Cost, councilmembers Bernie Scalzo, Chris Degonzague, Joann Matarese, Robert Lesjack, Amy Bean, Mayor Chris Ginton, Solicitor McAndrew and Secretary/Treasurer Vannan.

Absent: Councilwoman Lazier.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Cost opens the floor for public comment. Nothing was offered.

**SOLICITOR REPORT** – (Marissa McAndrew, Esq.)

Solicitor McAndrew reported that an Executive Session was held at 4:30 p.m. on this date prior to the “Special Meeting” to discuss the proposed employment separation agreement and a potential legal issue.

**PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING:**

Approval of the Separation Agreement and General Release between Lee Rowan and the Borough of Forest City ending his employment effective December 31, 2021. The agreement proposed by Solicitor McAndrew was presented to Borough Council for their review and approval. Councilman Bernie Scalzo offered a motion to approve the Agreement for an unspecified lump sum payment and paid health insurance coverage for he and his spouse through the end of his contract. Councilwoman Joann Matarese seconded the motion. All voted yes in a roll call vote with six in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

President Cost presented Amended Resolution #5\_2021 at the request of the PA LCB to correct several errors in the original Resolution adopted 9/7/2021 for the proposed transfer of PA Restaurant Liquor License from Bridgewater Township. Corrections were required by the PA Liquor Control Board to proceed with their approval of the license transfer to David R. Trichilo, President of Rae & Hads Market, Inc.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS or QUESTIONS:** (President Cost)

No public comments offered.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (President Cost)

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Scalzo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Lesjack. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 6:06 p.m.