

**FOREST CITY BOROUGH  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY – OCTOBER 21, 2019**

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**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, Chris DeGonzague, Tracey Lazier, V. Pres. Bernie Scalzo, Amy Bean, Robert Lesjack, Mayor Chris Ginton, and Secr/Treas. Sharon Vannan. Absent: Councilwoman Joann Matarese & Solicitor Paul Smith

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment offered at this time.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Mikloiche Timber & Construction was the only bid received for snow removal at \$3,300 per occurrence. The bid included snow removal from curbs at all metered blocks 300 to 600 Main Street and sidewalks in front of Borough Building and around the side of building on Center Street to FNB parking lot. President Cost will determine the need and notify Mr. Mikloiche when his services are needed. Councilman Lesjack made a motion to approve the bid. Councilwoman Lazier seconded the motion. Roll call vote – six in favor, none opposed.

Second order of business is a bid for temporary roof repairs. Grimm Construction provided pictures and a quote for \$1,500 to repair sections of the roof that are leaking into the attic of the Borough Building. Councilman DeGonzague made a motion to authorize the repairs. Councilman Lesjack seconded the motion. All voted yes in a roll call vote – six to zero. Ms. Vannan will contact Grimm Construction to proceed. Bids will be sought in the spring for more extensive roof repairs if needed.

Basketball Court project: the first sealed bid was from Wayco, Inc., Waymart, PA - \$81,356.41. The second bid from Linde Corporation, Pittston, PA - \$83,684.55. Bids were much higher than anticipated. Council verbally agreed to move forward with the project and send the bids to Solicitor Smith and Gary Wilding of KBA for review. Council will make a decision at the November 4, 2019 meeting.

**BUDGET WORK SESSION:**

After many questions, observations and comments, the following expense items were reduced to offset some of the \$8K shortfall:  
Shade Tree Committee-\$500; P.D. clerical wages–10 hrs. per week reduced to 5 hrs./week - \$3,120; P.D. tickets/printing - \$0; P.D. vehicle repair - \$1,500; P.D. Prof. Services-\$250; P.D. Small Equip-\$250; P.D. Training-\$1,000, bringing the shortfall down to around \$3K. President Cost also noted that employee raises, though estimated at 2%, would probably not be as generous as they have been in the past and the reduction will cover the shortfall. Ms. Vannan will incorporate these changes into the Budget and prepare it for distribution and a vote to advertise at the November 4, 2019 meeting.

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

President Cost opened the floor for comments – none offered.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (President Cost)

The next regular Council Meeting is Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** (President Cost requests motion to adjourn)

Councilman DeGonzague made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Lazier seconded. All members responded “aye” and the meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.