FOREST CITY BOROUGH MINUTES
TUESADY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m. He welcomed everyone. He then asked everyone to join in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

ROLL CALL:

President Obelenus, V.P. Scalzo, Council members Michael Norella, Donna Gasper, Tracey Lazier, John Zasik, Eileen Lynch, Secretary/Treasurer Dennise Yankauskas, Secretary Cindy Stone, Solicitor McAndrew. Mayor Cost was late a few minutes do to a meeting that ran late, arrived at 6:10 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus announced that an executive meeting will be held after tonight's council meeting for personnel issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (President Obelenus)

Flora Smith 139 Depot Street and partner had moved into their residence a few months ago and are complaining about Tad Haney for the junk around his yard and the chickens wandering around, they are thinking about selling their property. President Obelenus explained some of the issues were addressed and that he would have the Code Enforcement Officer look into their complaints and try to fix the issues. Flora also stated that they have cameras around her house for protection. V.P Scalzo stated catching them in the act will be hard. Flora's main complaint is the noise, chickens and fear of safety. Council will check with the ordinance and Code Enforcement Officer to fix the issues. The Solicitor stated the Code Enforcement Officer can act on this issue and it will be fixed.

John Kameen questioned the funding for the façade program and Secretary Stone explained that it was an error on her end when doing the agenda. He also questioned the funding on the Police car and radios and President Obelenus explained it is on the agenda to be discussed. President Obelenus stated that the quote was given after the meeting and will be discussed. Assistant Chief Dzanis explained the more on the radios and the communication with the com center was not the best and it has become a safety issue.

C**OMMITTEE REPORTS**

ADMINISTRATION: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve regular meeting minutes from August 3rd, 2026. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilman Zasik, roll call vote was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve August 2026 Treasurer report. Councilwoman Lynch made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus stated the MMO "Minimum Municipal Obligation" worksheets are for the council review and that they will be submitted to the state. Secretary/Treasurer Yankauskas explained what the MMO are to all new members of council. Council approved at the September 8th, 2026. Secretary/Treasurer Yankauskas explained to council the borough does not contribute towards employee's pensions.

President Obelenus spoke about Resolution #9-2026 "Unexcused Absence from Meetings and Compensation". V.P. Scalzo mentioned that it should be looked at carefully. Council decided to table it until October's meeting. President Obelenus and Vice President Scalzo will work together to revise.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve Resolution #10-2026 authorizing an application to the DCED for "Main Street Matters Façade Program Funding" at no cost to the

borough and the match comes from the participants. Councilman Norella question more on how the façade program works and Solicitor McAndrew explained it more in detail. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by V.P. Scalzo, roll call vote was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to move all money market accounts except for the General Fund from HNB to FNB for higher interest rates. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was 5 yay, 1 nah, with Councilwoman Lynch abstained from voting.

PUBLIC WORKS: (V.P. Scalzo)

The Public Works report for August 2026 was offered. V.P. Scalzo also stated recycling donations for the month of July was $322. V.P. Scalzo stated the anti-skid was delivered. V.P. Scalzo also mentioned he talked with JHA about LSA Grants for storm water project are opening up soon and they will be ready to apply, he will keep us posted. Councilwoman Lazier asked if the guys can clean up the side of the borough building, V.P, Scalzo said he would take care of it. Councilman Norella stated they replaced the sump pump in the elevator shaft. Councilman Zasik cleared up the issue that was on Delaware Street from a past council member that involved the Public Work employee and the use of borough vehicles. Councilman Zasik asked for lettering for the Public Works trucks. Secretary Stone stated lettering is in the office and will have the public works put them on the vehicles.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: (Michael Norella)

Council man Norella talked the Coal Miner's Memorial. He looked at it and it is a mess. He asked for the grass to grow right up to the memorial, sidewalks and to take the flowers out. Councilwoman Gasper stated a resident use to care for it but has passed away since. A newspaper reporter mentioned the Gardner club my help with it and it will be looked into.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Tracey Lazier)

Councilwoman Lazier mentioned she doesn't see anyone from the Action Team, but she mentioned she noticed more murals that went up in town and they look nice.

PARKS & RECREATION: (Michael Norella)

Councilman Norella stated the Vendor Market was coming up, that 16 vendors are coming and more spots are open. The buoys will come out of the pond on September 9, 2026 and the swimming area is closed. Councilman Norella mentioned it was a good summer at the park and all the events had great turn outs.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH: (John Zasik)

Councilman Zasik said he had a talk with the Code Enforcement Officer about Depot and Delaware Streets that you can't see the stop signs and that the Public Works took care of it and thanked them.

CODE ENFORECEMENT (Eileen Lynch)

Councilwoman Lynch read the August 2026 code enforcement report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: (Mayor Nick Cost)

Mayor Cost asked if anyone had questions about the Police report for the month of August. Mayor Cost mentioned the Police event "National Night Out" was a great night for families, a lot fun and great food.

Mayor Cost mentioned the Steam Town Marathon on October 11th, 2026 and volunteers are needed to help with road closures to contact Chief Foley if you are interested.

Mayor Cost asked for a motion to approve a loan for the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer and radios hand held and in car for $ 58,985.00 for a total$ 111,442.00. Councilman Norella asked

that it be broke up into two different votes. Councilman Norella made that motion for two votes, seconded by V.P. Scalzo, roll call was all in favor.

Councilwoman Gasper made the motion for the purchase of the car, seconded by Councilwoman Lazier, roll call was all in favor. Councilman Norella made the motion to purchase the radios, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor. Solicitor McAndrew stated that we can't go over the DCED limit (for loans) or it has to advertised and approved by DCED. There was a lot of confusion going on with too many council members speaking at once as to where the money is coming from.

Mayor Cost asked if he could give the noise ordinance to the Code Enforcement Officer and it was stated that he could and he also stated that a lot of complaints were coming in or loud music. Code Enforcement will look it over and be on next month's agenda.

Councilman Norella made the motion for the Police vehicle loan, seconded by Councilman Zasik.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (Solicitor McAndrew)

Solicitor McAndrew stated no new lien letters or liens. Solicitor McAndrew stated a resident on Maple Street is fighting the sewer and trash bill. The resident stated she never received the bills and her lawyer and our Solicitor are handling it. Secretary Stone asked for a sewer committee meeting before the bill goes on the taxes about passed due bills.

Councilman Norella made a motion to approve the ordinance #531 sewer/refuse billing ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, roll call was all in favor.

Solicitor McAndrew explained the Zoning Ordinance #427 change, Councilman Zasik made the motion to advertise the change, seconded by V.P. Scalzo, roll call was all in favor.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: (Various Council Members)

President Obelenus asked for an update on the sidewalks, Mayor Cost stated that there are going out for bid either this month or October. Mayor Cost stated April Hannon is looking for information on the 600 block of Main Street.

John Kameen asked if we had an engineer for the 600 block, Mayor Cost mentioned it is KBA and was in the borough's best intertest keeping it with KBA.

Councilman Norella opened the only snow removal bid from Mikloiche Timber for $5,500.00 per storm. President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve the bid, Councilwoman Gasper made the motion, seconded by Councilman Zasik, roll call vote was 5 yay, 1 nah, and Councilwoman Lazier abstained from voting. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS: (Various Council Members)

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve the use of the Third-Floor for GFCBA to hold a bingo on Sunday, November 15th, 2026 with the fee waived. Councilman Zasik made the motion, seconded by Councilman Norella, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve the road closure from 400 block of Main Street to Dundaff Street for Halloween on Main Street on October 30th, 2026. Councilman Zasik made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve the Maintenance Contract with Current Elevator for our elevator at the cost of $525.00 per quarter. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilman Zasik, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for motion to approve the use of the Third-Floor use for the Library on December 2nd, 2026 for their Christmas Event. Councilman Zasik made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

Councilwoman Lynch mentioned Solicitor McAndrew will donate the Christmas Trees for downtown and that the school will make the decorations.

President Obelenus spoke about the handicap parking application for 423 Susquehanna Street and council approved it.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus announced the next scheduled meeting is October 5th, 2026, at 6 p.m. on the Third Floor of the Borough Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Lazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper 7:50 p.m.