

FORTY FORT BOROUGH
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

The March council work session was held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the Forty Fort Borough Bldg., 1271 Wyoming Ave., with council president, Thomas J. Murray, III, presiding.

President Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following council members present: Sara Michaels, Kristy Dadurka, Dave Sieminski, Cara Devine, Tori Carey & Amanda Gallagher. Also present were Mayor Mary Ann Bottaro, Solicitor, Greg Skibitsky, Chief Dan Hunsinger, Code Officers Tom Craig & Lee Hampton, DPW supervisor Rick Kamus & Bonnie Arnone, Borough Manager.

Mayor Bottaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Louis Romanelli and Valerie Kilburn of 9-1-1 Center spoke with council & residents who were present from Butler St. in Forty Fort about the situation with duplicated addresses on Butler St. in Forty Fort & Kingston and the risk of having emergency services respond to the incorrect town. The process of making these changes was explained with questions being asked by residents who were in attendance. Council asked for a study of other streets in Forty Fort that have a duplication of name and address numbers to further consider this request of 9-1-1.

MINUTES AND REPORTS:

The following minutes and reports have been presented to council for their review and will be voted on at the April 6, 2026, council meeting:

2/17/26 Special Council meeting minutes	2/17/26 Council work session minutes
3/2/26 Council Meeting minutes	February 2026 Code Office Report
February 2026 Police Dept. report	February 2026 Treasurer's Report
February 2026 Kingston/FF fire chief report	February 2026 Tax Collector Report
3/10/26 Planning Commission meeting minutes	February 2026 Manager's Time Sheets
1/20/26 WVSA meeting minutes	2/5/26 WVSA meeting minutes

Ms. Arnone spoke with council about the Savvy Citizen platform which would be an alert system for our residents. The cost per year would be \$1,859.00 and a \$400.00 one-time fee that would cover marketing of the system to residents. Residents would choose to get their alerts via text message, through the app or via e-mail. Permission to send alerts can be given to any department with no limit on the number of notifications sent.

As it was the wish of council to have the yearly stipend from the Richard Krishock fund go towards the construction of a Dog Park at the Sports Complex, the amount of \$40,498.05 was obtained from Jacobi Capital Mgmt. as the 5% permitted withdrawal. Council will vote on this withdrawal at the April 6, 2026, council meeting.

The prospect of entering into an agreement with Irongate for a Preventive Care Benefits Program was discussed. This program would reduce the FICA expense for the employee and the Borough while offering an additional benefit of gym memberships, prescription benefits, etc. Other considerations would be the reduction in the employee's SS contribution which could affect their benefits in later years.

A representative from PAWC will be present at the Borough Building on Thursday, March 19, 2026, during two sessions: 1-4 PM and 6-9 PM. Residents may visit this representative to see if they may be eligible for grants or other discounts.

Residents were advised of several programs that Representative Brenda Pugh has set up for the near future. They are:

- Property Tax & Rent Rebate – contact her office at 570-283-1001
- Dog Licensing Event – Saturday, March 28, 2026
- Shredding Event – Saturday, May 9, 2026
- Concealed Carry Seminar – Thursday, June 4, 2026

At this time, 7:07 PM, council adjourned the work session to begin a Special Council Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone
Borough Manager