Forty Fort Borough Council

Work Session Minutes

September 21, 2026

1. The **meeting was called to order** by President Murray at 6:02pm. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by Mayor Bottaro.

2. **Roll call** was conducted by Mr. Hampton. In attendance were Sara Michaels, Kristy Dadurka, Cara Devine, Tori Carey, Amanda Gallagher, Mayor Bottaro, DPW supervisor Rick Kamus, code enforcement officer Lee Hampton, and Chief Dan Hunsinger. Absent was Dave Sieminski, who arrived later at 6:21pm.

3. **Citizens and taxpayer comments**: Kevin Karoza from 57 Yeager Ave wanted to know more about the BIU contract and the proposal from BIA. President Murray spoke about this topic. Maureen Sally from 106 Center St spoke about advertisement signs for people who don't have access to the internet. There were no other public comments.

4. President Murray then asked the rest of council if anybody had any questions on the minutes and reports. Nobody on council expressed any issues. President Murray spoke about the construction contract with BIU and proposal from BIA and the intent moving forward. President Murray spoke about the fall clean up scheduled for the week of October 19. Chief Hunsinger spoke about the community yard sale scheduled for October 3.

5. President Murray then went around the table to ask council if they had anything to address. Sara Michaels thanked department employees for an issue with a wire over the weekend, an issue with a curb on Milton Terrace, and reported there is currently no need for the civil service to meet. Kristy Dadurka didn't have any comment. Cara Devine mentioned a trunk or treat event presented by Rome Bath on 10/11, an open house at the fire station on 10/4, and a 4-mile walk/run also to be held in support of addiction awareness. Tori Carey spoke about parking passes and a problem with parking without proper permitting on Bidlack St. Amanda Gallagher spoke about fall fest scheduled for 10/10 from 10am-6pm and an expansion to the disc golf course at the sports complex. The mayor then read a note from Ray Elias who couldn't

attend the meeting, which mentioned the passing of retired firefighter Joe Kozich. Ray also reported continued merger talks between the FF volunteer fire co and the Columbian volunteer fire co of Kingston. There will be fire police involvement to assist with fall fest. The week of October 19, the fire safety house will be at the fire station if anybody wants to assist. Chief Hunsinger spoke about a parking study at the corner of Oneida Place and River St and recommended his suggestion on the issue. He also spoke about civil service applicant info. Rick then spoke about meeting with giga power, and that there was no spot for them within borough limits, so their project will not be moving forward. He then mentioned the pollinator garden.

6. Council then went into executive session. This occurred at 6:21pm. Once executive session had ended, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.