

FORTY FORT BOROUGH  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

The April work session of the Forty Fort Borough Council was held on Monday, April 21, 2025 at the 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: Amanda Gallagher, David Sieminski, Kristy Dadurka & Sara Michaels. Cara Devine & Frank Mazza were absent. Also present were Mayor Brian Thomas, Atty. Greg Skibitsky, Code Officers, Tom Craig and Lee Hampton, DPW supervisor, Rick Kamus & Borough Manager, Bonnie Arnone. Mayor Thomas led with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYER'S COMMENTS:

Patrick Craig, Wyoming Ave., asked council for permission to create a Gaga Ball Pit at the Forty Fort Park as his Eagle Scout project. Council liked the idea and asked Mr. Kamus to work with Patrick on the layout of the pit. If all information has been obtained on time, council will vote on this project at the May 5, 2025 council meeting.

Eric Reinhart, 112 Dana St., stated that he would like to have modifications made to the disc golf pads to make them safer for players. Mr. Kamus stated that the cost would be around \$1,600.00. Council will vote on this expenditure at the May 5, 2025 council meeting.

Maureen Salley, Center St., asked what was going to be done with the broken tomb stones that were unearthed during the recent WWSA project near the Forty Fort Cemetery. Mayor Thomas stated that he has spoken with a member of the cemetery board, and they do plan on addressing this issue.

MINUTES AND REPORTS:

Council has been provided with the following minutes and reports which will be voted on at the May 5, 2025 council meeting:

3/17/25 Work session minutes	3/17/25 Special meeting minutes
4/7/25 Council meeting minutes	March 2025 Code Office Report
March 2025 Police Dept. report	March 2025 Treasurer's Report
March 2025 FF/Kingston Fire Chief Report	March 2025 Tax Collector Report
March 2025 Manager's Time Sheets	2/18/25 & 2/27/25 WWSA meeting minutes
2024 Non-Uniform Pension Financial Statements	

Council was advised that the estimate to have newly enacted ordinances codified would be between \$3,510. And \$4,600.

Borough manager, Ms. Arnone, reported to council that in light of the large number of Right to Know Requests that have been received over the past few weeks, a Right to Know Policy has been prepared which has been reviewed by Atty. Skibitsky. This policy, in addition to a notification naming the Right to Know Officer and the Alternate Right to Know Officer will be voted on at the May 5, 2025 council meeting.

Ms. Michaels, on behalf of the Forty Fort Civil Service Commission, presented the draft revised Civil Service Rules that were prepared with their solicitor, Atty. Lars Anderson. The Commission requests that council approve these revised rules at the May 5, 2025 council meeting.

Mr. Sieminski reported that he has received responses to the request for volunteers to work on the plans for the proposed dog park at the Sports Complex. He will take names from interested individuals until 4:00 PM on Friday, April 25, 2025. A meeting with county officials will take place in the near future to finalize the plans.

REMINDERS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The Kingston/Forty Fort Little League Opening Day is on Sunday, April 27, 2025.
- Community Yard Sale will be on Saturday, May 3, 2025 with Sunday May 4th as the rain date.
- 2025 Spring Clean up will be held the week of May 12, 2025 through May 16, 2025.
- The Columbia Volunteer Fire Dept. Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Kingston Fire Dept.

AROUND THE TABLE:

Ms. Michaels stated that it was so good to hear from Eric Reinhart that the Disc Golf course has been as successful as it has been. She also likes the idea of the Gaga Ball Pit.

Ms. Dadurka, echoed Ms. Michaels sentiments and also stated that the next Pool Committee meeting would be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 5:00 PM at the Borough Bldg.

Mr. Sieminski also stated that he looks forward to this Spring & Summer with the new activities available to the public that Forty Fort Borough has helped to facilitate.

Ms. Gallagher also stated how happy & proud she was to have the Gaga Ball Pit come to our park and that Disc Golf has been so successful.

Mayor Thomas reported that at the recent Planning Commission meeting, the expansion of the LC Flood Protection Authority garage was on their agenda and will be presenting to council a motion for approval of the plans at the May 5, 2025 council meeting.

Lee Hampton reported that there are 21 residents in Forty Fort who have had solar roofing panels installed.

Mr. Kamus reported that the cost to enlarge the existing Disc Golf pads will be approximately \$1,600.00 and asked that council consider making this payment. He also stated that he will work with the Lions Club as he has in past years for the plans for their Memorial Day Run.

Ms. Arnone asked council to take some time to visit some streets in town that have been identified as in need of paving this year. Mr. Kamus will prioritize those needing it the most when presenting it to council.

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Dadurka at 6:55 PM and seconded by Mr. Sieminski.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Bonnie Arnone, Borough Manager