

Forty Fort, PA

August 20, 2012

Continuation Meeting of the August 6, 2012  
Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Forty Fort Borough Council was continued on Monday, August 20, 2012 at the Forty Fort Borough Building, 1271 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, with President Joseph Chacke presiding.

Council members present were as follows: Dorothy Craig, Robert Craig (via telephone), Karen Martinelli, Charles Rick Kamus & Frank Michaels. Also present were Mayor Boyd Hoats, Manager, Barbara Fairchild, Chief Fred Lahovski & Secretary, Bonnie Arnone.

RESIDENTS & TAXPAYERS COMMENTS & PETITIONS:

Jay Rausher, 130 Slocum St. once again asked council for help with a feral cat problem they are having. Several possible solutions were discussed.

Carol Seltzer of the Shade Tree Commission asked for help in putting a claim into the insurance company of the woman whose vehicle damaged trees near Pearl St. recently.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Mr. Michaels to pay the bills from the August 6, 2012 meeting. Second by Mr. Kamus.

Roll call vote: YES: Mr. Kamus, Mr. Michaels & Mr. Chacke

NO: Mrs. Craig & Ms. Martinelli

ABSTAIN: Mr. Craig due to his physical absence from the meeting.

Motion passed 3-2.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

One bid was received for the sale of the borough's 1984 Chevy Blazer from DeNaples Auto in the amount of \$550.00. Motion by Mrs. Craig to accept this bid. Second by Mr. Michaels. All Council present were in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

One bid was received for the sale of the borough's 1998 Chevy P/U Truck from DeNaples Auto in the amount of \$750.00. Ms. Fairchild told council that the blue book value of this vehicle is around \$6,000.00. Motion to reject this bid by Mr. Michaels. Second by Mr. Kamus. All Council present were in favor of this motion. Motion carried. The vehicle will be re-advertised for sale.

Motion by Mrs. Craig to advertise the Flood Plain Ordinance as presented. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council present were in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Michaels to advertise the Storm Water Management Ordinance as presented. Second by Mrs. Craig. All council present were in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Michaels for a Memorandum of Understanding with Luzerne Co. Conservation District. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council present were in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Michaels to pay the amount of \$28,089.17 to Popple Construction for the completion of Murray & Sullivan St. project and to request a Maintenance Bond for the amount of the entire project. Second by Mr. Kamus. Roll call showed all council in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Michaels to accept the agreement for a vacation, sick time settlement with former Borough Coordinator, Denise Syms. Second by Ms. Martinelli.

All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kamus to pass a Resolution for Record Retention for the Police Dept. which details the items they wish to destroy. Second by Mrs. Craig.

All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Michaels to obtain a one year, Grant Anticipation Note from Franklin Securities in the amount of \$256,100.00 with a 1.79% interest rate with interest only payments for the first six (6) months with all fees waived. Second by Mrs. Craig. This note is contingent on the movement of all borough monies to their institution where the interest rate of .25% will be paid on all accounts.

All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Michaels to direct our solicitor to take any and all legal action necessary against the Don Wilkinson Agency for any losses or costs incurred due to the failure to collect the borough's EIT funds in a times manner. Second by Mrs. Craig.

All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kamus to accept the letter from Borton Lawson to Popple Construction advising them that they have fourteen (14) days to correct the problems with storm drains within the Welles St. Phase II Project or the borough will contract to have them done & deduct that cost from their final payment. Second by Ms. Martinelli.

All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Fairchild reported that the Fallen Officers Remembered organization will be hanging banners advertising their upcoming festivities in the borough. The event will be held near the Forty Fort Airport on September 15, 2012 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiation issues and reconvened at 9:05 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Michaels to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Second by Mr. Kamus. All council was in favor of this motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Arnone  
Secretary

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Council Work Session

The work session of the Forty Fort Borough Council was held on Monday, August 20, 2012 immediately following the continuation meeting at the Forty Fort Borough Building, 1271 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, with President Joseph Chacke presiding.

Council members present were as follows: Dorothy Craig, Karen Martinelli, Charles Rick Kamus & Frank Michaels. Betty Mascelli & Robert Craig were absent. Also present were Mayor Boyd Hoats, Manager Barbara Fairchild, Chief Fred Lahovski & Secretary Bonnie Arnone.

Mr. Michaels asked that the topic of the American Water Co. recently completed projects on Tripp & Dana Sts. be addressed at the next council meeting. He stated that the contractor who did the work for the water company has left the tree lawn in terrible condition.

The outstanding bills for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration were discussed. President Joseph Chacke stated that the vendors should be paid from the General Fund when the funds from the Community Civic fund are depleted.

Mr. Chacke advised council that the next round of funding will be open soon for the local Gaming Grants. He would like to see the borough apply for a grant to upgrade the borough building.

The work session was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone  
Secretary