

Forty Fort Borough Council Meeting Monday August 4, 2025

The August 4, 2025, meeting for Forty Fort Borough Council was held at the Forty Fort Borough Building, 1271 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, PA with president, Thomas J. Murray III presiding.

Call to order

Gavel strike of President of Council Thomas Murray called tonight's meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Reverend Lukesh lead the prayer and Mayor Brian Thomas lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

President Thomas Murray ordered a roll call. Members in attendance were President Thomas Murray, Vice President Cara Devine, Sara Michaels, Frank Mazza, Borough Manager Bonnie Arnone, Borough Secretary Michele Pascarella, Solicitor Greg Skibitsky, Assistant Police Chief Adam Michaels, Code Officer Tom Craig, DPW Supervisor Rick Kamus and Borough Mayor Brian Thomas. Kristy Dadurka and Dave Sieminski were absent. There were 19 visitors in attendance.

Public Comments

Joe DeHaut of 398 River Street asked about the weeds on the corner of Rutter Ave and River Street. Lee Hampton did send a notice to the owners.

Mary Ann Matreselva of 61 River Street wanted to thank Council and Rick Kamus for the attention of the odor coming from the WWSA building.

Maureen Salley thanked Rick Kamus for posting signs at the park of upcoming events and thanks Parks & Recreation for sending out a newsletter of all upcoming events.

Consent Agenda

Matters listed on the consent agenda have been referred to members of the Borough Council for reading and study, are routine and will be enacted by one motion of Council. If separate discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action. The resolutions listed below are submitted by the Borough Council for review and will be adopted by one motion. These items were presented to the council at the prior month's work session for review. Motion to approve and/or accept the following consent agenda items:

- 6/16/25 Council work session minutes
- 7/7/25 Council Meeting Minutes
- June 2025 Code Office Report

- June 2025 Forty Fort Police Chief Report
- June 2025 Treasure's Report
- June 2025 Manager's Time Sheets
- June 2025 Kingston/Forty Fort Fire Chief Report
- June 2025 Tax Collector Report

A motion was made by Cara Devine to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Sara Michaels. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Council Action Items

A motion was made by Cara Devine to pay all bills as presented and seconded by Amanda Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. All bills that are to be paid at every meeting are on the Council table for anyone to view.

A motion was made by Sara Michaels to sign the PENNDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement and seconded by Cara Devine. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sara Michaels to pass Resolution 9 of 2025-for Winter Maintenance Agreement and seconded by Cara Devine. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Amanda Gallagher to pass Resolution 10 of 2025- LSA application for DPW equipment and seconded by Sara Michaels. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to enter into Operation & Management Agreement for Stormwater Management and was seconded by Amanda Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to enter into an agreement with WVSA to pay half the cost of a filtration system for their pump station located on River Street and was seconded by Sara Michaels. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sara Michaels to allow fireworks at the 8/22/2025 Nation Night Out and was seconded by Amanda Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to purchase rental license module from iWorQ for Code Enforcement and a module for West Wyoming Borough code work and was seconded by Frank Mazza. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

9/13/25 Forty Fort Cemetery Walk

8/22/25 National Night Out

New Business

Meeting with West Wyoming Officials to discuss 2026 rates for Administration, Code Enforcement and DPW services.

Around the Table

Sara Michaels wanted to thank everyone involved with the Civil Service Committee. They had a meeting this morning and everything is moving along. Sara asked Assistant Chief Michaels about tractor trailers on River Street and asked if the police could keep watch of them.

Cara Devine stated National Night Out will be August 22, 2025, and the Soccer Fields. Asked if they can get volunteers to help grill hot dogs and hamburgers. Cara stated that Brenda Pugh has a meeting at Dallas High School in August to educated on human trafficking.

Amanda Gallagher wanted to thank all the homeowners in Forty Fort for taking care of their houses she has been walking through the neighborhood and noticed how everything is looking great.

Mayor Brian Thomas swore in part-time Police officer Dan Roper. Brian also stated that he and Rick met with WVV School District for the traffic at the Dana Street School for the upcoming school year.

Ray Elias stated that Pizza Bella is donating 15 pizza pies for National Night Out. He also asked if he could meet with Council for a few minutes after the Executive Session. Council agreed.

Thomas Craig thanked Council for approving the rental module.

Rick Kamus stated they will be starting to make cast adjustments on Welles Street soon, Rick let everyone know that Brenda Pugh will be holding a free E recycle event on September 6, 2025. Rick was asked by Cara if the town will be holding a fall cleanup. Rick stated he can just figure out if we would want it right before Halloween or after.

Bonnie Arnone stated that she reached out to the insurance company on the handicap swing and had not heard back yet. Will let everyone know the outcome when she hears back.

Executive Session

At 6:31 PM, council convened in Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations for Chief Dan Hunsinger and pending litigation at Magistrate Barilla's office.

Adjournment

Council re-convened at 7:31 from Executive Session. A motion was made at this time by Ms. Devine to adjourn and a second by Ms. Michaels. All council was in favor of this motion.

The next meeting will be a work session held on Monday August 18, 2025, at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Pascarella
Borough Secretary