

FORTY FORT BOROUGH
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

The December work session of the Forty Fort Borough council was held on Monday, December 16, 2024 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: Phil Mertz, Frank Mazza, Cara Devine, Kristy Dadurka & Sara Michaels. David Sieminski was absent. Also present were Mayor Brian Thomas, Atty. Greg Skibitsky, Chief Dan Hunsinger, DPW foreman, Rick Kamus & Borough Manager, Bonnie Arnone.

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

Minutes and reports from the prior month have been presented to council for review and will be voted upon at the January 6, 2025 council meeting.

Volunteer Fire Co. chief Dan Zavada requested that council allow the volunteer fire company members to keep track of their hours again rather than recording them at Kingston Fire Co. headquarters for submission to payroll. Council stated that this process had been done for a reason and it would remain in effect.

The civil service commission has requested that council instruct them to begin the process of creating an eligibility list for police officer, the promotion for Sergeant and to change the civil service rules making the corporal position a detective position. This will be voted on at the January 6, 2025 meeting.

Council was given a copy of the 2025 council meeting schedule which has also been placed as a legal notice in the Citizens Voice newspaper and posted on the borough website.

Ms. Michaels stated that after attending a nearby town Christmas celebration, she wanted to share some ideas with the Borough's Parks & Recreation committee for future consideration. She wished all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

All remaining council, mayor & solicitor also wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Mayor Thomas stated that he would like to pursue placing flashing red lights on certain stop signs in the borough that are either bus stops or intersections where students commonly cross. PENDOT has been consulted on this matter & we are awaiting their reply.

Mary Ann Larson of the Park & Recreation committee thanked everyone involved for their help during the recent Santa arrival & Christmas tree lighting which was a great success. She reported that the group is already working on the Spring/Easter event as well as the 2025 Fall Festival.

Chief Hunsinger distributed a policy that he created for his department and asked council to consider this for a member of his department in lieu of Family Medical Leave.

Ms. Arnone reported that a request for a handicap parking space on Butler St. had been received. An inspection of the property revealed that there is in fact no off-street parking for this resident. This will be voted upon at the January 6, 2025 meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Devine & seconded by Mr. Mertz at 6:32 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone
Borough Manager