

FORTY FORT BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

The December meeting of the Forty Fort Borough Council was held on Monday, December 1, 2025, at the Forty Fort Borough Bldg., 1271 Wyoming Ave., with council president, Thomas J. Murray, III presiding.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following council members present: Amanda Gallagher, Frank Mazza, Cara Devine, Dave Sieminski, Kristy Dadurka & Sara Michaels. Also present were Mayor Brian Thomas, Atty. Greg Skibitsky, Code officers, Lee Hampton & Tom Craig, DPW Supervisor, Rick Kamus and Borough Manager, Bonnie Arnone.

Reverend Lukish led the invocation along with Mayor Brian Thomas leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESIDENTS & TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Maureen Salley, 106 Center St., stated that she appreciated the recent tree lighting ceremony that was held. She also asked why the committee that was formed to investigate the re-opening of the pool had not been provided with the necessary information prior to them presenting their report to council.

Mike Tressa, 55 Shoemaker St., stated that the pedestrian crosswalk function at the intersection of Shoemaker St. & Wyoming Ave. is not working and it presents a dangerous condition for pedestrians attempting to cross over Wyoming Ave. DPW Supervisor, Rick Kamus, stated that he is aware of the situation and it has been reported to Kuharchik for repairs.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following minutes and reports have been presented to council at a previous meeting and are ready for a vote. A motion was made by Mr. Sieminski to accept all minutes and reports and seconded by Ms. Michaels with all council in favor of the motion. They are as follows:

10/20/25 Council work session minutes	11/3/25 Council meeting minutes
October 2025 Code Office Report	October 2025 Police Department Report
October 2025 Kingston/Forty Fort Fire Chief Report	October 2025 Tax Collector Report
October 2025 Treasurer's Report	October 2025 Manager's Time Sheets
9/16/25 WVSA meeting minutes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025 SPCA Report
9/23/25 WVSA Executive Committee meeting minutes	

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

Motion was made by Mr. Sieminski and seconded by Ms. Gallagher to pay all bills as presented. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Mazza to advertise the 2026 Tax & Sewer Ordinance #10 of 2025 which includes a 1 Mill tax increase. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Sieminski and seconded by Ms. Devine to advertise the Proposed General Fund Operating Budget for 2026. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Ms. Dadurka to approve Resolution 12 of 2025 – Appointments to Boards and Commissions. This Resolution appointed Rebecca Mattern to the Zoning Hearing Board and re-appointed Christine Kutz to the Civil Service Commission and Russell Singer to the Zoning Hearing Board. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Michaels and seconded by Ms. Gallagher to approve Resolution 13 of 2025 – LSA Statewide Grant application for a new DPW facility. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Dadurka and seconded by Ms. Michaels to approve the purchase of Inclusive Play Equipment for the Forty Fort Park pending receipt of funding. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Sieminski to terminate the Police Department Agreement with Courtdale Borough. This action is necessary for the Borough to obtain Police Liability Insurance with the stipulation that Police Officer Tony Smith has no police jurisdiction in Forty Fort Borough. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Sieminski to approve Bonnie Arnone's Borough Manager Employment Agreement. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

#### AROUND THE TABLE:

Ms. Michaels stated that the recent tree lighting ceremony was very nice and thanked those individuals who were responsible for setting it up.

Mr. Sieminski commended the Kingston/Forty Fort Fire Department, stating that their service was prompt & professional during an incident that recently happened at his home.

Atty. Skibitsky also noted that all the Christmas lights in Forty Fort Borough look great.

Mr. Mazza stated that the tree lighting ceremony was beautiful and he looks forward to attending this every year. He also stated that he was happy to see that an Employment Agreement had been approved for the Borough Manager stating that this is a position that is not easily filled.

Mayor Thomas stated that the Police Regionalization Report had been delivered to him just this afternoon and that a meeting would be forthcoming to further discuss the results. He applauded the efforts of the Borough's DPW for all they do for the borough.

Borough Manager, Bonnie Arnone, stated that despite some comments that have recently been made on social media sites regarding the proposed Police Regionalization, there has been nothing decided at this time. During the process, there will be several public meetings to hear from the residents, and a Commission will be formed which will include some residents. Due to the decline in grant awards to individual departments, council would have been remiss in not investigating this regionalization that every small community will face in the coming years.

Mr. Murray stated that the tree lighting ceremony was very nice and the Christmas lights look beautiful throughout the town.

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sieminski and seconded by Ms. Michaels at 6:20 PM.

The next meeting will be a Special Meeting held on Monday, December 15, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM followed by the work session.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone  
Borough Manager