

FORTY FORT BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 3, 2012

The regular meeting of the Forty Fort Borough Council was held on Monday, December 3, 2012 at the Forty Fort Borough Bldg., 1271 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, with President Joseph Chacke presiding.

President Chacke called the meeting to order at 8:36 PM immediately following the adjournment of the special meeting. The following members of council were present: Robert Craig, Dorothy Craig, Karen Martinelli, Charles Rick Kamus & Frank Michaels.

Also present were Mayor Boyd Hoats, Atty. Samuel Falcone, Barbara Fairchild, Borough Manager & Bonnie Arnone, Secretary.

Mayor Hoats led all in attendance to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Michaels to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on November 5, 2012. Second by Mrs. Craig. Roll call showed all council in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Craig to approve the minutes of the Work Session meeting held on November 19, 2012. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Craig to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on November 26, 2012. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

RESIDENTS & TAXPAYERS COMMENTS AND PETITIONS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

Andy Tuzinski, 501 River St., Forty Fort, PA encouraged council to pursue the loan to pay the MMO Obligations currently facing the Borough. He also asked council to consider piggybacking a traffic study currently planned for Dana Street with one for Turner & River St. He contends that a stop sign is needed there due to limited sight distances at the intersection.

Joe Danowski, 1621 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, PA, questioned council as to who would require a contractor license within the borough under the new amendment to the ordinance.

Carol Seltzer, Shade Tree Commission, informed council that there was a new member to the Shade Tree commission that being Cara Devine Homza.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report has not been completed & will be given to council at the December 17, 2012 work session.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion to by Mr. Craig to approve the following department reports: Kingston Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer & WWSA Representative. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Craig to advertise the Pension RFP for December 10, 2012. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.
Council was also informed to the following regarding this matter: Committee members met on 11/26/12. RFP's will be received by 12/21/12 at 1:00 PM. Pre-screening will be from 12/24/12 to 1/4/13. Next meeting will be set up for committee to review the prescreened applicants and start the review and ranking procedure which will closed 1/18/13. Interviews will be set up between 1/28/13 and 1/31/13. Results will be forwarded to council for action if any by 2/7/13.

Motion by Mr. Craig to accept the quote from First Keystone Bank with an interest rate of 2.79% on a loan to pay the MMO Obligation for Forty Fort Borough. Second by Mrs. Craig. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to make the noted changes to the Job description for the Part time Administrative Police Chief position. Second by Mr. Kamus. All council was in favor of this motion with the exception of Mr. Michaels voting "NO". Motion passed 6-1.

Motion by Ms. Martinelli to direct the solicitor to amend the current noise ordinance to allow work on homes & structures be done on Sundays & holidays. Second by Mr. Kamus. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Mr. Craig to pay all bills as presented. Second by Mr. Kamus. All council was in favor of this motion with the following exception: Ms. Martinelli voted yes on all bills with the exception of bills relating to the training for Alan Brezinski.

Motion by Mr. Craig to have Kuharchick Const. repair the traffic signal pole at the intersection of Dennison & Wyoming Ave. that was recently damaged in a vehicle accident at a cost of \$3,500.00. Second by Mr. Kamus. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:30 PM to discuss personnel issues & pending legal matters.

Council returned from Executive Session at 10:17 PM. Atty. Falcone advised that council had met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and pending legal matters regarding Mr. McLaughlin vs. Forty Fort Borough & Mr. Lakkis vs. Forty Fort Borough, etal.

MOTIONS RELATING TO MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Craig to offer family health care benefits to Stephen Nowroski with a reimbursement amount equal to that of current union members employed by the Borough.

Roll call showed:

YES: Mrs. Craig, Mr. Craig, Mr. Kamus, Mr. Chacke

NO: Ms. Martinelli & Mr. Michaels

****Note**** Mrs. Mascelli had left the meeting for this vote.

Motion passed 4-2.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM by Mr. Craig and seconded by Mr. Kamus.

Next meeting of council will be a work session by Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone
Secretary