

Forty Fort Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2018

Call to Order

Gavel Strike of President of Council Jeffery McLaughlin, called tonight's meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Lukesh led the Invocation and Mayor Andy Tuzinski led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence for Carol Seltzer.

Roll Call

President of Council Jeffery McLaughlin, ordered Roll Call. Members in attendance were" President Jeffery McLaughlin, Vice President Tom Murray, Deborah Troy, Amy Craig, Dominic Butchko and David Sieminski. Borough Mayor Andy Tuzinski, Borough Manager, Bonnie Arnone, and Borough Secretary Brandy Fuller. Visitors numbered 21. Mayor Andy Tuzinski welcomed the students from Wyoming Valley West as they were fulfilling a requirement for their History Class.

An Executive session was held following the Council work session held on Monday December 18, 2017 to discuss personnel and contract issues.

Interviews of interested individuals for the council seat vacancy.

The candidates who spoke to council were Cara Devine-Homza, Judy Seroka, and Frank Mazza.

Public Comments

There was no one from the public who spoke this evening.

Consent Agenda

Matters listed within the Consent Agendas have been referred to members of the Borough Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the consent Agenda by council action. The Resolutions

listed below were submitted to the Borough Council for review and will be adopted by one motion. These items have been presented to council at the prior month's work session for review. Motion to approve and or accept the following consent Agenda items:

- A. November 20, 2017 Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
- B. December 4, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes
- C. November 2017 Treasurer's Report
- D. November 2017 Kingston Fire Chief Report
- E. November 20, 2017 Safety committee meeting minutes
- F. November 16, 2017 Civil Service commission meeting minutes
- G. December 18, 2017 Police Department Report
- H. November 2017 Forty Fort Fire Chief Report
- I. November Code Office Report
- J. November 2017 Manager's time cards
- K. November 13, 2017 Shade Tree Commission meeting minutes
- L. Approve payment of all bills presented

Acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence:

- A. Ted Ritsick Letter Re: Vacancy
- B. Cara Devine Letter of Interest
- C. Judy Soroka Letter of Interest
- D. Thomas Jagoda Letter of Interest
- E. Frank Mazza Letter of Interest

A motion was made by David Sieminski to accept the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by Deborah Troy. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Council Action Items:

A motion was made by Dominic Butchko to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2018 – Non-Uniform pension Amendment. It was seconded by David Sieminski. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dominic Butchko to Pass Resolution No. 1 2018 – 2018 Salary Resolution. It was seconded by Amy Craig. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dominic Butchko to pass Resolution No. 2 of 2018 – Fees Resolution. It was seconded by David Sieminski. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by David Sieminski to pass Resolution No. 3 of 2018 – Anti Corruption Resolution. It was seconded by Dominic Butchko. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dominic Butchko to Pass Resolution No. 4 of 2018. Code Conflict Council Rules and Procedures. It was seconded by Amy Craig. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made to purchase an emergency vehicle (side by side) for Emergency Services by Dominic Butchko. It was seconded by Tom Murray. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dominic Butchko to pass the 2018-2021 DPW Employment Agreement. It was seconded by Amy Craig. All were in favor. Motion passed.

New Business

A motion was made by Tom Murray to Hire Marty Wasmanski as Full Time for the Street Department. It was seconded by Dominic Butchko. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by David Sieminski to hire Brett Smith Part Time to the Police Department. It was seconded by Amy Craig. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dominic Butchko to declare vacancy on council due to Resignation of Ted Ritsick. It was seconded by Tom Murray. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dominic Butchko to pass Resolution No. 5 of 2018 to fill Council Vacancy. It was seconded by Amy Craig. All were in favor motion passed.

A Nomination was made by Tom Murray to appoint Cara Devine-Homza to fill the vacant council seat. A Nomination was made by Dominic Butchko to appoint Judy Soroka to fill the vacant council seat, and a nomination was made by Amy Craig to appoint Frank Mazza to fill the vacant council seat. A roll call vote was taken for Cara Devine-Homza as she was the first to be nominated. Dominic Butchko voted Yes, Deborah Troy voted yes, Amy Craig voted no, Tom Murray voted yes, David

Sieminski voted yes, and Jeffrey McLaughlin voted yes. Cara Devine was appointed with a 5-1 decision.

Mayor Andy Tuzinski gave Cara Devine-Homza the Oath of Office and she took her seat at the council table.

A motion was made by Cara Devine-Homza to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM.

The next meeting will be a work session held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 due to Martin Luther King Holiday.

Respectfully Submitted

Brandy Fuller

Borough Secretary/Treasurer