

**Forty Fort Borough  
Council Meeting  
Monday January 4, 2021**

**Call to order**

Gavel strike of President of Council Jeffrey McLaughlin called tonight's meeting to order.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Pastor Tom Morris led the invocation along with Mayor Andy Tuzinski leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

President Jeffrey McLaughlin ordered a roll call. Members in attendance were President Jeffrey McLaughlin, Vice President Thomas Murray, Phil Mertz, Frank Mazza, Cara Devine, Borough Manager Bonnie Arnone, Borough Mayor Andy Tuzinski, Borough Secretary Michele Pascarella and DPW Supervisor Rick Kamus. David Sieminski, Kristy Dadurka and Attorney William Finnegan were on Zoom. There was 1 visitor in attendance.

**Public Comments**

No comments

**Consent Agenda**

Matters listed with 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 Borough Council for the review and will be adopted by one motion. These items have been presented to the council at the prior month's work session for review. Motion to approve and/or accept the following consent agenda items

- 11/16/2020 Council work session minutes
- 11/16/2020 Special Council meeting minutes
- 12/7/2020 Council meeting minutes
- November 2020 Code Office Report
- November 2020 Kingston Fire Chief Report
- November 2020 FF Fire Chief Report
- November 2020 Forty Fort Police Chief Report
- November 2020 Treasure's Report
- November 2020 Manager's Time Sheets

- November 2020 Tax Collector Report
- 10/20/2020 WWSA meeting minutes

Motion was made by Frank Mazza and seconded by Phil Mertz. All were in favor, motion passed.

### **Council Action Items**

A motion was made by Cara Devine of payment of all bills as presented and seconded by Tom Murray. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cara Devine on Ordinance 1 of 2021- Amend Parking of trucks, buses, and certain other vehicles. The motion was seconded by Thomas Murray. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to accept Resolution 1 of 2021-Abuse & Molestation Policy. The motion was seconded by Phil Mertz. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Phil Mertz to accept Resolution 2 of 2021-2021 Salary Resolution. The motion was seconded by Cara Devine. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Tom Murray to accept GPI's proposal for River Street and Rutter Avenue work. The motion was seconded by David Sieminski. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to accept the resignation of Andrew Labar as a part time police officer. The motion was seconded by Kristy Dadurka. All were in favor. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

#### 2021 Meeting Schedule

#### 2021 Forty Fort Borough Elected Officials

Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund for 2020- A motion was made by Phil Mertz to transfer \$200,000.00 to Capital Reserve from General Fund. The ending General Fund balance was \$514,145.89 which after transferring \$200,000.00 would leave a balance of \$314,145.89 to start 2021. The motion was seconded by Tom Murray. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

2 payments of \$56,821.99 has been received from Luzerne County for the COVID Care Act Grant

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm by Cara Devine and seconded by Tom Murray.

The next meeting will be a work session on Tuesday January 19, 2020 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Pascarella  
Borough Secretary