

**Forty Fort Borough  
Reorganization & Council Meeting  
Monday January 5, 2026**

The January 5, 2026, meeting for Forty Fort Borough Council was held at the Forty Fort Borough Building, 1271 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, PA with president, Thomas J. Murray III presiding.

**Call to order**

Gavel strike of President of Council Thomas Murray called tonight's meeting to order at 5:50 PM.

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

Reverend Tom Morris lead the pray and Thomas J. Murray III lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials-** District Magistrate David Barilla swore in Mayor Mary Ann Bottaro and Councilwomen Tory Carey, Amanda Gallagher and Sara Michaels

**Roll Call- Mayor Bottaro**

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT- Cara Devine nominated Thomas J. Murray II and Sara Michaels seconded this nomination. Roll call votes were yes for Kristy Dadurka, Cara Devine, Amanda Gallagher, Tori Carey, Sara Micahels, Dave Sieminski and Thomas Murray.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT-Thomas Murray nominated Cara Devine and Amanda Gallagher seconded this nomination. Roll call votes were yes for Kristy Dadurka, Cara Devine, Amanda Gallagher, Tori Carey, Sara Micahels, Dave Sieminski and Thomas Murray.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM- Thomas Murray nominated Dave Siminski and Cara Devine seconded the nomination. Roll call votes were yes for Kristy Dadurka, Cara Devine, Amanda Gallagher, Tori Carey, Sara Micahels, Dave Sieminski and Thomas Murray.

President Thomas Murray ordered a roll call. Members in attendance were President Thomas Murray, Vice President Cara Devine, David Sieminski, Sara Michaels, Tori Carey, Amanda Gallagher, Kristy Dadurk. Borough Mayor Mary Ann Bottaro, Borough Manager Bonnie Arnone, Borough Secretary Michele Pascarella, Solicitor Greg Skibitsky, Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Craig, DPW supervisor Rick Kamus and Police Chief Dan Hunsinger. There were 27 visitors in attendance.

**Public Comments**

No Public Comments.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

- 11/17/25 Council work session minutes
- 12/1/25 Council Meeting Minutes
- November 2025 Code Office Report
- November 2025 Forty Fort Police Chief Report
- November 2025 Treasure's Report
- November 2025 Manager's Time Sheets
- November 2025 Kingston/Forty Fort Fire Chief Report
- November 2025 Tax Collector Report
- 10/21/25 WWSA meeting minutes
- 12/9/25 Planning Commission meeting minutes

A motion was made by Sara Michaels and seconded by Cara Devine. All were in favor, motion passed.

## **Council Action Items**

A motion was made by Cara Devine to pay all bills as presented and seconded by Amanda Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to appoint Daniel Hunsinger as Police Chief and was seconded by Sara Michaels. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to appoint Bonnie Arnone as Borough Manager and was seconded by Dave Sieminski. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sara Michaels to appoint Michele Pascarella as Borough Secretary/Treasurer and was seconded by Cara Devine. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Kristy Dadurka to appoint Skibitsky & Molino as Borough Solicitors and was seconded by Cara Devine. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to appoint Benesch Engineering as Borough Engineer and seconded by Kristy Dadurka. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dave Sieminski to pass Resolution 1 of 2026 Salary Resolution and seconded by Tori Carey. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Amanda Gallagher to pass Resolution 2 of 206- Fee Schedule Resolution and was seconded by Sara Michaels. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dave Sieminski to move \$100,000.00 from Capital Reserve Fund to General Fund and was seconded by Cara Devine All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sara Michaels to pay David Wojciechowski stipend of \$2,500.00 for 2025 services and was seconded by Cara Devine. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Council Committees

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.by Cara Devine and seconded by Kristy Dadurka.

The next meeting will be a work session held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Pascarella  
Borough Secretary