

**FORTY FORT BOROUGH
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024**

The July Council work session of the Forty Fort Borough Council was held on Monday, July 15, 2024 at the Forty Fort Borough Bldg., 1271 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, PA, with council president, Thomas J. Murray, III, presiding.

President Murray called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM following the adjournment of the Special Council meeting with the following council members present: Phil Mertz, Frank Mazza, David Sieminski via telephone, Kristy Dadurka & Sara Michaels. Cara Devine was absent. Also present were Atty. Greg Skibitsky, Mayor Brian Thomas, Chief Dan Hunsinger, Code Officials, Tom Craig & Lee Hampton & Borough Manager, Bonnie Arnone.

RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYER'S COMMENTS:

Maureen Salley of 106 Center St. asked that upcoming notices be placed in the message board at the park pavilion for those people that do not have social media. She also questioned signs on River St. that state No Parking & No Parking 2-5 AM.

Karen French of 12 Englewood Terrace asked about the Speed minders and asked if they could be placed on Dennison Ave. as speeding is quite prevalent on that street. Chief Hunsinger explained how the Speed monitors will work.

Pam Smith of 64 E. Pettebone St. apologized for her behavior at a prior meeting.

Tori Carey of the Parks & Recreation Board spoke of the upcoming events the group has planned.

MINUTES AND REPORTS:

The following minutes and reports have been provided to council for their review and will be voted on at the August 5, 2024 meeting:

6/17/24 Work session minutes	6/26/24 Special Council meeting minutes
7/1/24 Council meeting minutes	6/17/24 Civil Service Committee meeting minutes
6/26/24 Civil Service Committee meeting minutes	June 2024 Kingston/FF Fire Chief Report
June 2024 Code Office Report	June 2024 Treasurer's Report
June 2024 Tax Collector's Report	June 2024 Police Chief Report
June 2024 Manager's Time Sheets	

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Thomas outlined a plan for addressing problem trees throughout the Borough. It included identifying trees that needed immediate attention, those that would need to be addressed in the near future and those that could wait for some time. This will be a project that will be worked on going forward.

Mr. Craig spoke to council about a proposed Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance that he has drafted based on the Kingston Ordinance that addresses items that none of our current ordinances

does. Atty. Skibitsky has reviewed this and found it to be appropriate and will have it prepared for a vote to advertise at the August 5, 2024 council meeting.

Borough Manager, Bonnie Arnone, has prepared a January 1-June 30, 2024 Budget vs. actual spreadsheet showing the income and expenses of the borough through 6 months for council to review.

AROUND THE TABLE:

Ms. Michaels thanked council for their swiftness and support in filling the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission.

Ms. Dadurka reported that there will be no Pool Committee meeting in July. She thanked Tori Carey for her work with her committee.

Mr. Mazza reported that he has been researching what other municipalities have been doing regarding the recording of meetings.

Mr. Mertz questioned whether we have received quotes for microphones for council to use during meetings. Ms. Devine was looking into this.

Mayor Thomas reported that the Cricket pitch has been installed at the Sports Complex and they are using their facilities regularly. He also reported that National Night Out will be held at 6:00 PM on August 23, 2024 at the Sports Complex.

Chief Hunsinger echoed Ms. Michaels words of thanks to council for their swiftness in getting the Civil Service Commission seated.

Mr. Craig reported problems they are encountering with various trash hauling services, political signs and un-licensed solicitors in the Borough. He reported the reparations he plans for each of these situations.

Ms. Arnone reported that a DCED representative had called to state that for the grant submitted for the Pool, the DPW in-kind budget amount cannot be considered. The total cash share for the Borough will be \$36,750.00.

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mazza and seconded by Ms. Dadurka at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone
Borough Manager