

FORTY FORT BOROUGH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020

The Forty Fort Borough Council held a Special Meeting for general purposes on Monday, July 20, 2020 at the Forty Fort Borough Bldg., with President, Jeff McLaughlin presiding. This meeting was advertised in the Legal Section of the Citizens Voice newspaper.

President McLaughlin called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Phil Mertz, Kristy Dadurka, Frank Mazza, Tom Murray, David Sieminski and Cara Devine via Zoom. Also present were Mayor Andy Tuzinski, DPW supervisor, Rick Kamus, Code Officer, Tom Craig & Manager, Bonnie Arnone.

Mayor Tuzinski led with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESIDENTS:

Ted Ritsick thanked council for their work on seeing the bike trail come to fruition. He stated that this is a measure that will draw younger people to our Borough to raise their families. He encouraged council to continue with the progress of this trail.

First item of business was a motion by Frank Mazza to hire the Engineering firm of GPI for the Bike Trail engineering choosing option "A" with the trail going on top of the levy system from Turner to Fort Sts. Second by Phil Mertz. On the question: A lengthy discussion took place regarding the privacy concerns of those residents whose properties are adjacent to the proposed trail from Turner to Fort Sts.

Mr. Mertz, Mr. Mazza & Mr. Murray stated that the Army Corps of Engineers will never allow a shelf trail to be built on the other side of the levy. Residents privacy concerns were considered with the possibility of installing privacy fences if necessary. Roll call vote showed the following:

YES: Mr. Mertz, Ms. Dadurka, Mr. Mazza, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sieminski & Ms. Devine

NO: Mr. McLaughlin

Motion passed 6-1.

A motion to amend Resolution 8 of 2020 to add extended terms for Charles Bell and Brian Thomas on the Planning Commission was made by Mr. Mertz and seconded by Mr. Mazza. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Sieminski to hire Noah King as a full-time employee with the Department of Public Works. Second by Ms. Dadurka. On the question: Mr. King has undergone & passed his physical & will begin work on Monday, July 27, 2020. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Mazza vote consistent with Luzerne County Council on the topic of a face value real estate tax extension to December 31, 2020. Second by Mr. Sieminski. On the question: A face value extension had previously been voted upon which ended August 18, 2020. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sieminski at 8:15 PM and seconded by Mr. Mertz. Council immediately convened for their monthly work session.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone, Borough Manager