

**Forty Fort Borough  
Council Meeting  
July 6, 2020**

**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**

Reverend Lukish led the invocation along with Council President 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, Kristy Dadurka, Frank Mazza, David Sieminski and Cara Devine. Borough Mayor Andy Tuzinski, Chief of Police Daniel Hunsinger, Borough Manager Bonnie Arnone, Borough Secretary Michele Pascarella, DPW Supervisor Rick Kamus, Attorney William Finnegan, Police Chief Daniel Hunsinger, Mayor Andy Tuzinski, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Craig and 6 visitors were in attendance.

**Public Comments**

Brian Thomas of 1124 Wyoming Avenue suggested 1. Creating communication/making a mission statement 2. Being proactive with annual events and 3. Form a Community Engagement Committee to encourage inclusiveness in our Borough.

**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

- 5/18/2020 Council work session minutes
- 6/1/2020 Council meeting minutes
- May 2020 Code Office Report
- May 2020 Kingston Fire Chief Report
- May 2020 Police Department Report

- May 2020 Treasure's Report
- May 2020 Manager's Time Sheets
- May 2020 Forty Fort Fire Chief Report
- May 2020 Tax Collector Report

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

### **Council Action Items**

A motion was made by Thomas Murray to approve payment of all bills. The motion was seconded by Cara Devine. All in favor. Mr. McLaughlin abstained from the payment of the GBM bill and Kingston Borough bill. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Phil Mertz for the hiring of additional lifeguards for 2020 season: Abbi Cryan, Abagayle Hooker-Yates, Christian Mavus, Chris Schell & Julia Bucknavage, all at \$8.50 per hour. The motion was seconded by Cara Devine. All in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dave Sieminski for the Extension of Intermunicipal Agreement with West Wyoming for DPW services. The motion was seconded by Phil Mertz. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Frank Mazza for Ordinance 2 of 2020-Drug Task Force. Motion was seconded by Dave Sieminski. There was a roll call vote all were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Kristy Dadurka for Ordinance 3 of 2020-Drug Task Force. Motion was seconded by Cara Devine. There was a roll call vote all were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dave Sieminski for Planning Commission recommendation for CC's Sports. Motion was seconded by Thomas Murray. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dave Sieminski to accept Planning Commission member, Jeff McLaughlin's resignation. Kristy Dadurka seconded the motion. President Jeff McLaughlin abstained from voting. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dave Sieminski to accept resignation of Police Officer, Ian Bczyk. Motion was seconded by Frank Mazza. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dave Sieminski on Resolution 7 of 2020-to apply for DCED grant for Recreation Fields Master Plan preparation. Cara Devine seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Frank Mazza on Resolution 8 of 2020- Appointments to Boards & Commissions. Phil Mertz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Ordinance 4 of 2020- Ticketing Ordinance was tabled at this time.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to accept the resignation of Marty Wasmanski. Thomas Murray seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

### **Correspondence**

- WVSA Stormwater Division Public Relations Update
- Single Stream recycling increase to \$55.00 per ton (was \$45.00 ton) each week DPW is collecting anywhere from 3 ½ to 4 ton due to COVID 19

### **Old News**

Civil Service Ad for 2 Police Officers

Shredding Event set for Thursday July 9,2020- (this event will be held from 8am to 12pm with a 3-box limit)

Summer 2020 Newsletter (Chief Hunsinger's students will pass them out on 7/7/2020)

The top 3 firms for Bike Trail Engineering will submit additional documents and a special meeting will be held on July 20,2020.

### **New Business**

Discussion of Transient Merchant Fees. A motion was made by Cara Devine for Resolution 9 of 2020 \$25.00 per month per business and \$5.00 per year per employee or if they provide with background check fee of \$5.00 will be waived. It was noted that the ordinance needs to be revisited as it is outdated.

Families of Forty Fort Park Event- last event will be July 25,2020 from 4-7 at the park. Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny will be there to take pictures and there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. Mayor Andy Tuzinksi is working on having a Halloween parade this year.

DCED Greenways, Trails & Recreation Grant for Sports Complex Master Plan

Crossing Guard resignations from Ray Elias & Ellen Beck for next school year-if anyone knows of anyone interested please contact Bonnie Arnone.

The Borough buildings driveway is almost done with construction, it should be completed by 7/7/20. No traffic is allowed for at least a week due to the heat.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm to an Executive Session to discuss

- Arbitration Decision
- Contract negotiations update for Police Department
- PD Counteroffer
- Answer to PD counteroffer
- DPW Personnel issues

The next meeting will be a work session on Monday July 20, 2020 at 7:00PM in council chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Pascarella  
Borough Secretary