

FORTY FORT BOROUGH
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

The June work session of the Forty Fort Borough council was held on Monday, June 15, 2026, 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 6:00 PM with the following council members present: Amanda Gallagher, Tori Carey, Cara Devine, Kristy Pernot & Sara Michaels. Dave Sieminski was absent. Also present were Atty. Greg Skibitski, Code Officer, Tom Craig & Borough Manager, Bonnie Arnone.

President Murray led with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS AAND TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Jim Martin, 109 Slocum St. stated that there are cars on Slocum St. that are parking in their driveways but blocking the sidewalk. He was advised to call 911 if he sees this to have an officer cite the vehicle owner.

MINUTES AND REPORTS:

The following minutes and reports have been presented to council for review and will be voted on at the July 6, 2026, council meeting:

5/18/26 Council work session minutes	6/1/26 Council meeting minutes
May 2026 Code Office Report	May 2026 Kingston/Forty Fort Fire Chief report
May 2026 Treasurer Report	May 2026 Tax Collector Report
May 2026 Code Enforcement Report	May 2026 Managers Time Sheets
4/21/26 WVSA meeting minutes	

Atty. Skibitski reported that a letter had been received from Atty. Andrew Katsock, III, representing John Looker of 17 Hughes St. in Forty Fort. Mr. Looker contends that there is illegal parking occurring on Hughes St. which prevents him from entering or exiting his driveway. Atty. Skibitski will speak with Atty. Katsock to advise him that his client should be told to call 911 whenever he sees illegal parking occurring.

Council was advised that correspondence had been received from PENDOT regarding the future Rte. 309 Bridge deck repairs and what that impact will be for Forty Fort Borough. Further information on this project will be forthcoming.

AROUND THE TABLE:

Ms. Michaels reported that she has received a number of calls from residents of East Pettebone St. that state that they have difficulty exiting onto Elizabeth St. due to sign distance problems. She said that she has visited this area & there have not been any cars parking illegally or too close to the intersection of E. Pettebone St. & Elizabeth St. Police will be asked to monitor this area closely for any illegal parking.

Ms. Michaels also thanked Kristy Pernot for the recent activities she had with her classes attending The YMCA Summer at Sem program.

Ms. Pernot reported on the activities she had during the YMCA Summer at Sem where every day for one week, Forty Fort Borough departments hosted the class for informational programs. She thanked all departments for their cooperation with these events.

Ms. Devine reported that a tree just before the Dana Street traffic signal heading south towards Kingston is obstructing the view of the traffic signal. The DPW supervisor will be asked to work on this.

Ms. Carey reported that she is excited to have the River St. crosswalks put in as her husband is a mailman on River St. & it is often times dangerous to cross that street. She also stated that there are cars visiting Suracci's Restaurant on Wyoming Ave. that are blocking the Wyoming Ave. sidewalk. The owner of Suracci's will be notified of this. Ms. Carey also reported that there have been upcoming festivals operated by Northeast Craftworks that have moved their event from the Sports Complex to the Luzerne County Fairgrounds because the events have grown so much. This is not to be confused with the Forty Fort Borough Recreation Advisory Committee who host the Fall Festival which will continue in the Fall at the Sports Complex.

Ms. Arnone reported that the quote for the dog park fence had come in at \$9,514.67. Waste stations will also be ordered from Amazon. She also reported that a meeting had been held that morning with Luzerne County EMS & County Manager, Romilda Crocamo regarding the changing of addresses on Butler St. due to duplication with other towns. They will provide an instruction sheet prior to the next council meeting.

At this time, 6:36 PM, council convened into Executive Session to discuss Code Office personnel issues with Lee Hampton & Tom Craig.

At 7:04 PM, council came out of Executive Session and a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Devine & seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone