

FORTY FORT, PA

March 2, 2009

Regular Meeting of Council

The regular meeting of Forty Fort Borough Council was held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at the Forty Fort Borough Building, 1271 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, with President Joseph Chacke presiding.

Council Members present were as follows: Deanna Brown, Robert Craig, Charles Kamus, Betty Mascelli, Frank Michaels, Dave Williams, Richard Yingst and President Joseph Chacke. James McCabe was absent.

Also present were Mayor Boyd Hoats Jr., Solicitor Samuel A. Falcone, and Borough Secretary/Coordinator Denise Syms. There were ten (10) visitors and one member of the media.

President Chacke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Reverend William Lukesh of the Forty Fort United Presbyterian Church followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag* led by Mayor Boyd Hoats Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Craig to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 2, 2009 as presented. Second by Mr. Michaels.

On a roll call vote members voted as follows:

Yes: Robert Craig, Charles Kamus, Betty Mascelli, Frank Michaels, Dave Williams, Richard Yingst and President Joseph Chacke = 7

No = 0

Abstentions = Deanna Brown (absent for the February 2, 2009 meeting)

Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Mr. Yingst to approve the minutes of the worksession of Council held on February 16, 2009 as presented. Second by Ms. Mascelli.

Motion passed without dissent.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mrs. Syms read the following communication:

A request from the Forty Fort Recreation Association to use the Forty Fort Park for the 16th annual Easter egg hunt to be held on April 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Yingst to grant them permission to use the park. Second by Mrs. Mascelli.

Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Mr. Craig to donate \$100 to the Easter egg hunt. Second by Mr. Yingst.
Motion passed without dissent.

RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS COMMENTS PETITIONS:

Bill Letwinsky, on behalf of Mericle Comm. Real Estate on Welles Street, addressed Council regarding the revised plan for the parking on Welles Street.

Motion by Mr. Yingst to approve the revised plan where we use parallel and diagonal parking. Second by Mr. Williams.

On the question, Mr. Kamus asked if this would create a curve in the road. President Chacke responded that it would depend on the road painting and can be avoided.

On the question, Mr. Michaels asked which plan is it. President Chacke stated that it is the plan where it is diagonal parking up to a point and then changes to parallel parking. He also stated that everyone is in agreement (Hinchey, Mericle, and Chris Borton).

On the question, Mr. Williams discussed the issue with someone and was told that there is no problem with the turn. Mr. Letwinsky stated that they are correct, but it is a perception problem.

Motion passed with Mr. Kamus dissenting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by Mr. Craig to approve the Treasurer's Report of February 20, 2009 as presented. Second by Mrs. Brown.

Motion passed without dissent.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Boyd Hoats Jr. read the report of the police department for the month of February 2009.

FIRE CHIEF:

Chief Shedlarski reported that for February there were 33 calls and 133 man-hours.

ENGINEER:

No report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Steve Nowroski read the code enforcement report for February 2009. Total income was \$4,440.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

Mrs. Carol Seltzer gave the report of the Shade Tree Commission. There will be a meeting of the Shade Tree Commission next Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Michaels to adopt a resolution regarding the PennDOT EALA and Liquid Fuels reporting. Second by Mr. Williams.

Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Mr. Yingst to adopt an ordinance establishing regulations for the storage, collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste in the Borough of Forty Fort. Second by Mr. Williams.

Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Mr. Craig to contract with R.N. Fitch & Sons to install Tideflex Valve in the amount of \$2,375. Second by Mr. Yingst.

On the question, Mr. Yingst asked if this is the Gower valve. President Chacke stated yes and that the valve was faulty and the company replaced the valve but won't reimburse for labor.

Motion passed without dissent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Moved by Mr. Williams to pay the bills as presented. Second by Mr. Craig.

On the question, Mr. Craig asked why pay for the UGI lights that are on state roads. President Chacke stated that we are responsible for all the street lights.

Motion passed with President Chacke abstaining on the NEPA bill.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Williams to adjourn. Second by Mrs. Brown.

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Syms
Borough Secretary/Coordinator