

FORTY FORT BOROUGH

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

May 19, 2014

The May work session of the Forty Fort Borough Council was held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at the Forty Fort Borough Building, 1271 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, with President Jeff McLaughlin presiding.

President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following council members present: Dorothy Craig, Robert Craig, Deborah Troy, Frank Michaels, Charles Rick Kamus & Karen Martinelli, via telephone.

Also present were Mayor Andy Tuzinski and Manager Barbara Fairchild and Secretary Bonnie Arnone was absent.

- Mr. Michaels stated that he appreciated the efforts for the revisions for the personnel policies but would like the committee to make some changes. Some items appeared to be repeated as to what is in the Collective Bargaining Contracts. Sexual harassment, Discipline consequences, attendance, etc. Mr. Kamus suggested including information to be more specific for each department. After much discussion there were recommendations for all Council members to make any changes to the Personnel policy and forward to the Manager for next work session in June.
- Mr. Craig did not have anything at this time.
- Mr. McLaughlin suggested we discuss the Shade tree issues that Melissa Tomascik presented. She expressed the committees concerns for the \$100.00 deposit if a tree is to be removed or replaced, have the code enforcement involved for the tree pruning if it is done improperly, include stump removal when removing the trees. Also following inspection of the current borough sewer ordinance, it has been discovered that there are currently issues that need to be addressed, such as: Not all churches and parsonages are being billed for their Forty Fort Borough sewer usage; there are vacant lots that are being billed for sewer usage; the issuance for non-profit agencies & not for profit agencies is unclear as to how the billing is being done. Atty. Haley asked council to identify the areas of concern in the current ordinance and advise him of such in order for him to make revisions to the ordinance. Ms. Fairchild sent council her recommendations for the revision of the ordinance. We will discuss for next work session unless the solicitor makes recommendations for our Regular meeting.
- Mrs. Craig said we have a sponsor for the movie in the park for May 30, 2014 rain date is 5/31/14.
- Mayor Tuzinski said the fireworks are to be held 5/24/14 and everything is all good with Matthew Smith and he may be working as a special officer for the fireworks. He will provide the DPW with additional concrete patch for the pool. Officer Stone will attend a Hostage class. Officer Michaels will be attending NRA school. Officer Casella will be attending Truck Enforcement School for 2 weeks. Speed traps will be on several streets in the near future and he is happy to see the Police Dept. is moving forward in leaps and bounds.
- Ms. Troy asked if the street department would check on tree branches on W. Pettebone St.

- Ms. Martinelli stated that she was in touch with Susan Fleming for swimming lessons and we discussed having our lifeguards conduct swimming lessons for \$30.00 for 6 lessons.
- Mr. McLaughlin wanted to see the items currently pending are being resolved and to work on any other information for our work sessions.
- Mr. Kamus also inquired about the DEP Compost grant at the meeting and we discussed the water issue. Mr. Tuzinski said we can get tote tanks we can take to the site via the trailer. We hope to re-submit everything soon. Barbara will be meeting with Berit Case next month. He also said the street sweeping went well.
- Ms. Fairchild has spoken with our insurance agent Bill Flock and PENDOT regarding the delineators on Wyoming Ave. which would prevent left turns off Wyoming Ave. South into the driveway for Dunkin Donuts. PENDOT states that there is no agreement with Forty Fort for the placement of delineators at this location; however, if the borough places them, they would bear the liability should an accident occur. We also discussed meeting with Jenny Nickman from the CYC program and safety for our lifeguards and residents. The meeting went very well. Identification for the guards will be done with pictures and signs and possibly shirts. We also have complied with everything for the permits, insurance special permits for the fireworks. Everything is in order. Also the meeting with PennDot for the bridge repair slated for 2016 if funds are available near the Cross Valley. We will deter traffic with a detour but it may still be congested in certain areas.
- Work session ended approximately 9:48 P.M.

The Regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fairchild
Manager