

**Forty Fort Borough
Council Meeting
Monday May 3, 2021**

Call to order

Gavel strike of President of Council Thomas Murray called tonight's meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Reverend Lukish led the invocation along with Mayor Andy Tuzinski leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

President Thomas Murray ordered a roll call. Members in attendance were President Thomas Murray, Vice President Cara Devine, Phil Mertz, Frank Mazza, Jeffrey McLaughlin, Kristy Dadurka, Dave Sieminski, Borough Manager Bonnie Arnone, Borough Mayor Andy Tuzinski, Police Chief Dan Hunsinger, Borough Secretary Michele Pascarella and DPW Supervisor Rick Kamus. There were 7 visitors in attendance.

Public Comments

Ann Schwartz from Susquehanna Avenue asked if Council asked the firm to meet with the residents for the Bike Trail, President Thomas Murray said that no meeting has been scheduled yet.

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:

- 3/15/2021 Council work session minutes
- March 2021 Code Office Report
- March 2021 Kingston Fire Chief Report
- March 2021 FF Fire Chief Report
- March 2021 Forty Fort Police Chief Report
- March 2021 Treasure's Report
- March 2021 Manager's Time Sheets
- March 2021 Tax Collector Report
- 2/16/2021 WWSA meeting minutes

Correspondence

- 3/23/2021 WVSA meeting minutes
- Denial letter for Sports Complex Master Plan Grant Application
- May 2021 Stormwater Updates

Motion was made by Phil Mertz and seconded by Cara Devine. All were in favor, motion passed.

Council Action Items

A motion was made by David Sieminski of payment of all bills as presented and seconded by Kristy Dadurka. All were in favor. Motion passed. Jeffrey McLaughlin abstained from payment of GBM.

A motion was made by Kristy Dadurka for the hiring of Angelo Lombardo, Olivia Orlando, Chris Schell, Zachary Konopke, Christian Mavus, Sophia Ginochetti, Hannah Kern and Kenley Golanoski as lifeguards for the 2021 pool season. The motion was seconded by Cara Devine. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Phil Mertz to accept Resolution 7 of 2021-LCFPA Intermunicipal Agreement. The motion was seconded by Frank Mazza. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to hire Edwin Weidow as part time police officer. The motion was seconded by Phil Mertz. On the question: Ms. Devine asked for some general information on the officer. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cara Devine to hire Suliman Ismail for part time DPW. The motion was seconded by David Sieminski. On the question: Ms. Devine asked for some general information on the employee. All were in favor. Motion passed.

New Business

River Street Bike Trail grant received for \$200,000.00- applied for a \$2 million grant, will have to scale back on the original budget. Resident Rich Gower of 306 River Street asked what does this grant entail? This includes the completion of bike and pedestrian sidewalks on River Street and the conduit for lighting.

Request for Proposal invitations sent to five consulting firms with proposals due 5/13/21. Deadline for proposal is 5/13/2021

Proposed Handicap swing for Park- this is funded by the fundraiser. There have been 2 purchases so far 1.) handicap swing and 2.) Backboards for the basketball court. The installation of the park cameras should start in approximately 2 weeks.

Old Business

Segment C Bike Trail Update

Atty. Finnegan update on miscellaneous items

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm by Cara Devine and seconded by Kristy Dadurka.

The next meeting will be a work session on Monday May 17, 2021 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Pascarella
Borough Secretary