

FORTY FORT BOROUGH

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The September work session of the Forty Fort Borough Council was held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at the Forty Fort Borough Bldg., 1271 Wyoming Ave., with President Jeff McLaughlin presiding.

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

Also present were Mayor Any Tuzinski, Mark Voyack from Quad 3 Group, Manager Barbara Fairchild & Secretary Bonnie Arnone.

Items discussed were as follows:

- Robert Cole, 76 Walnut St., Forty Fort stated that he would like to see more information disseminated to the residents regarding current events, etc.
- Dave Repshas, 135 Center St., Forty Fort stated that council should look at a solution for the budget deficit over a period of time and not just over one year.
- Brian Stahl, 21 E. Turner St., Forty Fort asked if council had made a decision as to the installation of a sewer main to his property due to the fact that there is none there now. He currently has a working septic system but since sewer work is being performed in this area now, it makes sense to install the line for his home at this time. He was told that our current sewer ordinance states that if a sewer line is available, the owner must hook into it. Mr. Stahl stated that since his current system is working fine, he does not wish to hook into the borough sewer system at this time. He will, however, be willing to pay the \$129.00 per year sewer fee despite the fact that he will not be hooked into it.
- Cheryl DeHaut, 398 River St., Forty Fort stated that she would like to see the borough purchase a new air conditioning system for the council chambers. At this time, Manager Barbara Fairchild announced that Forty Fort had been granted a gaming grant in the amount of \$31,000.00 and plans for new windows and a ductless air conditioning system will be purchased with this grant money. She further stated that as a member of the West Side Council of Governments (COG), we will be receiving approximately \$52,000.00 to purchase a new police cruiser. The COG has also been granted funds to purchase a bucket truck, leaf machine, roller & street sweeper all of which will be available for our borough to use.
- Bill Roche, 44 Center St., Forty Fort asked about the profits or losses for the pool. He was told that they pool was \$25,000.00 in the red for this year. He stated perhaps fees could be raised or fundraisers could be done. Mayor Tuzinski stated that he would like to have a Night at the Races event in the near future to raise funds for the pool.
- Dave Williams of BIU, the borough's 3rd party inspection agency, stated that due to illnesses in his office, there had been some delays in permits being received by Mericle Real Estate. He asked if anyone on council had received any complaints about this situation or anything else. He was told that there were no complaints about his company.
- Mark Voyack, Quad 3 Group, discussed the possibility of adding several areas in the borough 12 ft. & deeper to the current Sanitary Sewer project since the cost is still under budget.

- Discussion about the sewer lateral at a property on Murray St. that had been installed improperly many years ago which is now experiencing problems.
- An informal meeting will be held with members of the Forty Fort Fire Dept. members after which a letter will be sent from our solicitor to the head of their union to request a formal meeting.

Council adjourned the work session at 8:50 PM after which a Special Meeting of Council was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone
Secretary