

**FORTY FORT BOROUGH  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

The Forty Fort Borough council held a work session on Monday, September 16, 2024 at the Forty Fort Borough Bldg., 1271 Wyoming Ave., with President, Thomas J. Murray, III, presiding.

President Murray called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM, immediately following a special council meeting, with the following council members present: Phil Mertz, Frank Mazza, Cara Devine, David Sieminski, Kristy Dadurka & Sarah Michaels. Also present were Atty. Greg Skibitsky, Chief Dan Hunsinger, Code Officer Tom Craig, DPW Supervisor Rick Kamus & Borough Manager, Bonnie Arnone. Mayor Thomas was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Maureen Salley, 106 Center St., thanked everyone for the publicity the Fall Festival is getting. She also stated that she is willing to help with the committee that has been formed for the Forty Fort Pool.

**MINUTES AND REPORTS:**

The following minutes and reports were given to council for their review and will be voted on at the October council meeting:

8/19/24 Council work session minutes	9/3/24 Council meeting minutes
August 2024 Code Office Report	August 2024 Police Chief Report
August 2024 Kingston/Forty Fort Fire Chief Report	August 2024 Treasurer's Report
August 2024 Tax Collector Report	August 2024 Manager's Time Sheets

Council discussed a situation occurring on the alley off of Sunset Court that has a severe drainage problem. Despite the fact that the borough does not own the alley, which has been verified by title searches, council has authorized Mr. Kamus to have WVSA bring their VAC truck to the area to work on the drain to alleviate the problem. The homeowner who has asked for help with this alley, Tom Mertz, will be sent a letter stating that this action by the borough should in no way constitute dedication to the Borough.

Ms. Arnone spoke with council about the Borough's Web Site becoming ADA compliant. This offer has come through Course Vector stating that this ADA compliance will be mandatory in 2027 for all government websites. Council's consensus was that this should be done now while they are offering an introductory rate for the upgrade.

A meeting of the Quality-Of-Life Ordinance committee will once again convene on Monday, September 30, 2024 to re-visit items that Zoning Officer, Tom Craig, would like to have reconsidered.

An electronic recycling event will take place at the Sports Complex on Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 3-6 PM. Details will be published on the website and social media sites.

Atty. Skibitsky will view the proposed Dog Barking Ordinance once again and speak with Chief Hunsinger with any questions he may have.

The first budget meeting for the 2025 Borough budget will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM with the committee of Phil Mertz, Frank Mazza & Tom Murray attending. This meeting will be advertised.

Ms. Michaels thanked Atty. Skibitsky and Atty. Lars Anderson for their work over the last couple weeks on the lawsuit brought against the Borough and the Civil Service Commission by Tony Smith, Rob Swaback and Rob Craig.

Ms. Dadurka reported that she intends to hold more pool committee meetings and hopes that everyone who signed up for the committee will be in attendance.

Mr. Mazza thanked the officers of Forty Fort and all surrounding towns for the work that they do every day.

Chief Hunsinger thanked everyone for coming out to celebrate the officers who had received commendations for their life saving acts.

Mr. Craig stated that he looks forward to the QOL meeting.

Mr. Kamus reported that PENDOT has approved the HOP for the Speed Minders signs on Wyoming Ave. near Seminary. They will be installed later this week. The camera project at the park will begin next week.

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 6:47 by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Mazza.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone  
Borough Manager