

## FORTY FORT, PA

September 8, 2009

## Regular Meeting of Council

The regular meeting of Forty Fort Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at the Forty Fort Borough Building, 1271 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, with President Joseph Chacke presiding.

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

Also present were Mayor Boyd Hoats Jr., Solicitor Samuel A. Falcone and Borough Secretary/Coordinator Denise Syms. There were two (2) visitors present.

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

Invocation was 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 Hoats.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Yingst to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on August 3, 2009 and continued on August 17, 2009 as presented. Second by Mrs. Mascelli.

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 = 0

Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Mr. Williams to approve the minutes of the worksession of Council held on August 17, 2009 as presented. Second by Mr. Kamus.

Motion passed without dissent.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mrs. Syms read the following communications:

Luzerne County Solid Waste Management Department will conduct two separate tire recycling collection events during October 2009. The first is October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Butler Township Road Department in Drums and the second is October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hanover Area Junior Senior High School in Hanover Twp.

A letter from Penn DOT announcing that the Borough has qualified for a \$251.94 reimbursement for 2008/09 winter services.

A letter from Penn DOT announcing that the Borough reimbursement for 2009/10 winter services will be \$4,408.70.

RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS COMMENTS PETITIONS:

Attorney Angelo Terrana, on behalf of Ms. Nancy Medico owner of Sakari, addressed Council regarding removing the barrier at the end of Elizabeth Street that was placed and allowing through traffic for the customers of Sakari.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by Mr. Yingst to approve the Treasurer's Report of August 20, 2009 as presented. Second by Mr. Craig.

Motion passed without dissent.

ENGINEER:

Mr. David Yefko discussed that traffic studies will be conducted in the borough. He also stated that the inlet at 25 Bedford Street was installed today. Mr. Yefko gave updates to the status of Commerce Park and Welles Street projects.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Rick Mosley as part of his Boy Scout Eagle Scout project stenciled the storm drains throughout the borough promoting storm water awareness and that the inlets drain to the river. Rick was assisted by fellow boy scouts Charles Dieso III, Carmen Chiampi, and Alex Temple.

Motion in toto by Mr. Craig to accept the reports of the Mayor/Police Department, Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, and Shade Tree Commission. Second by Mr. Michaels.

Motion passed without dissent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

On the question, Mr. Craig asked about the glock purchased by a police officer for \$600. Mrs. Syms stated that Officer Eovitch purchased the service weapon using his uniform allowance.

Mr. Craig also asked about the cost of \$4,000 per month for health insurance for the two police officers.

Mr. Yingst stated that the taser was sent back and cost the Borough \$23.97 to ship it UPS. They can ship it from Bassler's for a lot less. The Mayor will make them aware of the option.

Motion passed without dissent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel matters at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Kamus to adjourn. Second by Mr. Craig.

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Syms  
Borough Secretary/Coordinator