
MINUTES

Call to Order: Mr. Porco

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor O'Malley

Roll Call: all present

Mr. Belmonte	Present	Mr. Porco	Present
Mr. Burleigh	Present	Mayor O'Malley	Present
Mr. Erbeltinger	Present	Janet Sullivan, Tax Collector	Present
Mr. Karas	Present	Blaine Lucas, Solicitor	Present
Mr. Tomasic	Present	David Gilliland, Engineer	Present
Ms. Wood	Present	Steven Morus, Manager	Present

President's Report: Mr. Porco

Mr. Porco reported on the following:

- Executive session held on Thursday, April 7; another will occur following tonight's meeting
- Office closed on Good Friday
- Clean Up day on April 30 coordinated by Steve Karas
- On May 15, the Rotary will hold a Chili Cook Off from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center
- Noted that the borough won a first place award for the borough's website from the PSAB and the Borough News and complimented Steve Morus on his work on the website

Mayor's Report: Mayor O'Malley

March 19 Represented Forest Hills at a rally to support the State Public Funding for Port Authority Transit

March 23 As part of the Mayor's Association support for Meals on Wheels, the mayor volunteered at the Forest Hills Recreation Center to help prepare and provide meals to the volunteers.

March 26 Attended a clean up at Mr. Tarr's property at 414 Braddock Road; he's the individual we are attempting to help get into compliance with the codes and regulations in Forest Hills

- March 26 Represented Forest Hills at a rally in Pittsburgh for “Jobs not War” to recognize that we as a nation are spending hundreds of millions of dollars on three separate wars, and as a result we seem to be short on funds for things like unemployment compensation, bus service, etc.
- March 26 Represented Forest Hills at the Pittsburgh Chapter’s ACLU Annual Award Meeting in Oakland where they were honoring individuals from Pittsburgh who have done an outstanding job of helping protect the US constitution
- March 28 Met with the Police Chief and the Public Safety Chair on issues concerning emergency management
- April 4 Attended a solidarity march in downtown Pittsburgh organized by the AFLCIO counsel expressing our right to organize and to be represented by unions which seems to be in doubt in about a dozen states in the US
- April 7 Attended a Leadership Pittsburgh luncheon here at Drew’s. There were about 8 20-30 something’s – the upcoming current and future leaders in the Allegheny County Areas, and they were interested in interviewing Forest Hills elected officials to find out how local government actually works
- April 14 Attended a joint meeting in Wilkins Township with about 5 or 6 municipalities where we are attempting to come up with a formula for getting joint shared services for the municipalities to help reduce the burden of the cost of operating government
- April 27 Attended a job fair as a Forest Hills representative to help unemployed get coordinated with the social service agencies that are still in existence and still have some funds so that these people can be made aware of assistance and support they can get

Mayor O’Malley recognized the 30th Anniversary of the Neighborhood Crime Resistance Committee with a proclamation.

Tax Collector’s Report:

Ms. Sullivan

Collections for the month of March were \$638,092. There were no penalties collected so that is also our year-to-date figure. Our budget is \$2,485,688, and that puts us at 26% of our budget for the end of March.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Williams

We continue to monitor traffic in the Cherry Valley Road area and Ardmore Boulevard Business district for speed and the stop sign at Fairfax Road and Roxbury. Officers continue to complete mandatory update training this year. We had a compliancy check by the PA Attorney General's office on criminal records management. Cubs from Pack 90 will continue to clean up the Ryan Glen Park. We received our new vests with the help of the Rotary Club, Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, some other entities and grant money. For the most part, everything was paid for with those funds.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Theilacker

Chief Theilacker reported on a recent fire on Ogden and noted that four of our firemen and one Wilkins Township fireman rescued a victim and got him out. We will recognize their work in May.

Woodland Hills EMS Report:

Adam Knight

No report

Solicitor's Report:

Blaine Lucas

Mr. Lucas reported on the following:

- Work with the Planning Commission on zoning updates and environmental impact statements
- Met with the architect of the Kliment Building re: parking issues with a new restaurant

Mr. Porco stated he thought that we had already agreed on a conditional use on the parking for that property.

Mr. Lucas said they've been approved as far as what the borough requires. Their concern is they really need more space, and what options they may have to do that on adjacent properties basically.

Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority Report:

Ms. Broz

Ms. Broz presented her report on authority activity. She mentioned that a letter was sent to the borough from the water authority explaining all about testing for bromides.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

At this time, citizens may address council on any issue appearing on today's agenda. Comments on non-agenda items will be taken at the end of tonight's meeting. Citizens are asked to use the microphone at the speaker's stand, clearly state their name and address for the record and keep comments brief and to the point (5 minutes or less). It would be helpful to spell the last name for the record.

Jim Busa, 471 Atlantic Avenue – He spoke about the ordinance regarding the sewage increase from \$3.00 per thousand to \$3.60 per thousand. He stated that's a significant increase – 20% more, and he wanted to know how we arrived at that number.

Mr. Erbeldinger stated that our sewer work is expensive, and this year alone we have a deficit in what we have to do and how much money we get in. That's why we have to raise the fee. Simply, it will go right into the sewer program.

Mr. Busa asked if the advertisement means the ordinance automatically gets passed.

Mr. Porco said we'll prepare the ordinance, and it will be talked about at the next meeting; it will be open for debate and public comment.

Mr. Busa said it seems like a significant increase and then you're going to tax us for the fire department. It really adds up at this point.

Mr. Busa asked about the move to amend the policy regarding placement of median signs on Ardmore Boulevard. He also stated that he thought the state regulated what goes on Ardmore Boulevard and that he didn't think you were allowed to put a sign up.

Ms. Wood stated that the current policy is that the Chair of Ops & Policies actually has to sign the applications someone puts in, and that temporary signs are allowed; for instance, a spaghetti dinner.

Committee Reports:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Belmonte

Motion: Move to approve a resolution approving the proposal from PennDOT for a \$500 payment to the borough for use of the median strip along Ardmore during reconstruction of the Electric Avenue viaduct and authorizing the borough manager to sign related paperwork.

Moved: Mr. Belmonte
Second: Mr. Erbeldinger

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Belmonte	Yes
Mr. Burleigh	Yes
Mr. Erbeldinger	Yes
Mr. Karas	Yes
Mr. Tomasic	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes
Mr. Porco	Yes

Motion: Move to ratify the decision of the committee to adjust the amount to be spent on the Filmore sidewalk and curb renovation to permit spending of the full budgeted amount of \$18,122 on the project with costs to include all engineering, material and labor required to complete the maximum amount of work possible not to exceed that amount.

Moved: Mr. Belmonte
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Belmonte	Yes
Mr. Burleigh	Yes
Mr. Erbeldinger	Yes
Mr. Karas	Yes
Mr. Tomasic	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes
Mr. Porco	Yes

Motion: Move to accept the bid of Victor Paving in the amount of \$265,770 for paving work as recommended by the borough engineer and to accept their bid for paving Perry St. and Concord Road should sufficient funds be available following the main paving project and as determined by council in its Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Mr. Belmonte
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Bids received and opened in public on Friday, April 15, 2011 include (all submitted appropriate bid bonds):

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid Total</u>	<u>Perry St</u>	<u>Concord Rd</u>
Victor Paving	\$265,770.00	\$8,695.50	\$6,068.00
El Grande Industries	\$279,278.50	\$8,882.50	\$6,585.50
A. Folino Asphalt	\$289,921.50	\$8,965.00	\$6,533.00
Derry Construction	\$323,345.70	\$10,367.50	\$7,244.65
Morgan Excavating	\$325,795.00	\$10,175.00	\$7,401.00

Mr. Tomasic - He'd like Windsor Avenue to be considered in terms of additional streets to for some reconstruction. We talked to Windsor Avenue residents last year; they had been complaining for several years. Last year, we mapped out an approximate cost of about \$7,500 and for whatever reason we never got to it. He would like to consider possibly substituting part of Windsor for either Perry Street or Concord Road to be determined in the future. He wanted to make that motion if we could get some follow up.

Mr. Porco stated that he didn't think he needed to make a motion and that it would be determined by the Committee of the Whole at a future meeting.

Mr. Tomasic said the reason he is questioning this particular motion is that it doesn't have that as a possibility on it. He'd like that to be included so that somebody can't come back and say that wasn't part of the original motion so we can't consider it; we have to redo the whole motion and setup in order to make it a consideration.

Mr. Porco stated that the motion could be affected to include Windsor as part of those streets to be considered.

Mr. Morus said Windsor would be done in-house and not by the contractor.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Belmonte	Yes
	Mr. Burleigh	Yes
	Mr. Erbeldinger	Yes
	Mr. Karas	Yes
	Mr. Tomasic	Yes
	Ms. Wood	Yes
	Mr. Porco	Yes

Motion: Move to accept the bid of Suit-Kote in the amount of \$24,015.00 for slurry seal work as recommended by the borough engineer with funds to come from the borough's liquid fuels budget.

Moved: Mr. Belmonte
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Note: Suit-Kote was the only bidder when bids were opened publicly on April 15, 2011 and submitted appropriate bid bond.

Mr. Porco asked is slurry seal work pertained to road work and what streets we were doing

Mr. Gilliland stated we're doing Centurion and Forest Ridge Drive. Those streets are badly cracked, and this is ¾" tar. It cures in about two hours, and it will seal the pavement and extend the life of the pavement for about 5-10 years.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Belmonte	Yes
	Mr. Burleigh	Yes
	Mr. Erbeldinger	Yes
	Mr. Karas	Yes
	Mr. Tomasic	Yes
	Ms. Wood	Yes
	Mr. Porco	Yes

General Report:

1. Members of this committee discussed the Yost Crosswalk with the engineer. The Mayor and the engineer are working together to determine the course of action that should be taken with the county on removing the mid-block crosswalk and directing pedestrian traffic to the crosswalk at Yost and Ardmore. (This issue was also discussed in the public safety committee).
2. The committee discussed with the engineer the continued review of the issue of the Filmore Road sewer line and resultant dye testing and review of water flow coming from the high school and other school buildings on the Greensburg Pike property.
3. The foreman reported that PennDOT will repaint crosswalks along the eastbound side of Ardmore as they complete road reconstruction there this year. He also noted that they will upgrade the handicapped ramps along Ardmore sidewalks in most locations. The borough's cost to upgrade their portion of these ramps is in excess of \$13,000 and is not budgeted. The engineer advises that the borough is not required to complete this work since it does not have the funds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Erbedinger

Motion: Move to approve payment of bills for the month of March in the following amounts:

General Fund Budget:	\$ 299,456.93
Corrective Action Budget:	\$ 185,682.71
Liquid Fuels:	\$ 18,424.84

Moved: Mr. Erbedinger
Second: Ms. Wood

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Belmonte	Yes
	Mr. Burleigh	Yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	Yes
	Mr. Karas	Yes
	Mr. Tomasic	Yes
	Ms. Wood	Yes
	Mr. Porco	Yes

Detail of Non-General Fund Items:

Corrective Action Budget:	Sanitary sewer consent decree work and engineering
Liquid Fuels:	Traffic signals, salt

Motion: Motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance that would increase the sewer fee from \$3.00 per thousand gallons of water used to \$3.60 per thousand gallons.

Moved: Mr. Erbeldinger
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance implementing a municipal services fee to fund payments on the fire truck and an annual payment to the volunteer fire department effective in 2012.

Moved: Mr. Erbeldinger
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Mr. Karas asked if there is an end date to this or if it was a yearly thing.

Mr. Tomasic stated that we have 11 years remaining on payment of the truck. That was the major thrust of this initially a couple of years ago when we started down this path.

Mr. Erbeldinger stated we would probably have to adjust this when the truck is paid down. We should actually think about adding something to reconsider the amount.

Mr. Porco stated that we can amend this at a later time. We have 10-11 more years of truck payments.

Voice Vote – all in favor

General Report:

1. The committee reviewed the impact of the police arbitration award on the borough's budget and the potential impact of hiring one or more part-time officers to supplement the current patrol staff.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Karas

Motion: Move to authorize the borough engineer with the assistance of the public works foreman to prepare and advertise specifications for replacement of the roof at the borough building.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Belmonte Yes
 Mr. Burleigh Yes
 Mr. Erbeldinger Yes
 Mr. Karas Yes
 Mr. Tomasic Yes
 Ms. Wood Yes
 Mr. Porco Yes

General Report:

1. Without objection, the committee authorizes the manager to list the following surplus items and/or damaged borough property for sale by sealed bid or for subsequent disposal either by posting at the borough building or via an internet auction site at the manager's discretion and as outlined in borough resolution 1057 governing disposal of surplus equipment.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Wooden rectangular tables	8
Plastic chairs	60
Book Shelf	1
Dishwasher	1
Large Westinghouse Sign	1
Metal Tubs	2
Metal Grill	1
Wooden/Metal Desks	3
Leather Chairs	8
19" TV	1
Wooden Podium	1
Presentation Board	1
Projector	2

2. The committee discussed work that must be done over the next several years to ensure the viability of the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Recreation Center Lodge. There are a number of heating, drainage and water issues in the building and especially the basement area that require attention.
3. The Hazard Mitigation Grant that Gateway Engineers completed involving the water runoff problem from the pool parking lot to the main park has been transferred to FEMA for funding consideration. The borough was advised to not begin any work or spend any funds until it is determined if this can be funded.
4. Estimates for repairs to or replacement of the roof at the district justice building amount to about \$16,400 with the cost of adding a pitched roof estimated to be triple that amount. The foreman is still attempting to get further quotes to assist the committee in determining a course of action.

5. Committee members reviewed outstanding capital item work that must be completed through the capital improvements plan and bond issue funding.
6. The committee asked that, without objection, approval be given for permission to allow dogs on leashes into the Avenue L parklet area.
7. The committee encourages all borough residents to volunteer to assist at Clean Up Day in the parks on Saturday, April 30 from 10 AM to Noon. Further information can be found posted at the borough building and on the borough's website at www.foresthillspa.org.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Tomasic

Motion: Move to move Chief Charles Williams from interim to Acting Emergency Management Coordinator.

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Ms. Wood

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance increasing fees for certain fines for violations as follows:

\$20 parking fine
\$75 for parking in a handicapped space

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to authorize the engineer to conduct a traffic study and the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance regarding the possible installation of stop signs on Avenue L at Second and on Glasgow at Fairview.

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Ms. Wood

Voice Vote – all in favor

General Report:

1. The Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments will sponsor a program for civil service commissions and other interested officials on changes to civil service rules on May 3 at 1 PM in Wilkins Township. The cost of the program will be split among communities in attendance. The COG will send an announcement that will be forwarded to our commission members and elected officials.
2. The manager will attend a University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics program on April 29 re: retention and recruitment of volunteer firefighters. The program announcement has been provided to the fire department as well.
3. The committee considered placement of stop signs at certain locations in the borough and will review further with the police chief before making a final determination.

OPERATIONS & POLICY

Ms. Wood

Motion: Move to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2011 council meeting.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Motion to approve the annual maintenance agreement with Software Systems for the Fundware accounting system at a cost of \$2,598.75.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Note: This is one of two annual agreements for the Fundware system with the second agreement for upgrades and support from Blackbaud, the company that owns the Fundware software, to come later this year. The above cost remains the same as it was in 2009 and 2010.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Belmonte	Yes
	Mr. Burleigh	Yes
	Mr. Erbelinger	Yes
	Mr. Karas	Yes
	Mr. Tomasic	Yes
	Ms. Wood	Yes
	Mr. Porco	Yes

Motion: Motion to approve an agreement with IT consultant Mike Shafer that will renew the current agreement at a cost of \$425/month, a \$25 increase, for agreed upon maintenance services plus \$100/hr for additional services.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Belmonte

Mr. Karas asked if other bids were solicited.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Belmonte	Yes
	Mr. Burleigh	Yes
	Mr. Erbeldinger	Yes
	Mr. Karas	Yes
	Mr. Tomasic	Yes
	Ms. Wood	Yes
	Mr. Porco	Yes

Motion: Move to authorize the manager to advertise a change in committee meeting dates in November, moving the Tuesday committees from November 8 to November 1 to avoid a conflict with Election Day.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to amend the policy regarding placement of median signs on Ardmore Blvd to allow the borough manager to approve those applications that are routine and regularly requested by borough organizations as outlined in the borough's policy on such signs.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to authorize the manager to advertise a strategic planning meeting on Saturday May 21, 2011 from 9 AM to Noon at the Borough Building.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Ms. Wood encouraged people to come. All of the information is on the front page of the website. If you can't make it to the meeting, please drop any comments at the office.

Mr. Porco wanted to switch the date because he'll be out of town on May 21st.

Motion amended to Saturday June 11 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon rather than May 21.

Mr. Belmonte seconded the amended motion.

Voice Vote – all in favor except Mr. Tomasic

Motion: Move to appoint Kevin Patterson of 1010 Braddock Road to the Recreation Board with a term to expire on February 28, 2014.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Voice Vote – all in favor

General Report:

1. The committee endorsed the PA State Association of Borough's educational program on long-term care and planning and encouraged the manager to allow for an education session for employees to be held within the next month during the workday. This program is at no cost to the borough. Employees would bear any subsequent insurance costs on their own should they wish to move beyond the educational session to actually enroll in a plan.
2. The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs has awarded Forest Hills first place in the Borough News Annual Municipal Website contest recognizing the boroughs site at www.foresthillspa.org.
3. Ben Hershman is a 17 year old student at Boyce Campus Middle College High School and former Forest Hills resident who is doing a 27 hour internship with the borough. The internship involves some minimal work and attendance at various meetings/functions during the day as well as working with an employee to better understand how local government works.
4. The committee reviewed the concerns of the public works department in installing signs in the business district on the new light poles on the westbound side of Ardmore Blvd. The brackets provided for the poles would interfere with signage placed on buildings or the parking lane should a delivery truck stop there. The department recommends drilling holes in the posts to mount the signs without the brackets, as some have been temporarily mounted using cable ties. Committee members request that the department's recommendation is followed without further objection from the remainder of council.

5. The committee recommends that, without objection, the borough provide a donation of \$60 to the Churchill Area Environmental Council to help fund the annual graduation award to a Woodland Hills High School student. This year's recipient is a Forest Hills resident, Alexander Neal of Lenox Avenue.
6. The committee hopes to encourage local businesses to again sponsor a light up night activity in the borough for the holiday season.
7. Council continues to organize planning for the 2019 borough centennial. Residents interested in joining the effort should contact the borough office to volunteer soon so that planning may begin.
8. The borough continues to seek applicants for vacancies on various boards and committees and encourages residents to volunteer. Information can be found on the borough website (www.foresthillspa.org) or by contacting the borough manager.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mr. Burleigh

Motion: Motion to amend the fee resolution to insert the following fees for the placement of PODS/Dumpsters on streets, sidewalks and driveways:

\$60 as initial fee

\$25 as a fee to extend the permit as outlined in the ordinance

Moved: Mr. Burleigh

Second: Mr. Tomasic

Ms. Wood asked if we were going to include bagsters in this as well.

Mr. Burleigh stated his neighbor used a bagster to clean out his basement, and it seems as though it was there about a week, but it was on his property and not on the street.

Mr. Morus mentioned that it had been brought up, but nothing had ever been done with it.

Ms. Wood wanted to amend the ordinance to include bagsters.

Mr. Porco stated the ordinance has already been approved, and that this was for the fees, but this doesn't preclude her from being able to go back and amend the ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Belmonte	Yes
	Mr. Burleigh	Yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	Yes
	Mr. Karas	Yes
	Mr. Tomasic	Yes
	Ms. Wood	Yes
	Mr. Porco	Yes

Motion: Motion to refreshen the previous approval of the Rite Aid Amended Land Development and Subdivision Plan for recording purposes.

Moved: Mr. Burleigh
Second: Mr. Karas

Blaine Lucas stated the plan was already approved in 2008 and is still valid. One condition of approval was The Planning Commission's recommendation that a sidewalk be installed along Yost. There were also some variances that were granted, and the plans have to be updated to include those items. Allegheny County's Planning Department policy is that if more than 90 days goes by they want to see a refreshed approval date.

Mr. Lucas stated the approval date was late 2008 and that is still a valid date. However, Allegheny County wants to see a more recent signature date on that and they require that there be a "refreshened" approval for signature purposes.

The Rite-Aid Representative stated that plans have been updated to include plans for the sidewalk and indicate your approval for the sidewalk. It has been approved by the county.

The other store would be closed down once we move into new facility and that the old facility would be returned to the landlord depending on the terms of the lease. If they have time they may sublet it. If not, it is returned to the landlord.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Belmonte	Yes
	Mr. Burleigh	Yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	Yes
	Mr. Karas	Yes
	Mr. Tomasic	Yes
	Ms. Wood	Yes
	Mr. Porco	Yes

General Report:

1. Code Officer Ron Willard presented a monthly report on citations and warnings that had been issued to the committee.

2. The borough manager continues to seek applicants to serve as alternate members of the borough's Zoning Hearing Board for terms to be determined and with council seeking to appoint 1 to 3 alternate members. Contact the borough office for more information.
3. The committee reviewed fence restrictions in the zoning ordinance with the borough solicitor.
4. Committee members noted that the planning commission is reviewing alternate language for environmental impact regulations and parking requirements as part of their overall review of zoning updates and will report a recommendation to council. A member of the commission has forwarded examples of each to all planning commission members for consideration and forwarded the same to council members in advance of their recommendations.

Old Business:

Mr. Karas had two items – The chief answered his first question regarding the speed trailers and if we kept records. Second, he'd like to put on Ops and Policy about extending service contracts with just one bid. Some decisions have been made with just one vendor involved without giving us more choices before we vote. That may be the best price and good service, but he just wanted to see some alternatives.

Mr. Porco requested we refer it back to the committee and discuss it at that point.

Mr. Porco - Professor David Miller will be helping us figure out how to leverage our resources/spending regarding regionalization of services. Forest Hills is hosting a meeting on Wednesday, June 1st from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Westinghouse Recreation Center; he encouraged as many council members as possible to attend.

Ms. Wood commented that the next meeting will be information brought by Professor Miller looking at what other boroughs have done as far as what they have shared, what that looks like, and what people have done in the past that has worked.

Mike Belmonte - For the first time in the history of the borough, we can hire part-time police officers, we're imposing a fee to pay for a fire truck that cost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars, and the 60 cent surcharge that Mr. Busa eluded to. This is just to give you an idea as to what we're trying to do here.

Mr. Porco stated that those are the things that keep council awake at night – how to continue to support these skyrocketing costs while minimizing the impact on our constituents who pay taxes and fees, etc., to live here. It's obviously a big challenge.

Reports from Speed Trailers

Mr. Karas

Office Copiers

Mr. Karas

Mr. Porco called attention to the regionalization meeting held in Wilkins and noted by the Mayor earlier in this meeting.

New Business:

None

Public Comment – Other Items

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Kay Blackburn, 101 Fall Run Road – She was representing the townhomes on Fall Run Road by the edge of the stream, and the erosion is so great that they had the condo association move the fence back two feet, and that side of the street is eroding. The borough did come out and take a look at it, and at some point, they put blocks up, but all that has washed down into the stream. She wanted to know if it could be fixed.

Mr. Porco asked the borough engineer take a look at that, determine if anything can be done and we'll discuss it at the Public Works Committee agenda on May 3rd. He couldn't promise that we'd have a solution identified, but we'll at least be better informed as to what's causing it and what possible solutions may be available.

Ms. Blackburn said she'll be attending the May 3rd meeting.

Joseph Ladik, 115 Ashley Court – Flivver status – He's a driver and was interested in knowing when the Flivver will be back.

Jim Thielacker said the new bus was ordered, and it's going to be a smaller vehicle (10 passengers instead of 14) and it will be ready by the end of May.

Tom Meshanko, 348 Barclay Avenue – Asked how long the white sign in the median indicating who sponsored the redevelopment is going to be there - the white sign that sticks out like a sore thumb.

Mr. Morus said it was approved by council.

Mr. Porco said council approved that sign, but he didn't know how long it had been approved to be there, and said he'd get back to him with an answer.

Mr. Morus said he didn't think there was a time limit on it when they approved it; it was open ended.

Marilyn Messina, 1401 Walnut Street, Edgewood – She's running for an at large seat on the school board.

Pat Aiello, 402 Cascade Road – She thanked Forest Hills residents regarding crime alert development and work, along with police chiefs and staff. She also thanked past council as well as the present council and Senator Costa for getting us grant money for the current Swiftreach program we are using.

Paul Caswell, 130 Cherry Valley Road – He thanked all for the lower speed limit on Cherry Valley and for police enforcement, and that there has been a significant change. He also commented on fines and asked for a higher fine (\$75) for parking in a handicapped space to allow older residents to have a place to park.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn or adjourn by acclamation

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Mr. Karas

Voice Vote – all in favor

- Next Scheduled Council Meeting: May 18, 2011
- Next Scheduled Committee Meetings (order to be determined): Tuesday, May 3, 2011 (Public Safety, Public Works, Borough Property, Operations & Policy) and, Thursday May 5, 2011 (Planning & Zoning, Finance, Committee of the Whole).