

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. Erbeldinger	Present	Janet Sullivan, Tax Collector	Present
Mr. Karas	Present	Steve Korbel, Solicitor	Present
Mr. Tomasic	Present	David Gilliland, Engineer	Present
Ms. Wood	Present	Steven Morus, Manager	Present

President's Report:

Mr. Porco

Mr. Porco noted recent activities including the July 4 Community Day, the CDC's ribbon cutting on July 6 for the new restaurant and the business district redevelopment, and the summer road paving program.

He also commented on the city sewer project noted in the paper today.

He noted that Aug 7 is National Night Out.

He noted a meeting with Gary Silversmith re: a potential brownfield redevelopment project at the old research center site.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor O'Malley

Mayor O'Malley presented a report of activities who indicated he will submit it in writing.

Tax Collector's Report:

Ms. Sullivan

Ms. Sullivan reported on June activities.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Williams

Chief Williams presented his monthly activity report including a summary of activities at Community Day and notes about National Night Out.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Theilacker

Chief Theilacker had no report

Woodland Hills EMS Report: Adam Knight

No report

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Korbel

Mr. Korbel had no report.

Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority Report: Ms. Broz

Ms. Broz reported on Authority activities including breaks on Castlegate and authority access to homes re: reporting changes.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

At this time, citizens may address council on any issue appearing on today's agenda. Only residents and taxpayers of the Borough of Forest Hills will be permitted to address council. Comments on non-agenda items will be taken at the end of tonight's meeting. Speakers will be permitted to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes. Groups of people will be required to designate a spokesperson to represent them before council who may speak for a maximum of 10 minutes. 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. Please spell the name for the record.

No comments

Committee Reports:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Belmonte

Motion: Move to approve resolution number 1122 acknowledging that the borough is aware of the July 2013 deadline for approval of a feasibility study for the sanitary sewer consent order.

Moved: Mr. Belmonte
Second: Mr. Tomasic

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: Move to approve the sale of a snow plow to Penn Township Motors in the amount of \$685.

Moved: Mr. Belmonte
Second: Mr. Erbedinger

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: Move to approve sale of truck 79, 1997 Ford Dump to Bella Construction in the amount of \$11,500.

Moved: Mr. Belmonte
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Mr. Tomasic noted a policy re: selling an old vehicle before we replace with a new one.

Mr. Erbedinger commented on the method we used to sell the truck.

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: Move to approve the sale of a surplus salt spreader to Elea Kalevitch in the amount of \$250.

Moved: Mr. Belmonte
Second: Mr. Burleigh

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: Move to add the following language to the Pavement Improvement Program policy as item 14:

14. In preparing specifications for bid and other pavement related reviews and estimates, the engineer should consider the following items for road improvement to improve safety:

- Crosswalks
- Sidewalks
- Speed humps
- Trees
- Lines
- Rumble strips
- Stamped crosswalks
- Stamped stop sign lines
- Line painting
- Lower speed limits
- Stop signs
- Slow signs, PEDS signs, bike signs
- Solid white lines to mimic sidewalks
- Flashers
- Cones / "yield to ped" signs in the street

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

General Report:

1. The borough engineer submitted the following report to the committee:

Forest Hills Borough
Engineer's Report for July, 2012

Public Works Committee

- A. Significant Deficiency Sewer Repairs – Liner Project
All work has been completed except for the 48” storm sewer liner in Cherry Valley. This project has been suspended pending a review of finances available.
 - B. 2012 Sewer work for the Consent Decree
The liner project has been awarded however a hold has been placed pending a review of finances available. We will be meeting with Manager Steven Morus in late July to review these two projects and examine the sewer budget.
 - C. 2012 Paving Project
Work will begin July 5. A question was raised as to whether we could ask for a discount since oil prices have dropped since this project was bid. In order for this to be a consideration, we would have had to include a clause in the contract whereby prices could be adjusted with changes in the “oil index”. This is the procedure PennDOT uses on its contracts. However we did not include the oil index option as all indications were that the price of oil would rise in the summer months which would have raised the cost of our project. If Council wishes, we can include this option in future contracts.
2. The committee will review project submissions for the 2013 Capital Improvements Plan.
 3. The foreman noted that plans are to begin work on a number of storm drains and catch basins this month.
 4. The above motions re: sale of equipment will allow those funds to be put toward the new truck and enable the borough’s lease to total \$50,000 plus interest (3.54%) over 5 years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Erbedinger

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

General Fund Budget:	\$234,190.80
Corrective Action Budget:	\$182,589.21
Liquid Fuels:	\$ 4,721.14
Capital Improvements Plan:	\$140,025.10
Road Improvement:	\$ 1,890.00
Fire	\$ 4,700.00

Moved: Mr. Erbedinger
Second: Mr. Burleigh

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:	ALCOSAN Bill, sewer billing, engineering
Liquid Fuels:	traffic signals, paving, air compressor (partial)
Capital Improvements:	VFD Roof and the following grant funded items: air conditioning/heating, doors, lighting/electric at rec lodge, air compressor, projector, computer update.
Road Improvement:	Tar
Fire	VFD proceeds from fire protection services fee

General Report:

1. The committee reviewed the mid-year budget report submitted by the manager along with cash flow information through June.
2. The committee reviewed the borough's tax exempt property valuation as presented by the County to provide a picture of the number of exempt properties in the borough.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Karas

Motion: Move to approve a resolution 1123 endorsing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant application in order to create an ADA compliant restroom in the fire department building.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Erbedinger

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to approve ordinance number 1027 modifying the regulations for firearms in borough parks and on borough property.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Ordinance title reads as follows (see key language change attached to this agenda):

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
CHAPTER 16 OF THE FOREST HILLS BOROUGH CODE OF
ORDINANCES, PART 1, PARKS AND RECREATION, AS
AMENDED, TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION,
USE OR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN ANY BOROUGH
PARK.

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: Move to approve the policy drafted by Mr. Karas and Mr. Tomasic concerning the management of clean fill at the wooded area behind the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Recreation Center Lodge on Barclay Ave. with attachments to include those documents submitted by Mr. Tomasic from PA DEP and a memo from the solicitor outlining the content of clean fill.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Mr. Belmonte thanked Mr. Tomasic and Mr. Karas for working on this. Mr. Tomasic and Mr. Karas thanked each other as well. Mr. Burleigh also expressed his appreciation.

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. The Committee reviewed the following report from the borough engineer:

A. Fire Dept Roof

This project has been completed with the exception of one piece of flashing which should be in place this week.

B. Westinghouse Rec. Center

Landscaping has been completed. Doors will be installed June 14 (moved to June 18). Heating and A/C has been completed. Quotes for two or three lamp posts will be obtained within a week to use the remaining grant funds.

C. CD 39 Projects

We have prepared and submitted Pre-Applications for Demolition (617 Barclay) and the Renovation of the bathrooms at the VFD building to make them handicapped accessible.

2. The committee discussed the need to enforce the no smoking ban at the pool and borough parks and methods for doing so. Pool staff should issue a reminder only and involve the police if necessary as suggested by the Chief rather than engaging in an argument with patrons who may wish to defy the regulation.
3. Members continued to review options for repair and/or replacement of the tennis courts.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Tomasic

Motion: Move to authorize the Chief of Police to purchase a new 2013 Ford Interceptor Utility Model K8A-AWD at a cost of no more than \$38,751 to replace car number 2.

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Mr. Karas

Discussed sale of old vehicle. It will either be sold to the VFD or traded in. VFD is interested in using the vehicle as a trade-in for a new vehicle, and as the price given for a trade-in is the same as it would be for selling the vehicle outright, it would work out the same.

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

General Report:

1. Chief Williams reported that total police overtime for June amounted to \$4,815 compared with \$16,301 from June 2011

OPERATIONS & POLICY

Ms. Wood

Motion: Move to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2012 special council meeting.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2012 council meeting.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to appoint Florence Biscaras of 8 Woodside Road to the Recreation Board with a term to expire on Feb. 28, 2014.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Erbedinger

Voice Vote – all in favor

General Report:

1. The borough continues to seek volunteers for the 2019 Centennial Committee. Please contact the office if interested.
2. The committee appreciates the efforts of Siobhan Nicklow in coordinating the third annual E-Waste collection day in the borough in cooperation with Goodwill of SW PA. Goodwill reports that 10,150 pounds of material was collected. The collection date in 2013 is scheduled for June 22.
3. Via the Committee of the Whole, members endorsed providing a small stipend of \$100/month to a webmaster assisting the manager in maintaining the borough website.
4. Also via the Committee of the Whole, members finalized a draft Mission and Vision statement as part of the strategic planning process and asked the manager to circulate it to various borough boards and department heads to review and offer comment.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mr. Burleigh

Motion: Move to approve a resolution endorsing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant application in order to demolish a building at 617 Barclay Ave.

Moved: Mr. Burleigh
Second: Ms. Wood

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to approve a resolution authorizing the demolition of blighted property in the borough at 617 Barclay Ave.

Moved: Mr. Burleigh
Second: Ms. Wood

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to approve ordinance number 1028 to change requirements for trash storage and placement.

Moved: Mr. Burleigh
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Ordinance title reads (see key language change attached to this agenda):

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
CHAPTER 20, PART 1 OF THE FOREST HILLS BOROUGH
CODE OF ORDINANCES, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING,
AS AMENDED, TO AMEND THE STANDARDS AND
REGULATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE.

Ms. Wood asked that Mr. Burleigh clarify what the ordinance does and Mr. Burleigh did so. Food waste being put out the night before trash pick-up is often attractive to nocturnal animals, which will raid the cans, knock them over and create a mess in the neighborhood.

The code inspector will have discretion re: whether the bags contain food waste.

Mr. Tomasic commented on animal issues in the summertime and the relative danger of various animals.

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. Members are reviewing the rental property inspection ordinance to determine if enforcement can be strengthened.
2. The committee reviewed the application for a variance for a sign for Roman Bistro and offered general council support for the sign and for an LED portion provided that it remains as steady or “non-moving” when lit.
3. The committee reviewed concerns for property at the old Westinghouse Research Center at the bottom of Ave F. West Street.

Old Business:

Mr. Belmonte noted the ribbon cutting ceremony and the CDC and expressed council's gratitude to that organization for working on this project.

New Business:

None

Public Comment – Other Items

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No comments

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn or adjourn by acclamation

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Mr. Belmonte

Voice Vote – all in favor

- Next Scheduled Council Meeting: August 15, 2012
- Next Scheduled Committee Meetings (order to be determined): Thursday, August 2, 2012 – Borough Property, Operations & Policy, Public Safety, Public Works.
Thursday, August 9, 2012 – Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole.

FIREARMS ORDINANCE KEY LANGUAGE:

SECTION 1. Section 16-104 of Chapter 16 of the Forest Hills Borough Code of Ordinances, Parks and Recreation, is amended as follows to insert the underlined text and delete the stricken text:

§16-104. Certain Acts Prohibited.

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I. To possess, use, carry or discharge any fireworks, explosives, or archery equipment ~~or firearms;~~

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N. To carry a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other lighted smoking device;

O. To unlawfully possess, use, carry or discharge any firearms.

TRASH ORDINANCE KEY LANGUAGE:

SECTION 1. Section 20-106 of Chapter 20 of the Forest Hills Borough Code of Ordinances, Solid Waste and Recycling, is amended as follows by inserting the underlined text and deleting the stricken text:

8. Garbage which is stored or placed in a disposable plastic bag or sack meeting the requirements specified in §20-105.3.D of this Part may be placed at curb side no earlier than 6 a.m., prevailing time, on the designated collection day. Municipal waste, including but not limited to garbage, garbage which is stored or placed in a disposable plastic bag or sack and refuse, which is placed in reusable approved ~~S~~storage containers which meet the requirements specified in §20-105.3.A-C of this Part and other properly wrapped or contained materials for collection may be placed at curb side no earlier than 6 p.m., prevailing time, on the day prior to the designated collection day, and must be removed from curb side to the usual storage place no later than 6 p.m., prevailing time, on the day of collection. All licensed haulers and haulers under contract with the Borough shall not be required to collect and remove such material if the container or other receptacle or packaging shall be so waterlogged, weak or otherwise insufficient as to break, rupture or split and spill its contents in the course of normal handling by the hauler. Said haulers shall not be required to collect and remove such material if it contains materials which are identified as source separated recyclable materials, lead acid batteries, agricultural waste, hazardous waste, construction demolition waste, paving materials, cement, stones, sand, dirt, sod, concrete, concrete washtubs, ashes, e.g., from wood or coal burning stoves, sewer pipe, automobile parts (except tires without wheels), flammable liquids and/or 55 gallon metal drums (except owned by the Borough). Placement for collection under this Part of materials identified as source separated recyclable materials shall be a violation of this Part.