

Call to Order:

Mr. Erbeldinger

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor O'Malley

Roll Call:

Mr. Burleigh	present	Mr. Erbeldinger	present
Mr. Karas	present	Mayor O'Malley	present
Mr. Kiley	absent	Janet Sullivan, Tax Collector	absent
Ms. Sowiski	present	Stephen Korbel, Solicitor	present
Mr. Tomasic	present	David Gilliland, Engineer	present
Ms. Wood	present	Steven Morus, Manager	present

President's Report:

Mr. Erbeldinger

Mr. Erbeldinger noted that the pool opened this weekend and announced an executive session following the meeting on a litigation issue.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor O'Malley

Mayor announced a back to school event for Woodland Hills on Sept. 23 and wanted to provide advance notice to members.

Tax Collector's Report:

Ms. Sullivan

No report

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Williams

Chief Williams provided a monthly activity report.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Theilacker

No report

Woodland Hills EMS Report:

Chief Morse

No report

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Korbel

No report

Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority Report:

Ms. Broz

Ms. Broz reported on Authority activity and discussed a water testing mix-up that requires notification of customers. They are looking to get money back from the testing company.

Ms. Wood arrived during this report.

Albert A. Pasquarelli, Waste Management – Recycling Incentive Program

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 offered

Committee Reports:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ms. Sowiski

Motion: Move to approve the bid of Victor Paving in the amount of \$244,835.95 for the 2014 paving program.

Note: See bid results below and accompanying engineer report; final work list may not include all streets shown.

Moved: Ms. Sowiski
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Burleigh	yes
	Mr. Karas	yes
	Ms. Sowiski	yes
	Mr. Tomasic	yes

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Burleigh	yes
	Mr. Karas	yes
	Ms. Sowiski	yes
	Mr. Tomasic	yes
	Ms. Wood	yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	yes

General Report:

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

Engineer's Report for May, 2014

Public Works Committee

A. 2013-14 Sewer Work for the Consent Decree

The contracts for the Trenchless and Conventional Excavation Sewer Project have been awarded. The conventional excavation contractor started work April 28. The liner contractor started with pre-lining TV inspection of the pipes on April 7. Liners have been ordered and will be installed within the next two weeks. Anticipates that one or both projects could be finished by the end of May.

B. 2013 Paving

This project has been completed, except for the line painting and stop bars which will be done in June after the re-sealcoating of Marion.

C. 2014 Paving

Bids were opened April 24 with the results shown on the attached sheet. Manager Morus has indicated funds are available in the amount of \$265,000 therefore the lowest base bid is over budget.

We have four streets in the contract that are to be paved with a leveling course, then seal-coated. I have compared the seal coat item in the low bid with the current Allegheny County contract with Suit Kote, which is a contract we can piggy-back onto as we did last year with Marion Avenue. Suit Kote's County price is \$3.00/SY compared to \$4.38/SY in the low bid. Therefore, we could save \$14,786.70 by deleting the seal coating from the low bid and piggy-backing on the County contract.

I have reviewed the list with Jim Theilacker. Together we recommend that Overdale Road (\$10,948.00) be deleted if necessary as it is in better condition than the other streets on the list and would reduce the base bid to within budget. Should the Committee or Council wish to add any of the Alternate streets, additional deletions would be required.

2. The committee reviewed the following update from 3 Rivers Wet Weather on sanitary/stormwater issues during the Committee of the Whole Meeting:

May 2014 Update:

EPA Region III has scheduled a meeting in Pittsburgh on the evening of Tuesday, June 17 to provide an update to the ALCOSAN service area municipalities. The meeting will focus on next steps for implementation of a regional wet weather plan by both ALCOSAN and the service area municipalities. In addition, they will discuss regionalization, flow control, source reduction and green stormwater infrastructure. ALCOSAN representatives and County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, as well as other invited local and state officials, will provide local perspective on the wet weather issue as we move toward the implementation of a regional wet weather plan.

Please mark your calendars and share this important meeting date with your supervisors/council representatives. We recognize the meeting may conflict with a few regularly scheduled municipal meetings, but it was the only viable date considering the number of EPA and county officials involved.

We will send out more details, including the location of the meeting, as soon as they are confirmed.

3. The foreman reported on work planned for May including the following tentative jobs (subject to change due to weather, emergencies, etc. and not including normal maintenance and Chalfant work):
 - Sanitary Sewer Work
 - Haul millings
 - Patch potholes
 - Tennis court prep – entry/security system
 - Prep ball fields for season
 - Repair Ave B steps
 - Sweep streets
 - Change stop signs
 - Prep pool for season and orient new employee
 - Clean up stump grindings and plant new trees
 - Repair lights at Westinghouse Rec Center
4. The committee discussed other improvements that will occur when the streets in the 2014 paving program are completed including new signs and other markings. Some of this will be done by the crew with funds coming from the Road Improvement budget.
5. Members in Committee of the Whole discussed the County's Stormwater Management Plan Draft, Phase 1, and PennDOT's meetings on the Parkway East corridor study.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Karas

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

General Fund Budget:	\$1,236,519.39
Corrective Action Budget:	\$ 2,371.14
Liquid Fuels	\$ 21,722.95
Fire Protection fee	\$ 17,425.47
Capital Improvements	\$ 147,658.50
Budget Reserve	\$ 1,500.00
Real Estate Tax Refunds	\$ 7,987.00

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Burleigh	yes
	Mr. Karas	yes
	Ms. Sowiski	yes
	Mr. Tomasic	yes
	Ms. Wood	yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	yes

Detail of Non-General Fund Items:

Corrective Action Budget:	Engineering costs
Capital Improvements	Leaf Collector (recycle grant)
Liquid Fuels:	Salt, anti-skid, traffic lights
Fire:	Worker's Compensation, utility costs
Budget Reserve	Hay wagons

General Report:

1. The manager provided a comparison of some major expense categories and illustrated the cost of each compared to the borough's millage rate.
2. Staff will begin compiling projects for the 2015 Capital Improvements plan this month. These will be submitted to appropriate committees in time for their July meetings.
3. The Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) has been repaid at an interest charge of \$2,491. Had we waited to pay the note at year end interest charges would have been \$10,000. We have consistently been able to repay the TAN early over the past 5 years, saving substantial interest costs. The committee asked that all review options for alternatives to securing a TAN each year including borrowing from another borough fund early in the year or perhaps billing for one or more utilities like trash at the end of the prior year to secure enough money that the borough would not need to borrow from a financial institution.

4. Members discussed the millage rate with a resident who was concerned about the 2013 assessment and appeals and the dollars in the escrow account containing any money from a tax windfall from last year's reassessment.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Karas

Motion: Move to approve Resolution No. 1143 amending the borough's 2014 fee resolution (no. 1138) to insert provision c-1 as shown:

Section 19. Parks and Recreation.

F. Tennis Court Utilization.

c.-1 Senior pass for Season
(must be 65 years of age on May 1) \$ 65.00

With the stipulation that the age limit of 65 years will be extended this year to anyone age 65 years of age or older as of the date the new courts officially open with a rebate provided to any qualifying senior who has already paid the full rate prior to this amendment's approval.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Burleigh yes
Mr. Karas yes
Ms. Sowiski yes
Mr. Tomasic yes
Ms. Wood yes
Mr. Erbedinger yes

Motion: Move to authorize a maximum of \$300 paid from the matching grant account in the 2014 Capital Improvements Plan to the volunteer group led by Becky Studer who will be painting and improving various benches and tables at borough parks as outlined in the list provided to the committee with the match from the group being the value of the labor offered at no cost.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Ms. Wood

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Burleigh yes
Mr. Karas yes
Ms. Sowiski yes
Mr. Tomasic yes
Ms. Wood yes
Mr. Erbedinger yes

Motion: Move to authorize replacement of 2 fences at the main park, one along the drive next to the garden and the second along the stream bank from the garden to the basketball courts at the following cost obtained from Safeguard Fence Co.:

Green fence – driveway	\$1,040.00
Galvanized fence – stream	\$3,491.25

With funds coming from the budget reserve account.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Burleigh	yes
	Mr. Karas	yes
	Ms. Sowiski	yes
	Mr. Tomasic	yes
	Ms. Wood	yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	yes

General Report:

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

Borough Property

A. Tennis Courts

Painting of the courts will be done within the next two weeks, weather permitting. The temperature must remain above 50 degrees overnight for the paint to properly cure.

Added info on the need to purchase a laptop computer which the rec. director will share with the rec lodge – funding to come from bond issue along with card system and fencing.

Mr. Gilliland updated all on the status of the work as of tonight.

B. Pool Lodge

The gas log installation is to begin April 29, 2014.

2. If the pool lodge gas log installation noted above is completed in a timely fashion, funds remaining from the grant paying for the work will be used to replace exhaust fans in the ceiling at the lodge. However, the grant expires soon and this must be done quickly to take advantage of remaining funds. The engineer will work with the public works foreman to secure the new fans.
3. In Committee of the Whole, members discussed the condition of the land at the corner of Ave A and Ave E and will continue this discussion at future meetings as to its use.

4. The solicitor will contact the county re: the magistrate's building and whether they will need to remain there beyond the lease expiration date, June 30, 2014. Mr. Korbel noted he has not received a response from the county to several calls he made. He suggests he should write a letter if council is OK. No objections to that suggestion.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Tomasic

Motion: Move to approve the following language inserted in the Civil Service Commission Regulations as recommended by the borough's Civil Service Commission and as prepared by the borough solicitor for personnel matters:

"Council may schedule a meeting with the individuals certified as eligible by the commission in order to assist in their evaluation of the merits and fitness of the candidates provided that each candidate is subject to the same process and that nothing in this process may be used to circumvent the preference afforded a veteran pursuant to applicable law."

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Ms. Sowiski

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Burleigh	yes
	Mr. Karas	yes
	Ms. Sowiski	yes
	Mr. Tomasic	yes
	Ms. Wood	yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	yes

Motion: Motion to adopt proposed written Determination and Notice of Denial of appeal under the Forest Hills Borough Police Pension Plan and to authorize President Erbedinger to sign and issue the same.

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Burleigh	yes
	Mr. Karas	yes
	Ms. Sowiski	yes
	Mr. Tomasic	yes
	Ms. Wood	yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	yes

General Report:

1. Members in Committee of the Whole asked the manager to contact Chalfant borough re: the police and public works contracts which expire at the end of

2014 with the proposal that the current agreements are extended for 3 years at the same rate of increase for cost of the respective services as in the existing contract (determined later by the manager to be 3.5%).

2. In Committee of the Whole, members asked the manager to contact Duquesne Light and submit an application for their pilot LED street light program to convert 10 lights along Ardmore Blvd. from high pressure sodium to LED.
3. Members reviewed a letter from Chief Keith Morse of the Woodland Hills EMS concerning interest in adding service to North Braddock Borough and indicated they have no objection to the proposal.

OPERATIONS & POLICY

Ms. Wood

Motion: Move to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2014 council meeting.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Karas

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to approve resolution no. 1144 supporting the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and calling upon Congress to support full funding for 2015.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Voice Vote – all in favor

Resolution title reads as follows:

Resolution of the Borough of Forest Hills, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, expressing its unwavering support of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and recognize the program's significant and unparalleled impact upon the communities in this County; and, further, calling upon the United States Senate and House of Representatives to support full funding of the CDBG formula grants at \$3.3 billion as well as full funding for other critically important affordable housing and community and economic development programs.

General Report:

1. The borough continues to seek volunteers for the 2019 Centennial Committee. A separate committee is important for planning, organization and fund raising purposes. Please contact the office if interested.

2. The borough continues to seek volunteers to serve on various boards and committees and asks interested residents to contact the manager at the borough office for further information.
3. In Committee of the Whole, members decided to remain in the CDBG program and support the resolution shown above.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mr. Burleigh

Motion: Move to appoint Danielle Leith, 409 Atlantic Ave., as an alternate to the zoning hearing board for a term that expires on February 28, 2017.

Moved: Mr. Burleigh
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Voice Vote – all in favor

General Report:

1. Members again discussed plans received to date including changes at Spee-D Mart and demolition at EPI.

Mr. Korbel updated all on a lot consolidation application from Spee-D Mart. It is not complete but is moving forward.

Old Business:

Mr. Tomasic got a final determination from PA Office of Open Records, and there is no further action to be taken on the subject of Swissvale providing us with fire protection. We got a letter in April from the Swissvale chief of their fire department and there never were any talks regarding Swissvale providing us with fire protection.

New Business:

The Boys Scouts asked if a sign could be placed mentioning all the businesses that contributed toward the snack bar. Council agreed it would be a nice gesture.

Public Comment – Other Items

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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.

Harry White, 438 Decatur Ave. – discussed the Park and Ride lot and is concerned about the condition of the lot and the small structure there as well as the condition of the EPI Building.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn or adjourn by acclamation

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Mr. Karas

Voice Vote

- Next Scheduled Council Meeting: June 18, 2014.
- Next Scheduled Committee Meetings (order to be determined): Tuesday, June 3, 2014 – Borough Property, Operations & Policy, Public Safety, Public Works.
Tuesday, June 10, 2014 – Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole.
Council may choose to meet as a whole on these dates and conduct business if necessary.