

Call to Order:

Mr. Erbeeldinger

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Porco

Roll Call:

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| Mr. Burleigh | present | Mr. Erbeeldinger | present |
| Mr. Karas | present | Mayor Porco | absent |
| Mr. Kiley | present | Janet Sullivan, Tax Collector | absent |
| Ms. Sowiski | present | Stephen Korbel, Solicitor | present |
| Mr. Tomasic | present | David Gilliland, Engineer | present |
| Ms. Wood | absent | Steven Morus, Manager | present |

President's Report:

Mr. Erbeeldinger

Mr. Erbeeldinger noted that there was an executive session at the end of committees on June 2nd involving personnel matters. Also, one is requested for tonight on litigation and personnel.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Porco

No report

Tax Collector's Report:

Ms. Sullivan

No report

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Williams

Chief Williams reported on monthly department activities. Noted several incidents of burglaries and offered suggestions for making the home look as if it is occupied. He reminded people to be vigilant about keeping lights on in the house, and encourages people to call if they see something.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Theilacker

No report

Woodland Hills EMS Report:

Chief Mastandrea

No report

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Korbel

No report but noted the litigation court number that will be discussed in executive session.

Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority Report:

Ms. Broz

Ms. Broz reported on authority activities and water breaks. The administration continues to review the letter sent by the borough suggesting changes.

Mr. Tomasic asked questions about recent repairs and repaving. He noted that the repairs are not attractive and that the authority should let the borough know so that we can combine efforts.

Proposed Bond Issue

Mike McCaig, Janney
Montgomery Scott

Mike McCaig of Janney Montgomery Scott, thanks Steve Morus for his assistance and noted that we maintained our AA rating with Standard and Poor's. That is a very, very strong rating for a borough in Western Pennsylvania. The last time you received that you should have felt good, and you should feel good again. The hard copy will come out, we will have a copy of that—it's only three or four pages long, you'll want to look at it because it says some really good things about the things we're doing here in the Borough of Forest Hills. A lot of work went into that. A lot of draft documents are being prepared by the attorneys and my office, so that we're in a position to move forward when you are ready to move forward. I am proposing a timeline that was put together; there are a couple meetings that we still have; there is an ordinance that needs to be passed, at a public meeting. We are proposing for that to occur on July 7nd. Prior to that we have a meeting on July 2nd and that would give you one more opportunity in addition to this evening to discuss the final amount you would want to borrow. July 2nd is the date that I would need to have the number you want to have deposited into a project fund. If that's the case, we can bring that ordinance before you for your consideration on July 7th. If that evening you would vote on it, that would lock the interest rates in; the payments, the structure, and we would need DCD approval and a closing would occur on August 12th. We are prepared to do that if you would like to proceed.

The handout that I just handed out is the same as what was sent for the last meeting. Rates have dropped incrementally. I did update it. Basically it's the same structure, the purpose of the bond issue would be to raise 3 million dollars to deposit into a project fund and cost of issuance. These numbers are close to final, we have bond insurance. All these costs are known at this point. This is what they should be. These are interest rates as of today. So you can see what they look like on page 2. On page 3 is what the new bond issue is going to look like. There is a small almost \$22,000 debt service payment in this current fiscal year. That's an option we can use it if the council will decide if we want to have that or not. Or we can postpone that into next fiscal year 2016 if council wants to. There is a minor cost of doing that, because you are postponing

interest for a short period of time. Everything else is really the same. The principal payment is very small until the old bond issue gets paid off. When the two pieces come together—they fit together like a jigsaw puzzle. Both bond issues if you add principal and interest payments so you have a one-time increase of debt service. Actually in fiscal year 2016 it gets you up to the new level and you go from there. The structure bond issue—the new bond issue goes out to 2033 the same as you seen before, and on page 5 is a summary of the whole thing. Does anyone have questions?

Mr. Tomasic asks if this is probably the best time for the Borough to borrow money at these rates?

Mr. McCaig responds to always be careful of someone telling you where interest rates are going because they don't know—nobody knows. However, that being said, most of the economists that I have been reading here lately, even today the Federal Reserve came out and said they are getting ready to raise the short term interest rates, which tells the world that there's a thought that the economy is starting to pick up a little bit. Rates right now are historically low.

Mr. Tomasic comments that if we were to make a modification, the rule of thumb I understand is to have a 10% overrun cost that's built into whatever you are going to do. When we do this building—this one has been here since 1920—so let's assume we are talking about a one hundred year building. We want to make sure we do it right. We need to get some input from our architect to make sure that we can talk about all the packages that we may be able to offer to the borough when we put this together, because there are some ideas about renting or out-rooms or combining and so on. So if we were to give you a different number. So if we went to three two, you could just plug those numbers in for us, and basically what we would want to know is how that would change the payment schedule on an annual basis. So if we went to 3-1 that we'd all have to know before we decided to change it from 3 what that increase would be. We have some different irons in the fire. This building, next door, we also have a parking lot that we're making \$18,000 a year on, which was just recently paved, which we could sell and bank that money and use it to make sure we could afford any differences. I just want to know that you would be able to give us a quick number on the increase that it would incur for the borough.

Mr. McCaig responds that for example let's just say 3.2. I will have that for your next meeting for your consideration. Turn to page five and I can kind of show you what it will look like. Basically look in 2032, you can see where the principle is \$460,000 and then it drops to \$115,000 and as a result the debt service drops down. If you were to add \$200,000 to the borrowing the way the wrap would work is we would add \$200,000 to that last maturity. And so it really wouldn't affect the principle and the repayment wouldn't affect all the payments, you would be basically paying interest. So \$200,000 at somewhere between 3 and 4%, let's say 4% it would raise it probably about \$8,000 a year.

Mr. Tomasic comments that it is a good number to have. That's a ballpark \$200,000 at 4%, we are looking at \$8,000 added on per year.

Mr. McCaig and you are still going to be at 33 which means you've got, 18 year borrowing for a building theoretically borrowed for 30 years. So the term of your borrowing versus the useful life of the asset that you are financing is way like this. So you are still OK there. You don't have this but in the report from Standard and Poor's it does mention that your level of debt is more than manageable. So I think you have room, looking from a third party, that the borough's financial situation. This is the time to do it. You're going to want to put it in with this borrowing. The worst thing that could happen is that in a couple, two or three years, you give me a call or you tell Steve we need \$200,000 or we need \$400,000 and you have to go out and get that money by itself. That's expensive money.

Mr. Tomasic comments that we don't plan on leaving this property vacated. We are hoping to sell both of these lots, and with let's just assume \$500,000, so we would have that in reserve or we could plan on using that somehow to pay down this debt service, as we go on an annual basis. Even though the interest rates do go up, we can invest the money, we can ladder it, in different investments and that comes in, \$500,000, it might easily pay off that 4%.

Mr. Erbeldinger comments that unlike a normal mortgage--most mortgages you don't have a prepayment penalty, is this kind of bond you can't prepay? Like if you get \$500,000 you couldn't just pay into it.

Mr. McCaig responds that bonds in Pennsylvania have a 5-year optional redemption a five year call at the borough's option. So after 5 years the bond issue can be paid without any penalty on 30 days notice.

Mr. Erbeldinger asks completely or partial, and Mr. McCaig responds either case would apply.

Mr. Erbeldinger comments that if we could do something else with that money, but we if we want to we could put that money in five years and lower our costs.

Mr. Morus, asks that if you were to change the time period beyond 2033, is there any advantage to doing that, does it make sense to have it in that time frame for repayment?

Mr. McCaig answers that the only advantage would be the debt service would be higher up front and then you would have a drop down, it would step down. And say for example you just wanted to do a 20 or 25 year level of borrowing. So rather than having to come up the \$114,000 next year, it could potentially be a lot larger number, it might put you in a better position, if you had another borrowing in 15 or 20 years. But if you take it out longer it's a crossover, then you're going to have more interest costs if you take it out for 20 or 25 years. But you might be paying a little more principle a little sooner and you might end up in the same place you were before. This is a good wrap candidate.

Steve Morus says he just wanted to make sure they were aware of the options. A couple other questions I have for council: Input from architects needed--Do you want me to contact Mr. Pfaffman? Is somebody else going to contact Mr. Pfaffman? Mr. Erbeldinger responds that Mr. Morus should contact Mr. Pfaffman. And also July 2nd

Mr. McCaig is saying that we need to set an amount there. That is typically a four committee night, which is not a problem necessarily and I assume we'll put that under Borough Property, I assume when I do my memo I will mention that it will be discussed so that anyone who is normally isn't there would want to be present. That would make the most sense to put it under borough property. Mike or Steve, is there any special wording-- we have to advertise July 7th as a meeting – the advertisement we did once before is not sufficient because we're considering bond. Do we need to advertise that with any kind of particular wording? Is it something I can do, or something someone else will do?

Mr. McCaig responds that bond council advertises the July 7th meeting. Mr. Morus comments that we also have to have Mr. Cambest then take care of advertising the ordinance. I don't know who's been in touch with him, do you want me to be in touch with him, is that something our solicitor needs to do? Mr. McCaig responds that bond council will be in touch with him. So we are going to do two things—advertise July 7th. There is a motion on the agenda tonight to do that for bond issue funding and for any other business that may come before council. I'd rather have that added to it if that's OK, just in case. Mr. Cambest will also be authorized with a motion tonight to do the ordinance and advertise both things.

Mr. Erbeldinger comments that it was mentioned that the closing would be 8-12; I will be out of the country on 8-12. I am gone first two weeks in August—I just wanted to let you know in case you need my signature for that. Mr. McCaig asks if the vice president substitute? It's probably easier for the vice president to sign.

Mr. Morus asks if Mr. McCaig will be here on the second and the seventh? Mr. McCaig says he will absolutely be there on the 7th. We're going to walk through all the particulars, with the final numbers.

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.

Committee Reports:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ms. Sowiski

General Report:

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

Public Works Committee

A. 2015 Sewer Significant Deficiency Repairs

The Trenchless project is 95% of the work complete. The Conventional Dig Project is 90% complete. Work is progressing smoothly as weather permits.

B. 2015 Street Paving

Victor Paving will be starting work June 13, 2015 with the Park & Ride lot (which is being done on a Saturday). All work will be completed within two weeks thereafter.

2. The committee reviewed the following update from 3 Rivers Wet Weather on sanitary/stormwater issues:

The following is a link for a document that we learned about at the PA DEP training in March—"Draft MS4 Requirements Table"—which has specific requirements for MS4s during the next permit term relating to the remediation of impaired streams and rivers.

The draft permit is also now available for your review, although the public comment period has not officially begun. Note the appendices at the end that list the requirements for the permit, based on the types of impairment. As written, the draft permit requires municipalities to develop inventories, investigations, and control/elimination of the sources of impairment.

Both of these documents will have significant impacts on how municipalities manage stormwater and wastewater going forward, and we wanted you to be aware of them.

3. The foreman reported on tentative work planned for June (other than normal maintenance work and Chalfant work and depending on weather):

- Repair pole lights – Ardmore
- Change various signs throughout the borough
- Rebuild storm sewer inlets, various roads
- Sweep all streets
- Turn leaves at Compost Site
- Stump grinding – clean up and replant grass areas
- Place new mulch around playground equipment in all parks except Main Park (will be done with grant)
- Patch roads

The foreman also noted:

- The borough's street sweeper is out of service undergoing repairs.
- The sewer vactor truck, jointly owned with Wilkins Township, is also out of service undergoing repairs in Wilkins.
- He contacted the county re: their installation of an incorrect street sign at Ardmore and Braddock (labeled "Wilkins").

4. The committee asked that Bob Zischau of Glenn Engineering review a letter from the Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority re: green infrastructure as part of the ALCOSAN sanitary sewer consent order and report back to the committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Karas

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

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| General Fund Budget: | \$ 234,123.42 |
| Corrective Action Budget: | \$ 6,750.51 |
| Fire Protection fee | \$ 6,895.55 |
| Capital Improvements | \$ 31,871.80 |

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Tomasic

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

Detail of Non-General Fund Items:

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| Corrective Action Budget: | Engineering, sewer bill refunds |
| Fire: | VFD bill reimbursement; utility bills |
| Capital Improvements | New truck payment; ice machine repairs; electrical work at pool; Industrial Sites Reuse Grant reimbursement to state |

Motion: Move to authorize the borough's bond counsel to prepare and advertise an ordinance for purposes of establishing a new bond issue.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to authorize advertisement of a special meeting of council to be held on July 7, 2015 at 7 PM to consider the new bond issue and any other business which may come before council at that time.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Kiley

Voice Vote – all in favor

General Report:

1. The manager noted that staff is currently working on projects for the 2016 Capital Improvements Plan. Members with an interest in submitting a new project or continuing an existing project should submit information to the manager by June 22.
2. The report from the state's pension auditor has been received and is available from the manager or treasurer for review. Two findings were noted but neither requires any action by the borough as one will result in the receipt of additional state aid and the second will be rectified by the new valuation calculated by the borough's actuary.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Kiley

Motion: Move to authorize the solicitor to record a restrictive covenant to prevent the development of certain borough property.

Moved: Mr. Kiley
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Mr. Erbedinger asks Mr. Korbelt to clarify this for the audience.

Mr. Korbelt comments that this is the issue that we started to tackle at the beginning of the year that emanated from Mr. Karas to eliminate the ability of the borough and or third parties to develop borough parks or other green space in the borough. So we've undertaken a comprehensive review of borough deeds etc., and are recommending that we file a single restrictive covenant that lists all block and lot numbers that are applicable to those parcels and with this are requesting this authorization from council to proceed with that filing with the department of real estate.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Burleigh | yes |
| Mr. Karas | yes |
| Mr. Kiley | yes |
| Ms. Sowiski | yes |
| Mr. Tomasic | yes |
| Mr. Erbedinger | yes |

Motion: Move to authorize the engineer to perform a feasibility study for a dog park at the Forest Hills Main Park at a cost not to exceed \$825.

Moved: Mr. Kiley
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Motion to Table from Mr. Karas, second by Mr. Kiley – vote on motion

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| Roll Call Vote: | Mr. Burleigh | no |
| | Mr. Karas | yes |
| | Mr. Kiley | yes |
| | Ms. Sowiski | yes |
| | Mr. Tomasic | no |
| | Mr. Erbedinger | no |

Motion to table fails; discussion resumes on the original motion.

Mr. Karas comments that the one issue is the cost for the location that they selected. There are several fairly large trees in that area that I think would have to come down. And from working in the past with Ted and Tree and Shrub, that has been a sensitive area. Second one is that they made it pretty clear that they did not want non-borough residents at the dog park. If I understand correctly, that when you accept state grants, which we have accepted several for the main park, for that project then you cannot make that restriction. People that live outside the borough would be able to use that area. I know we have discussed this in the past—can we ask to see people drivers licenses or proof of residency, and the answer has always been no because we have accepted several state grants to construct and maintain of the park. The other concern is parking in that area. If there's soccer, swimming, a potential lodge rental, we've lost EPI Building parking, which people kind of did on their own. There is very limited parking. Opening the area up inside just for walking dogs is something we all agreed upon, but I don't see how if we put something else in that area, it's just all going to fit. Those are my concerns.

Mr. Erbedinger comments that they talked at committee about these concerns. The First one was there was no desire of the dog park people to restrict access to just Forest Hills residents. We at the committee agreed we want to keep it open. If we get run over by 50 dog people every day, if we think it's a problem that we will think about it secondarily. The second thing was trees—we all agreed we don't want to cut down big trees, we just want to cut down maybe partial to clear the area a little. No big trees will be touched—it will be kind of like a wooded dog park, not like an open lawn. The third is parking. I do like swimming, soccer, I do all those kind of activities so I know parking issues. Soccer is in the morning, and that doesn't really overlap the swimming. The swimming is mainly after 12 anyway. So if you look at the pool. I think that the whole parking area is used really on weekends and not very often. Mr. Karas agrees that there is no overlap with the parking, and wouldn't present any problems for other activities. Mr. Erbedinger believes it would not be any bigger burden on parking.

Mr. Tomasic comments that first of all we are not going to vote to cut any trees down. We are talking about clearing the area, you are talking about scrub, brush, etc. This is the way I understand this, it is going to be a place to leave your dog off the leash. It's not going to be that big, so not many dogs will be able to get in there. I've spoken to some people who go to other dog parks—in Penn Hills, Monroeville, and Frick Park. I understand why people would want to come up here for a dog park because you have to walk almost more than a half mile to get to the one in Frick Park.

They also have one in Penn Hills off of Jefferson Road. People I've talked to who go to dog parks say if they go and if there are too many people there, they just turn around and leave. These aren't going to be that big to start with. I've never heard anybody saying at any of these meetings and I don't know, but no one ever brought up the comment that this was supposed to be a Forest Hills residents only thing.

Mr. Karas comments that he has heard people say that they are leery of building a dog park that anyone would be welcome to. However, I believe we are constrained. We can't simply, regardless of what people say they want we can't...

Mr. Tomasic comments that we have a main park that anyone can go in. So, the pool is different—that's restricted. But the main park isn't. I am not going to vote for any dog park regardless of where it is if it's restricted. The reason I like this area is because I do not want to get into conflict with people in neighborhoods, such as Koch Park where you would have the traffic going in and out of that area. And then you also have the residents—I don't want to get into a battle. The Main Park we know the clientele down there, we know we have the kids down there, we know we have it filled with soccer, and the people with the pool, people having parties down there. I think we should move forward with this here because that's what we told the people who came here and did the presentation.

Mr. Karas says the final thing to consider here is that at this point we are not talking about authorizing the building of the park, we not talking about paying for the park, we are talking about figuring out whether it's feasible to put it there. I feel like having it in The Main Park is the reasonable thing to do based on my understanding and having looked at the area. To be able to answer the question more thoroughly, I think we need to have Mr. Gilliland to actually look into it and come back to us with facts so that we are not just guessing. So I am strongly inclined to authorize him do this.

Mr. Erbeldinger comments: I have one more comment about overcrowding. If it becomes a problem, we could always restrict it to not more than say 15 dogs at a time.

Mr. Karas comments that we have three other level clear areas that he feels would suit the dog park location better.

Vote on Mr. Kiley's motion:

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| Roll Call Vote: | Mr. Burleigh | yes |
| | Mr. Karas | no |
| | Mr. Kiley | yes |
| | Ms. Sowiski | yes |
| | Mr. Tomasic | yes |
| | Mr. Erbeldinger | yes |

Motion: Move to hire Allstate Surveying and Mapping Company to provide surveys of the borough and magistrate building properties (lot and block numbers: 300-H-60, 300-H-65, and 300-H-71) at a cost of \$1,185.

Moved: Mr. Kiley
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Mr. Tomasic thanks Mr. Korbel for checking this out for us. There was a major discrepancy in terms of the the bids we got—this seems to be a very appropriate cost based on what we need.

Mr. Erbedinger asks Mr. Korbel to explain.

Mr. Korbel comments that is a bid to have a survey performed of the lot on where the borough building is located, the Magistrate's office is located and a thin rectangular piece of land that is located behind the Magistrate's lot. We want that to be available to any prospective purchasers of that property.as well as to be available when we actually subdivide the magistrate's lot because the fire department building is encroaching upon the magistrate's lot and we are going to subdivide and consolidate the small rectangular lot and combine that into the bigger piece into where the Fire Department is located later on this summer once we get the survey done and can start that process with Mr. Gilliland's assistance.

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

General Report:

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

Borough Property

A. Tennis Courts

The damage done by vandals has been repaired. The rust stain marks have not been repaired yet but will be very soon.

B. Main Park GTRP Grant Project

Work will begin the week of June 8 and should be substantially completed by July 4, 2015.

2. The foreman noted that the pool may be delayed opening for the 2016 season because it will require repainting the full pool surface in May. Weather will be critical in completing the job and it could delay opening the pool until after the 2016 Memorial Day weekend depending on the temperature and amount of rain. The Tree City Times will carry a reminder on this in 2016.

3. Members briefly discussed a proposed dog park with the tentative preferred site at the Main Park along Braddock Road. The engineer will review and discuss the feasibility at a future meeting.
4. Recreation Board members are attempting to secure a waiver that would allow the borough's traditional January tree burning ceremony to continue despite changes in burning permit requirements in the County.
5. In Committee of the Whole, members reviewed quotes from 2 surveyors who propose to handle surveying of the borough building property and the magistrate building property.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Tomasic

Motion: Move to approve the policy on body cameras as drafted by the Police Chief and solicitor.

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Ms. Sowiski

Mr. Karas asks if we have purchased body cameras, and Mr. Erbedinger Responds that no, we are just approving the policy regarding them.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. Burleigh | yes |
| Mr. Karas | yes |
| Mr. Kiley | yes |
| Ms. Sowiski | yes |
| Mr. Tomasic | yes |
| Mr. Erbedinger | yes |

Mr. Tomasic comments that the mayor was big proponent of the body cameras, he pushed quite a bit, and he agrees that it is a benefit to the police department and the borough.

General Report:

1. Members discussed a suggestion that would make Circuit Lane one way but were hesitant to make any changes without input from residents.
2. The committee reviewed a complaint with the Chief from a resident re: several parking citations she received for parking on Sumner near Ardmore. The Chief reported that she was not singled out and that others had received similar citations. Part of the problem was that her license information was outdated and did not reflect that she was a resident.

3. The borough is considering installation of security cameras in several parks and the pool area.
4. Members asked the manager to contact PennDOT re: a request received from them on the possibility of installing an audible crossing signal on Ardmore at Braddock. The borough asked that PennDOT review and consider this for their list of upcoming projects.
5. In Committee of the Whole, members authorized the manager to have the foreman order signs for the park and ride lot at Avenue B that restrict trucks from entering and/or parking there and to have the police enforce that restriction.

OPERATIONS & POLICY

Mr. Karas

Motion: Move to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2015 council meeting.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Voice Vote – all in favor

Motion: Move to approve the Municipal Benefit Services Joinder Agreement which outlines the health care benefits provided to the borough and authorize the council president to sign.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Kiley

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

Motion: Motion to approve resolution number 1156 directing and authorizing the proper borough officials to dispose of municipal records pursuant to ordinance 723 and as directed by the authority contained in the PA Municipal Records Act.

Moved: Mr. Karas
Second: Mr. Kiley

Voice Vote – all in favor

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. The centennial celebration tentatively will coincide with the 2019 Community Day event.
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. A number of vacancies remain.
3. The committee asked the solicitor to review borough ordinances re: use of fire pits but then dropped the suggestion as probably unnecessary based on conversations with the Police Chief.
4. Members are reviewing a proposal to install small signs in the Ardmore median at the various gardens, recognizing the contribution of the Garden Club and/or the Late Bloomers Garden Club.
5. The manager is reviewing a federal recycling grant to determine if the borough is eligible to receive funds.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mr. Burleigh

General Report:

1. Members reviewed code enforcement activities with code officer Don Branzel and briefly discussed the status of the Silversmith property.
2. In Committee of the Whole, members discussed a pending zoning ordinance amendment incorporating a number of minor changes that will be considered sometime this year.
3. The solicitor reported on actions taken regarding the condition of the EPI Building and fence at Ardmore and Braddock.
4. Representatives from the Green Building Alliance met with council in Committee of the Whole to discuss construction of a new municipal building with environmentally appropriate features.

Old Business:

Pitt Make a Difference Day, Sat. Oct. 24

Mr. Karas

Mr. Tomasic comments per that fence, you know that you can't park in the EPI Building lot anymore. But anyone who is parked up in the church lot, either upper or lower, rest

assured that you will be able to walk along the Boulevard inside the borough right-of-way to get down to the crosswalk to get to the park for Community Day on the Fourth of July.

New Business:

Mr. Karas commented that he has a professional opportunity coming up which may require him to be out of the borough for extended periods of time. I will talk to Patty and Jack potentially about coming on early. I may have to potentially need to resign before the end of the year, if my time becomes an issue. I just wanted to say that publicly and I'll talk to those guys, and they are not interested in coming on early, or can't then I will figure something out.

Mr. Erbeldinger inquires where Mr. Karas may be going, and he responds that he is going to Australia. Mr. Karas comments that it would be a long commute.

Mr. Korbelt comments that Mr. Karas could continue to participate electronically. Mr. Karas comments that his participation would then actually be the following day.

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At this time citizens may address council on any issue. Only residents and taxpayers of the Borough of Forest Hills will be permitted to address council. 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.

Linda Mallick, 16 Demmer Ave – she also has a property at 214 Lenox Ave. which has a borough tree in the unmaintained borough right-of-way. She has talked to Jim Theilacker about it, – discussed borough tree removal. There are ants in the borough tree, which are getting into her house. The tree is in an unmaintained easement. They are eating away at her house and she wants the borough to remove it as it's a borough tree. She wants the borough to pay for it. She asks what council suggests she do.

Mr. Tomasic comments that he is not sure if it would fit your situation, but borough policy has been modified that up to three people in a year can come to council and ask that they remove a borough tree at the resident's cost. Ms. Mallick does not want it to be at her cost. Mr. Morus tells her that she has to go to the Tree & Shrub Committee about the tree—a letter would suffice, she doesn't have to be there in person. They meet once a month, usually the second Wednesday of the month. Ms. Mallick says the second issue on that same borough easement, there is a wall that is holding up part of her yard, part of her neighbor's yard which is falling down. She talked to Jim Theilacker, who put a camera down and saw that the sewer is not collapsing. She asked about their yards and the wall and Mr. Korbelt responded that that is private property.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn or adjourn by acclamation

Moved: Mr. Kiley
Second: Ms. Sowiski

Voice Vote – all in favor

- Next Scheduled Council Meeting: July 15, 2015 beginning at 7 PM.; special meeting may be held on July 7 at 7 PM if approved tonight.
- Next Scheduled Committee Meetings (order to be determined): Thursday, July 2, 2015 – Borough Property, Operations & Policy, Public Safety, Public Works.
Tuesday, July 7, 2015 – Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole.
Council may choose to meet as a whole on these dates and conduct business if necessary. Meetings begin at 7 PM.