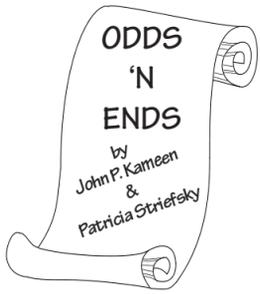


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Jack Glinsky, a long time subscriber, called to tell us how much he enjoys our newspaper every week. He also wanted to tell the Brennan boys that Glinsky is still looking for Wembush. They will know what he means!

There was a change in venue at this year's Our Taste of the Town. It had previously been held at The Grand Hotel but this year the Greater Carbon-dale Chamber of Commerce decided to hold the event at the new Anthracite Center on Main Street. Delectable fare was served by area restaurants and beer and wine samples were served by area wineries and breweries. This is always a fun event for the surrounding area and this year was no exception.

The Browndale Fire Company sold out at its chicken BBQ held on Sunday, November 12. The fire company spends several days preparing the fixins for this BBQ which is always delicious.

Frank Nardone treated the merchants of Forest City to a delicious lunch at the Forest City Area Historical Society on Friday, November 10. Nardone served up sausage and peppers, ziti, meatballs, chicken, and soup. Thank you Frank for providing this lunch to the merchants free of charge.

Pleasant Mount Native shot in line of duty

Pleasant Mount native Cpl. Seth Kelly, 39, was critically injured by gunfire on Tuesday, November 7 during a traffic stop in Northampton County, PA. State Trooper Kelly was shot when the traffic stop turned into a gunfight along the side of State Route 33 near State Route 191 in Plainfield Township. Cpl. Kelly, 39, was hospitalized in critical but stable condition.

Kelly, a 13-year veteran of the State Police, suffered wounds to his neck, shoulder area and leg. He was hit at least three times but used a police-issued tourniquet to stop the bleeding from one of his wounds. He was airlifted to St. Luke's University Hospital in Bethlehem.

The suspect, 22-year-old Daniel Khalil Clary, is charged with two counts of attempted murder of a law enforcement officer, in addition to two counts of criminal homicide, assault of a law enforcement officer, aggravated assault and other related offenses, according to charging documents.

Kelly is the son of Jim and Jean Kelly of Pleasant Mount.

Tree stands & lights sought for Main St. trees

Donations of seven Christmas tree stands and outdoor Christmas lights for trees to be decorated by the Forest City Regional Elementary students on Main Street in Forest City, are being sought. All donations can be dropped off at the borough building on Main Street.

Winter parking In effect on FC Main St.

Winter parking rules on Forest City Main Street went into effect Nov. 1st.

No parking from 2 to 5 a.m. daily for snow plowing and removal.

Council sets \$15.50/month for garbage fee added to sewer bill

Forest City Council formally approved the new garbage ordinance at the Nov. 6 meeting, which established \$15.50 per month as the garbage fee for the next year. That amount will be added to the monthly \$30.00 sewer bill for all dwelling units in the Borough.

Unpaid garbage fees will incur a 10% penalty if unpaid after 30 days, and 2% interest accruing after 90 days delinquency. Inspections of buildings to prove they are not being inhabited will cost

the property owner \$25.

Council heard several complaints from the public on various facets of the new trash law but Council President William D. Orasin told them it has only been one week since the contract with County Waste went into effect, and he asked for patience to allow all the issues to be worked out.

One of the issues had to do with Main St. building with four apartments and no way to handle the new waste containers. The owner

was advised that the waste ordinance may allow four or more apartments to use a dumpster.

Another local tenant told Council that his elderly landlord said she absolutely refused to accept the waste containers for her building, and also would refuse to pay the monthly garbage fee. Pres. Orasin said the ordinance applies to every dwelling unit in the town and disobedience would produce consequences.

Business use dispute Disussed at Herrick No tax Hike In FC Budget

by Theresa Opeka

An ongoing dispute over the granting of a permit continued, along with a request to change a passing lane to no passing at the Monday, November 6 meeting of the Herrick Township Supervisors.

Supervisor/Secretary Nancy Harvatine said Kurt Shultz emailed her saying he was confused over how approval was granted for a conditional use permit for an automotive repair business at the Ryan Brown property, especially after the township granted a cease and desist order to stop all car repairs. She said the email stated he had been performing illegal activity and the activity is "out of character for neighborhood."

Harvatine said she emailed Shultz that Brown initially applied for a residential permit, which was denied and sent him a copy of Zoning Officer John Watts approval for the conditional use permit, along with the planning commission minutes. The conditional use permit allows for a home based business with conditions.

Shultz had written another letter and gave it to Wayne Chudleigh to read. Chudleigh read the letter which stated Brown violated deed restrictions for residential properties. He was served with a violation in January and asked why Brown was able to get an occupancy permit.

Harvatine said deed restrictions are not up to the township, according to their solicitor, but they are de-

termined by the developer. Supervisor Elliot Ross said the township has one zone and has allowed for certain conditions (gun shops, bait shops, etc). "We did follow up with Kurt's complaints when Ryan applied for a residential permit. There are no grounds to deny him conditional use. He is a citizen like everyone else in the community," Ross said.

Shultz had also sent emails and letters to neighbors about his concerns. Two of them showed up at the meeting.

ROUTE 171

Larry Cassidy sent the township a letter over his concerns for safety in front of his home along Route 171. He is requesting the township put a request in to PennDOT to change the passing lane to a double line. He said there have been several near misses while trying to pull out of his driveway. The home is near Arlo's and Herrick Lodge. Cassidy's letter said people have been going as fast as 80 mph. He talked to PennDOT and they agreed it should be changed to a double line. The supervisors voted in favor of changing it and will send a letter to PennDOT.

2018 BUDGET

Harvatine presented the tentative budget for 2018. Receipts totaled \$16,624 and expenses totaled the same. All voted in favor of passing the tentative budget. It will be voted on for final approval next month.

The next meeting will be on December 4 at 7pm.

James Heller New Mayor in Union Dale

James Heller, with 54 votes, was unopposed for the Mayor's job in Union Dale. He will replace Mayor Keith Foster who did not seek re-election.

Thomas Yale was unopposed for Council. He received 57 votes.

Election Board members, also unopposed were Judge William Conrad and Inspector Barbara Kozlevcar.

Brian Piatak is New Member on FC School Board

Three incumbent School Directors, and one newcomer, will be part of Forest City Regional School Board in December. Brian Piatak replaces Linda Zefran as Clinton Twp. representative.

Present directors Fred Garm (Forest City Region 9), William J. Heller (Union Dale) and Steven Ursich (Herrick) were elected Nov. 7th and will remain on the Board.

Russell Curtis Re-elected in Clinton Twp.

Russell Curtis was re-elected Clinton Township Supervisor. Vote totals were Curtis 244, Bonnie Johnson 228.

Free luncheon at Christ Church

The Stone Soup Kitchen at Christ Episcopal Church will hold its annual holiday feast FREE community luncheon at the church, corner Delaware & Dundaff Streets, Forest City on Sat., Nov. 18, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Bring your family & friends. Share a hearty lunch & wonderful camaraderie.

The Christmas luncheon will be Sat., Dec. 16.

FC Senior Center Soup & Sandwich Day

The Forest City Senior Center, located at 535 Main Street in Forest City, will host a "Soup & Sandwich Day" on Wednesday, November 15 from 11:30am to 1:00pm. This event is free and open to adults 60 and over.

For more information, please call the Forest City Senior Center at 1-570-785-3386.

Vandling Boro election results

Vandling Borough will have a new Councilman in January. Former Councilman John Carachilo received 111 votes and will replace Don Franceski who did not seek reelection. Maryann Risboskin will remain tax collector with 134 votes and Joe Brady will continue as Mayor with 125 votes.



Officer John Foley is presented with the Medal of Valor for his response to the Aug. 27th fire in which he helped lead a trapped resident of 511 Main Street to safety. The award was presented by Chief Jim Johnson and Mayor Pauline Wilcox.

Medal of Valor to Foley

Forest City Police Officer John Foley was awarded the Police Medal of Valor on Nov. 6th from Forest City Council, Chief Jim Johnson and Mayor Pauline Wilcox. He was previously cited by Council and the Mayor for his action in saving lives at the Aug. 27 fire on Main St.

Foley was leaving his shift at 3AM on that date when he spotted the fire on the 2nd floor of 511 Main St. When he responded he found tenant Edward Rotchford shouting for help on the front porch of the building.

Officer Foley went to the rear of the building and with the assistance of Sonia Mullisky, another of the victims of the fire, he was able to rescue Mr. Rotch-

ford. In giving the award Chief Johnson noted the old adage that "Whenever there is danger and people are running away from it, a police officer will be seen running towards it."

Johnson stated; "Officer Foley used his training and experience to help save lives that night. I am proud that John Foley is one of ours. John has been a member of the Police Dept. since the Fall of 2011. It is my honor and privilege to bestow on him this Medal of Valor. John, on behalf of the Department, I would like to thank you for your service to the Community and the Department."

Four women capture Town's high offices

Four women will be on the upper echelons of Forest City government in 2018. Tammy Rogalski will replace Mayor Pauline Wilcox while Amy Bean and Tracy Lazier will join incumbent Joann Matarese on Council. Incumbents Bob Lesjack and Chris DeGonzague were re-elected and will remain on Council.

Council write-in candidates Rachel Habetler and Brad Ellsworth were unable to unseat the ballot-listed four candidates. Habetler got 53 votes while Ellsworth received 36 write-ins.

Council Votes

Robert Lesjack	162
Amy Bean	143
Tracey Lazier	142
Chris DeGonzague	118

The mayoralty contest drew many write-ins with Tammy Rogalski registering 103 votes to 32 for Brian Karwowski. Former Police Chief Paul Lukus got 17 votes.

Pamela Franceski Green

GFCBA Monthly Meetings 1st Wed. of month

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance holds their Community Meetings on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:45 AM at Shirley's Restaurant. All are welcome. The next meeting will be held on December 6.

was re-elected tax collector with 206 votes.

Fred Garm received 15 write-in votes to remain as Region 9 Forest City Regional School Director.

The turnout in Forest City was 28% with 248 of the town's 880 registered voters showing up at the polls.

For the election board posts, with no opposition, Judge of Election Roberta Barnes received 177 votes. Inspector of Election Carole Kameen got 197 votes.

Unopposed Susq. County Sheriff Lance Benedict got 214 local votes while Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts candidate Jan Krupinski registered 191 votes.

The Constitutional Amendment to allow governments to move away from real estate/property taxes got 125 yes, and 68 no votes here. It passed in the statewide voting also.

Trail Town Meeting Wed., November 15

A meeting to discuss next year's Forest City Trail Town Celebration will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 8:30 AM at Shirley's Restaurant. Plans for the event scheduled for August 4, 2018 will be discussed. The public is invited to attend.

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