

THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Hope the "Snow Birds" weren't chuckling as they watched the Weather Channel for reports on our interesting week. Snow, wind, ice, below zero temps; Then rain, then more ice and snow. The rain did reduce the snow piles considerably. Great job again by our street crews around here. Also FC Borough Council and its Main St. snow removal program.

Steve Suraci, Herrick Twp., noted some weather facts from last week on his "Hilldog" online blog. He is on the ski patrol at Elk Mtn. and made his way up the chairlift Monday morning, Jan. 20 (MLK holiday), to ready mountain for a big day. Temp minus 12 at the top, and wind estimated at 15-20mph since the wind sensor was frozen. Realized on the way up he had to add a mask to his already layered clothing or he could guarantee frost bite on exposed flesh within 10 minutes. However he was soon advised that due to the minus 37 degree wind chill, the mountain was closed, quite a business loss for the resort on a holiday. "it was a nice day to enjoy from the warm side of the windows," he concluded

Got to view our newest Main Street addition at the Open House of Kevin Lesjack Funeral Home last Sunday. Beautifully appointed décor, conducive to the solemnness of the facility's purpose. We congratulate Kevin for having the faith in our town to rebuild after his devastating fire. Our best to him.

This writer will not celebrate Valentine's Day this year. Since I was a kid (which was a long time ago) I have eaten two bags of Valentine hearts (the real ones, not the hard Chinese ones) during the season. None this year! Necco, which has made them forever, was bought by another company and cannot get them into production this year. They plan to restart production so I will have to wait until next year!

One of our Virginia subscribers received their Dec. 12 and Jan. 16 News issues on Jan. 23. FYI—The Post Office was NOT part of the government shut down.

My FCHS classmate Judy Verboys Pribula sent me a Facebook message regarding the use of cruise control on vehicles. It should never be used on wet pavement or in snow or ice conditions. If the vehicle hydroplanes, the wheels speed up to try and keep the vehicle at the set speed, making the hydroplaning even worse. It notes that very few know about this and vehicle manufacturers do not warn drivers about this condition.

New Bid limits Are Adopted By Forest City

Forest City Borough has adopted new increased bid limits by PA Labor & Industry.

Purchases and contracts below \$11,100 require no formal bidding or written/telephone quotations.

Purchases and contracts between \$11,100 and \$20,600 require three written/telephone quotations.

Purchases and contracts over \$20,600 require formal bidding.

Wm. Penn Maintenance Mgr. Honored



Paul Vergari, Herrick Township, maintenance Manager of William Penn Apartments, Forest City, was recently honored for twenty-five years of service to that facility. Mr. Vergari was presented with a plaque by the Susquehanna County Housing & Redevelopment Authority which is his employer. The award was presented at the annual dinner meeting of the Authority held Friday, Jan. 18, at The Summit, New Milford. Shown above is Mr. Vergari receiving the plaque from Karen Allen, executive director of the Housing Authority.

Personnel matters at Jan. 14 Board meeting

At the Jan 14 regular meeting of Forest City Regional School Board the following personnel matters were passed:

*Toni Lehutsky was appointed as a 6-hour paraprofessional with salary per the negotiated contract.

*Melissa Hart was approved as 5-hour cafeteria worker with pay as per negotiated contract.

*Mary Usher was approved as 4-hour cafeteria worker, pending clearances, also at salary of negotiated contract.

*Joan Borosky was approved as a mentor for Kimberly Supon, the Special Education K-12 teacher for the 2018-19 school year.

*Two students from the University of Scranton were approved as student teachers from Feb. 11 to May 10. They are: Nate Goberson, elementary, with Ms. Bose as cooperating teacher in kindergarten; Briana Cieszkio, Elementary with Mrs. Shelp

as cooperating teacher in grade 3.

*Two employees were each granted two days of unpaid leave, one for Dec. 21 and Jan. 7; the other for Jan. 24 and Jan. 25.

*Jessica Moser was added to the substitute support staff.

*The following extracurricular appointments were made: SOFTBALL Varsity volunteer assistant Matthew Ferrel; Junior High 7,8,9 Katie Lynn Downton; JH Volunteer Assistants Brittany Burrell, Judy Graham, Michelle Eccles; Drama Club Volunteer assistant Maggie Ligus.

*The Board approved a memorandum of understanding with the Forest City Regional Educational Association which would provide \$500 in extra compensation to music teacher Alison Yuravich for her participation and support with the FCR Drama Club in its various events.

Councilman Sherry passing leaves vacancy in Vandling

A moment of silence was held at the beginning of the monthly meeting of Vandling Council for Councilman Patrick Sherry who passed away recently. Council President Fran Pantzar said Pat was a good man and will be missed.

Council agreed to advertise for the position and hopefully appoint someone at the February meeting. The individual must be a registered voter and live in the borough of Vandling for greater than one year.

CORRESPONDENCE

A right to know request was sent from the PA Association of Realtors.

A letter was received from the Department of Elections regarding positions available on Vandling Council for the May 21 election. Four seats with four year terms will be available.

SHERIFF SALE

Atty. Paul Smith informed Council of a sheriff sale for the property at 451 Main Street on February 5.

PETERLIN DRIVE

Councilman John Mayers gave some background information as to why they need weight restrictions on Peterlin Drive. He said there have been four instances of repairs to the sewer lines and laterals. Currently the rental apartment at 300 Main Street is responsible for repairing the lateral which is blocked and now there are several inches of ice and sludge across Peterlin Drive.

Audience member Bill Matos said that the Borough truck with a load of cinders will be over 10,000 pounds. He said there is four to six inches of ice and sewage and it is coming into the yards.

Council President said he hopes the problem will be solved when the new sewer lines are put in.

Councilman Bill Boyle suggested they advertise the

ordinance but allow Borough trucks and emergency vehicle on the road.

Atty. Paul Smith was authorized to advertise the ordinance regarding weight restrictions on Peterlin Drive. No vehicle over 10,000 pounds will be allowed. The fine will be \$500. Borough trucks and emergency vehicles are the only exception. Signs will then be put up once the ordinance is advertised and then passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Fran Pantzar congratulated the Forest City Department and the town for the 2018 police report which did not have any negative item other than patrols for the year. He said the cops are doing an excellent job and Vandling is fortunate to have them.

Council received an application for work with the street department from Joseph Tedesco of Herrick Center on an as needed basis. Council agreed to hire him with a pay of \$16 per hour.

Councilman Bill Boyle was not aware Council was looking for street department workers and suggested they advertise next time someone is needed.

President Pantzar suggested no committee appointments be made until a new council person is seated.

COLTS BUS

Councilman John Mayers provided the public with a phone number for COLTS Bus. The number is 570-963-6795. The bus runs Monday thru Friday and is for individuals 65 or over needing transportation.

He suggested that people call several days ahead of when they need the transportation. He said that if several people take advantage on a certain day they could make it a regular run.

Paul Lukus has 40 years on County Board



Paul Lukus, Forest City, was honored by the Susquehanna County Housing & Redevelopment Authority Board for having served as a Board member for 40 years. He was honored with recognition and a plaque at the annual dinner meeting of the Board held Friday, Jan. 18 at The Summit in New Milford. Lukus, the former police chief of Forest City and Fire Chief of the Forest City Fire Department, was also recently re-appointed to another four year term on the Board by the Susquehanna County Commissioners. Shown with Mr. Lukus are, from left, State Representative Jon Fritz, Susq. County Commissioner Maryann Warren, Housing & Redevelopment Board Exec. Director Karen Allen, Mr. Lukus, County Commissioner Chairman Alan Hall, County Commissioner Elizabeth (Betsy) Arnold.

Zazzera's Market new owners plan many changes for long-time Main Street business

by Art McLain

As the temperature outside dropped and the day long rain turned into snow, the weather outside was frightful. Inside Zazzera's Market, the atmosphere was well, delightful. It is well known that the Zazzera family is passing the torch and the Trichilo family is taking over the iconic store that has been a cornerstone in Forest City for many years. Most of the people you came to know and love while shopping at the store will still be serving you for all of your grocery needs. The store is as neat and clean as ever and the meat cases are still the most attractive in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The music we love to sing along with was playing, and hearing Chauncey Zazzera singing along is as comforting as a bowl of soup on a cold day. Chauncey might have a future career as a professional singer waiting for him.

This story is about the Trichilo family; Dave Trichilo Senior and Junior. How lucky our community is to have a family we know taking the reins of the store. It's not like the Trichilo's had too much time on their hands and needed something to do. Both Daves have a lot going on; Dave Junior with the Convenient Mart in Simpson along with several other businesses. Dave Senior is the main man at Zazzera's while the transition is taking place.

Some big changes in the store's appearance are coming in the future and Dave Junior has the vision and the plan to make it happen. New coolers, new compressors, LED lighting, a larger kitchen area and hardwood flooring to name



Dave Trichilo Jr., left, and Dave Trichilo Sr., right, have many improvements in mind for merchandise and equipment at Zazzera's Supermarket

a few upgrades. A coffee bar and ready-to-go meals and food are going to be welcomed by folks who need to save some time during their day. Watch for the Best Yet label for money saving products. Best Yet might be a forecast for our Forest City community.

The store hours are going to be expanded, open until 8 pm during the week. This is good news for people who need or like to shop during the evening. This will bring people back into town during the evening and will be sure to help the other businesses that stay open later. What might be one of the best things for Forest City is that jobs will be created as the hours are expanded.

It would be remiss not to mention the women in the Trichilo family, Dave Senior's wife Patty and Dave Junior's wife Mackenzie. "It is a fam-

ily business," Dave Junior explains. Dave and Mackenzie's daughters, Raegan & Hadley, are sure to be spotted as they grow up at the market.

If you venture into Simpson then you are well aware of the Convenient Mart. Dave Junior has run the Simpson store for 15 years and before that Dave Senior ran the Carbondale Convenient Mart for 17 years. The Trichilo family who we know has been serving us for a long time much like the Zazzera family and staff did in Forest City for 43 years. It will be exciting to watch the changes in the store as the Trichilos put their touches toward making it even better. Shoppers should continue to check the Forest City News for the weekly specials. Our sincerest wishes are for great success with the store we love, Zazzera's Market.

Union Dale Reorganizes; All Offices remain the same

Union Dale Council met in regular session on Monday, January 7 at the Union Dale Borough Hall with Mayor Jim Heller presiding. The following are the unapproved minutes. Presentation to the flag was performed. Members present were Doris Young, Mike Fortuner, Patti Cino, and Donna Tedesco.

The reorganizational meeting was held. Mayor Heller then opened the floor for nominations for President. A motion for Patti Cino to be President was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor. Mayor Heller opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. A motion for

Donna Tedesco to serve as Vice President was made by Doris Young, seconded by Mike Fortuner, with all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

At this point President Cino, took over the meeting. A motion for all other appointments to remain the same was made by Doris Young and seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor. They are:

SEO- Jay Lynch BPO- Lyndon Wormuth

CEO- Don Bennett EMO- Tom Yale

President Pro Tempore- James Heller Secretary/Treasurer- Jennifer Slick

Tax Collector- Joseph Svecz Solicitor- Marissa

McAndrew COMMITTEES

President Cino appointed committees as follows:

Road Committee- Tom Yale, Mike Fortuner, and Patti Cino

Building Committee- Doris Young and Donna Tedesco

MONTHLY MEETINGS

A motion to set all regular meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Union Dale Borough Hall, except for September, which will be held on September 3rd due to Labor Day holiday was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Doris Young, with all in favor. Secretary will advertise meeting schedule.

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