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ARMSTRONG COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST

Flood watch in effect through Sunday evening...



TODAY: Showers throughout the day with gusty winds up to 25 mph. High near 60. Showers will

continue through the night with winds as high as 40 mph and a low of 42.

SATURDAY: Heavy rain and high winds with temps staying around 50. Showers to continue Sunday. No major sunshine until Tuesday. If April showers bring May flowers, what do we call this weather????

"When a dog bites a man that is not news, but when a man bites a dog that is news."

- Charles Anderson Dana

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OBITUARY (page 4):
Arthur Beck of Kittanning

Sewage Authority Solicitor Retains Ousted Board Members

by David Croyle

Although Ford City Borough Council voted in mid-February to terminate the appointments of two of the board members of the Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Disposal Authority (FCBMSDA), they were present at last night's FCBMSDA meeting on the advice of their solicitor.

Attorney Charles Pascal represents the authority and said that until the Borough approves replacements for the terms of office of Lou Vergari and Terry Tokarek, they are to remain on the FCBMSDA board.

"The PA Municipal Authority Act indicates that people are appointed to five-year terms," Pascal said. "If the term expires and no one is named to replace them, they continue in office until they are replaced. It is not authorized for their removal anywhere that I can find it."

At the Ford City Borough Council meeting last Monday, Council indicated there was applications filed by four individuals who wished to serve on the FCBMSDA board, but had not been interviewed yet.

"As usual, the record keeping at the Borough is incredibly deficient," Pascal alleged. "The Borough can't establish when Vergari and Tokarek were last appointed. We have examined Borough minutes and, quite frankly; it is not mentioned



Just as shown in this photo from January 14, a Terry Tokarek (foreground) and Lou Vergari were seated with the Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Disposal Authority board last night.

when anyone was appointed. I can't imagine how any of these people got here. We know when they came here by looking at our minutes and determined when they first arrived here. However, we couldn't tell who was appointed for full term or was to fill in the vacated term of another individual. Lou has been on the board for many years. He and Mr. Tokarek have been here for longer than five years. They may have been reappointed but it didn't get into minutes. It is unclear what is going on because of deficient nature of the records."

Until Council appoints two new members to the Authority, Pascal said Vergari and Tokarek will continue "business as usual."

Tokarek is the president of FCBMSDA and Vergari is the vice-president.

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