

PUBLIC HEARING – JUNE 26, 2012 (6:30 PM)

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW REZONING REQUEST

Mr. Googins turned the meeting over to Mr. McMillen for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing for the request that Economy Borough Council consider rezoning the portion of this 15.54 acre property (Parcel No. 60-174-0161-002) currently zoned R-3 to Commercial, the same as the remaining portion, as recommended by the Economy Borough Planning Commission in their letter of April 2, 2012. Persons representing the Municipal Authority of the Borough of West View fielded questions from Council and the audience.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize the solicitor to prepare the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on this matter. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to close the proceedings and to close the record. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Time: 6:58 PM

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** JUNE 26, 2012

Council President Larry J. Googins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Economy Municipal Building to conduct business of general purposes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: RJ Burns (6:55 PM), Courtney B. Barthelemy, Esq., Gary Bucuren, Donald Sivy, Michelle Sovich-Lapinski (6:57 PM), Dr. Gregory T. Trecha, Larry Googins

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor David N. Poling, Chad McMillen, Esq., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Googins opened the meeting to the public; give name and address for the record; restricted to borough business; try to be 3-5 minutes; directed to Council.

JoAnn Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, discussed the 2011 and the 2012 Paving Programs. Mr. Googins reported the \$25,406.09 recorded in the February 14, 2012 Council Minutes was not the entire 1.65 miles of roadway paved, just Laurel Road.

Meagan Trimbur, 3225 Ridge Road Ext., discussed the recent appointment to the Economy Borough Recreation Board.

Sonja Kopchick, 299 Amsler Rd., discussed the number of members on the Economy Borough Recreation Board and volunteerism.

Kelly Roberts, 235 Dogwood Circle, reported she was recording the meeting; discussed the lack of availability of the approved Council Minutes online; discussed the lack of maintenance to the property around the Economy Borough Veterans Memorial for this last Memorial Day Service. Mr. Googins advised this will be better taken care of before the next Memorial Day Service. Mrs. Roberts discussed an issue getting chairs for the Memorial Day Service from the Economy Volunteer Fire Department.

Elizabeth Burns, 100 Stange Road, discussed the condition of the property around the Economy Borough Veterans Memorial for this last Memorial Day Service; asked if there is a policy for the use of borough vehicles by the Borough Manager and Public Works Foreman and liability for same.

Butch Thompson, 116 First Street, discussed the status of the two police vehicles ordered. Mrs. Barthelemy reported Kathy Anderson placed the order at the end of January; should be ready in 6 months. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported they are back ordered until September and Chief Harrington is aware of this. Mr. Sivy reported they are coming from Australia and Chief Harrington is satisfied with the delivery date. Mr. Thompson reported he felt the recent appointment to the Economy Borough Recreation Board was a personal vendetta.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2012, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mr. Bucuren reported the following summer camps:
July 9-13 – Little Dragons Karate Camp
July 23-27 – Basketball Camp
September 1st – Golf Outing

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report

PROPERTY and BUILDING: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported as requested at the last Council Meeting, she double checked the figures printed for the 2012 Budget Chart in the Economy Connection, and they are exactly as budgeted for.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Dr. Trecha reported only one bid was received for milling for the 2012 Paving Program.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to reject the single bid and re-advertise the RFB for milling for the 2012 Paving Program. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling reported the Ambridge Area School District School Board 2012-2013 budget reflects a tax increase; feels they are out of control; residents should attend their meetings.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. West View Water – Zoning Map Revision Request: Will be on the next agenda.

REPORTS:

ENGINEER: No Report

SECRETARY: No Report

SOLICITOR: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Barthelemy reported Chief Harrington has a digital camera left behind after Community Day; call or visit Kathy Anderson at the police department for return.

Mr. Sivy reported at the last meeting Michael P. Kohlman, CPE, IFAS, Chief County Assessor, presented a brief overview on the interim real estate tax process and would like to move forward on this.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to authorize Randy Kunkle, to prepare a draft resolution for the next Council meeting regarding interim real estate taxes. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Sivy verified Economy Borough has received payment for timber harvesting and the \$2,000 was deposited into the General Fund.

HEAR THE PUBLIC II:

Mr. Googins reported he would open up the Hear the Public Part II at this time for any items discussed during the meeting.

Mike Lucia, 416 Golden Grove Road, discussed expanding the advertising for the milling bids in order to receive more than one bid. Mr. Burns suggested notifying the Dodge Reports and CDN.

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:55 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
July 5, 2012