

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* SEPTEMBER 11, 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**

Mr. Googins requested a Moment of Silence for all those who lost their lives and all those touched by the September 11, 2001, act of terrorism against the United States of America at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and the crash of United Flight 93 in Shanksville, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

**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.

Celia Janosik, 305 Hoenig Road, asked Council to enact a resolution in support of zoning restrictions for Marcellus Shale drilling since Act 13 has been struck down and is being appealed to the State Supreme Court. Mr. Googins asked Mr. Fouse to draft a proposed resolution for the next agenda.

Glenda Yount, 925 East Ridge Avenue, asked Council for assistance regarding a light Conway Borough has installed at their water tower that now illuminates the outside and inside of their home; she has called Conway; Conway tilted the light, but this did not correct the problem they created. Mayor Poling reported he will contact Conway to let them know what is going on. Council Members and Mr. Kunkle will drive by to view this.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** RJ Burns, Courtney B. Barthelemy, Esq., Gary Bucuren, Donald Sivy, Michelle Sovich-Lapinski, Dr. Gregory T. Trecha, Larry Googins

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor David N. Poling, Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Scott Shoup, P.E., P.L.S., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to approve the Minutes of the August 28, 2012, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Barthelemy requested an Executive Session regarding the police contract negotiations.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Dr. Trecha - to pay the list of bills as stated from August 15, 2012 to September 11, 2012 - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

Dr. Trecha reported the 1995 F350 truck has sold with the eBay bid; now processing down to the third bidder; they have a Friday deadline; may take a couple weeks to resolve.

Dr. Trecha reported Public Works would be stretched thin if they take on Winter Maintenance of Dunlap Hill. Mayor Poling asked if they could just do from Ridgewood Plan entrance to the top of the hill. Dr. Trecha will talk to Public Works again; will need more budget and more manpower.

Dr. Trecha reported Earl Fitzgerald is having rotor cuff surgery and will be off 6 weeks; will be available by phone.

Dr. Trecha reported the Paving Program is progressing; milling has started; base repairs done; may pave early next week.

## **PARKS & RECREATION:**

Mr. Bucuren reported:

September 29, 2012 – Golf Outing – Harmony Ridge

December 8, 2012 – Snack with Santa

June 15, 2013 – Community Day

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Mr. Googins reported the wash out on Conway Wallrose Road has collapsed again.

**PROPERTY and BUILDING:** No Report

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Poling read the Mayor's Report for the Police Department for the month of August, 2012 as prepared by Chief Harrington, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary's office.

Mayor Poling reported receiving emails about a street light out at Walnut and Giant Oak. Mr. Kunkle reported he has contacted Duquesne Light trying to determine who pays for the light/if Economy Borough has to claim it and add it to the Economy Borough list paid for.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. Workers Compensation-EVFD:** Mr. Kunkle reported Mrs. Barthelemy and Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski met with John McConaha, Risk Manager, MRM Trust, to go over the changes in state law that affects the W/C

coverage for volunteer fire fighters. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski explained the change in the W/C coverage for volunteer fire fighters and the need to act on this.

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Burns– to authorize Mr. Kunkle to negotiate Workers’ Compensation coverage with the State Worker’s Insurance Fund for the Economy Volunteer Firemens Association. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**2. Uniform Construction Code – Regional Appeals Board:** Mr. Kunkle reported this is a request from the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments for an ordinance making the Regional Appeals Board a legal entity.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Dr. Trecha – authorizing the advertising of an ordinance that would make the Beaver County Regional COG Regional Appeals Board a legal entity. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**3. Complaint Policy:** Council discussed the pros and cons of the proposed complaint policy, made language changes and will review again for possible adoption at the next meeting.

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to table the proposed complaint policy until review of the language changes can be made.***

***Yes – Mrs. Barthelemy, Mr. Bucuren, Mr. Sivy, Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, Dr. Trecha, Mr. Googins  
No. – Mr. Burns***

**4.Dug Out Status:** Mr. Kunkle reported repair work has begun on the dug out.

## **REPORTS:**

### **ENGINEER:**

Mr. Shoup reported beginning the renewal process with DEP for the MS4 permitting process.

Mr. Shoup reported milling for the 2012 Paving Program has begin.

**SECRETARY:** No Report

### **SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Fouse reported on the Letter of Credit for Walmart; tentative schedule closing date is early October.

Mr. Fouse requested Executive Session regarding the police contract negotiations, personnel and a grievance.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Poling requested Executive Session regarding a real estate complaint issue with no vote.

**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.

JoAnn Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, asked what the third eBay bid on the 1995 F350 Truck was. Dr. Trecha reported \$7,088.

***MOTION by Mrs. Barthelemy, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to enter into Executive Session to discuss the police contract negotiations, personnel, a grievance, and real estate, with no vote to be taken tonight.***

***Time: 8:48 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to return to the regular order of business.***

***Time: 9:38 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:38 PM  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
September 18, 2012

List of Bills attached to the Minute Book.