

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** NOVEMBER 13, 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, Courtney B. Barthelemy, Esq., Gary Bucuren, Donald Sivy, Dr. Gregory T. Trecha, Larry Googins

ABSENT: Michelle Sovich-Lapinski (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor David N. Poling, Curt McMillen, Esq., Scott Shoup, P.E., P.L.S., 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.

Glenda Yount, 925 East Ridge Avenue, reported the issue with the light on the Conway Water Tower has not been resolved; the light still illuminates the outside and inside of her home. Mr. Googins reported he was verbally assured by Conway Council Vice President it would be taken care of when their Public Works got the opportunity; they plan to relocate the light to face away from her home.

Steve Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, reported Sewickley, Leetsdale and Bell Acres partner with a leaf vac for curb side leaf removal; with leaf burning banned, could Council look into this for Economy Borough. Mr. Kunkle reported by law Economy Borough must provide some sort of program; with 20 square miles and 50 miles of roads, may not be feasible for the entire borough; could possibly be manageable in the plans; Economy Borough has a drop off location as a permitted use for \$25 per year and a leaf bag w/stickers program for curb side; if collected for composting, must be in a DEP approved area. Mr. Borato reported the 3 ladies that caused the leaf burning ban have not been back to Council since the ban.

MINUTES:

Mr. Sivy corrected page 330 to read LED light, not LEB

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Burns – to approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2012, Regular Session of Council, as corrected. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Googins requested an Executive Session to discuss the Hydrant Agreement/Contract with Ambridge Water Authority (AWA).

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy reported Thermo-Twin will start the windows on Thursday.

Mayor Poling asked about the trees on borough property marked with X's. Mr. Kunkle reported they have been marked by Mark Custer for removal; Public Works will try to address them this winter. Mr. Googins reported in the past the wood was made available to the residents. Mr. Kunkle reported the Ash can not be transported and will double check with the state to see what to do. Mr. Googins reported it will be made public what Council decides to do.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. Barthelemy requested an Executive Session on the Police Contract.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION by Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Sivy - to pay the list of bills as stated from October 11, 2012 to November 13, 2011 - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mr. Bucuren reported: December 8, 2012 – Snack with Santa
 June 15, 2013 – Community Day

Mrs. Barthelemy reported there will be 2 vacancies on the Recreation Board; interested residents should call Mr. Kunkle.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Dr. Trecha requested an Executive Session to discuss the Public Works contract negotiations.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Refuse Contract: Mr. Kunkle reported the current contract is due to expire at the end of 2014 and an automatic rate increase is scheduled for January 2013; in exchange for forgoing the increase, Mr. Powell would like the contract extended through 2017; Mr. Fouse is fine if this is approved.

*MOTION by Mrs. Barthelemy seconded by Mr. Burns – to approve the extension of the contract with E. Reid Powell Refuse Service to the end of 2017 and forgo the January 2013 price increase.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

2. Civil Service Commission: Mr. Kunkle reported the new state code allows for alternates on the Civil Service Commission (Section 1172 (b)); the current three members spoke with and recommend Ronald R. Rock be named an alternate.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to appoint Ronald R. Rock as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission, term expiring 12/31/2018.

Yes – Mrs. Barthelemy, Mr. Bucuren, Mr. Sivy, Dr. Trecha, Mr. Googins

No – Mr. Burns

Absent – Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski

3. Anthony Deramo (Sutton) Plan of Lots Parcel No. 60-185-0256-000: Mr. Kunkle reported Mr. Deramo owns a lot along Big Sewickley Creek Road that has approximately .5 acres in Bell Acres (Allegheny County) where his home is located, and about .9 acres across the creek in Economy Borough (the creek is the boarder); this subdivision will convey the .9 acres in Economy Borough to an adjoining property owner, Robert Sutton; Beaver County and Economy Borough Planning Commissions recommend approval contingent upon meeting their written comments.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Dr. Trecha - to approve the Anthony Deramo Plan of Lots Subdivision conditioned upon the following: comply with the BCPC review comments of October 17, 2012 , comply with the Planning Consultants recommendations of September 28, 2012, and comply with all borough ordinances and regulations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 1995 Ford F-350: Mr. Kunkle reported the truck was sold for \$5,255 and picked up.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

SOLICITOR: No Report

ENGINEER: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Googins reported on the letter from the Beaver County Commissioner regarding residents switching to the Friends & Family option with First Energy which would pay \$5 to Beaver County and \$5 to Economy Borough for each resident who signs up for the 2 year option; feels it is work reviewing by residents.

Mrs. Barthelemy reported at the next Ambridge Area School District meeting, a redistricting plan will be discussed and voted on.

Mrs. Barthelemy reported that, Old Economy Village (home of the Harmonists) will hold a fund raiser on November 24th; on December 8th & 9th, Christmas in the Village; tours of the Village decorated in traditional 19th century German-style.

Mrs. Barthelemy reported she feels the Borough Newsletter is not out in a timely fashion from the Hometown Press and perhaps Council should pursue other options; options were discussed.

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, verified that payroll and accounting for Economy Borough is done in house with proprietary software. Mr. Googins reported Council is looking at changing to QuickBooks. Mrs. Borato asked when the Civil Service Commission meets. Mr. Kunkle reported they are activated by Council when hiring police officers; the annual meeting is in February.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to enter into Executive Session to discuss the AWA Hydrant Agreement/Contract; the Public Works contract negotiations and the Public Safety contract negotiations, with no vote to be taken tonight. Time: 7:53 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 9:00 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:00 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
November 21, 2012

List of Bills attached to the Minute Book.