

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** DECEMBER 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

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

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, asked if the final numbers for the 2012 paving program are available. Dr. Trecha reported he would get them.

Kelly Roberts, 235 Dogwood Circle, reported pot holes on Silver Hollow over 4” deep. Mr. Kunkle reported these roads have not been accepted or taken over by Economy Borough; only winter maintenance is provided; will contact a Maronda representative. Mr. Fouse advised the minutes should reflect that the condition of the road might create a difficulty for emergency vehicles to enter Whispering Pines.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to approve the Minutes of the November 27, 2012, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mr. Bucuren reported the Snack with Santa was a success; June 15, 2013 is scheduled for Economy Borough Community Day.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report

PROPERTY and BUILDING: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Barthelemy requests an Executive Session to update Council on the Public Safety contract, with no vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy - to pay the list of bills as stated from November 14, 2012 to December 11, 2012 - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Roberta J. Sarraf, AICP discussed the zoning ordinance amendment deleting and adding: definitions, impoundment used exclusively for oil and gas operations, permitted uses in certain zoning districts, conditional use criteria, etc. regarding oil and gas operations. Mr. Kunkle advised needed is authorization for the advertising.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to authorize the advertising for a Public Hearing and consideration of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment as recommended by the Economy Borough Planning Commission. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Ordinance No. 438 – 2013 Property Tax Rate: Mr. Kunkle reported Ordinance No. 438 sets the 2013 Property Rate at 14 Mills.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to adopt Ordinance No. 438 setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2013 at 14 Mills. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 2013 Budget: Mr. Kunkle reported this has been advertised and is ready for adoption.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Bucuren– to adopt the 2013 Budget with no tax increase (14 mills). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Appointments:

Planning Commission:

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to re-appoint James Blumling and Myron Kowalski to another 4 year term on the Planning Commission, terms ending December 31, 2016. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Zoning Hearing Board - Resolution No. 441:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to adopt Resolution No. 441 to re-appoint David Lodovico to another 3 year term as a full member to the Zoning Hearing Board, term ending December 31, 2015 and appointing Gerald States and Paul Thompson to 3 year terms as alternates to the Zoning Hearing Board, terms ending, December 31, 2015. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Economy Borough Municipal Authority:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to re-appoint Richard Mattern to another 5 year term to the Economy Borough Municipal Authority, term ending December 31, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation Board:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to accept the resignation of Tim Mannella from the Economy Borough Recreation Board (Term ending December 31, 2013). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to appoint Jim Sas to the vacancy created (Tim Mannella resignation) on the Economy Borough Recreation Board, Term expiring December 31, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to appoint Laurel Westrom and Anthony Blum, to 5 years terms on the Economy Borough Recreation Board, terms ending December 31, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Civil Service Commission:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Burns – to re-appoint Louis DeSanzo to another 6 year term to the Civil Service Commission, term ending December 31, 2018. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Beaver Valley Regional COG – Salt Contract: Mr. Kunkle reported North American Salt Company is the low bidder for salt from the BVR COG at \$53.47 per ton; it is recommended that Economy Borough enter into a contract with BVR COG for 2,000 Tons +/- 40%.

MOTION by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to enter into a contract with North American Salt Company at \$53.47 per ton for 2,000 Tons +/- 40%. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Proposed Ordinance – Establishing the Compensation of the Elected Tax Collector: Mr. Kunkle reported needed is authorization for the advertising.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Burns – to authorize the advertising of the proposed Tax Collector Compensation Ordinance. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. AASD Memo of Understanding: Mr. Kunkle reported Mr. Fouse and Chief Harrington have reviewed and recommend entering into this Memo of Understanding. Council requested copies of the Memo prior to the vote.

MOITON by Mr. Sivy to table this until the January 8, 2013 meeting.

8. Resolution No. 442 – Berkheimer: Mr. Kunkle reported Resolution No. 442 appoints Berkheimer as exclusive tax collector for LST current/delinquent, Mercantile current/delinquent an EIT current/delinquent .

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Burns – to adopt Resolution No. 442 appointing Berkheimer as exclusive tax collector for LST current/delinquent, Mercantile current/delinquent an EIT current/delinquent . CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. December 25, 2012, Meeting: Mr. Kunkle reported the next scheduled meeting is on Christmas Day.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Barthelemy – to cancel the Tuesday, December 25, 2012 Regular Session of Council. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

ENGINEER:

Mr. Shoup reported working on the drainage issue and will be sending a memo out to the Public Works Committee.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse reported he has 3 items for Executive Session 1) Chief Harrington's contract; 2) AWA litigation; and 3) Police Department retirement; with no votes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Sivy reported Mrs. Yount sent a letter that Conway Borough removed the light and installed a small vapor light which does not illuminate her home.

Mrs. Barthelemy thanked the Recreation Board, Economy Volunteer Fire Department and the volunteer who helped make the Snack with Santa a success.

Mayor Poling verified the Bond issue will be paid off in 2014.

HEAR THE PUBLIC II: No one wished to be heard.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski– to enter into Executive Session to discuss 1) Chief Harrington's contract; 2) AWA litigation; 3) Police Department retirement issue; and 4) an update on the Public Safety contract, with no vote to be taken tonight. Time: 8:47 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 10:17 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 10:17 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
December 18, 2012

List of Bills attached to the Minute Book.