

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** MAY 22, 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.

Butch Thompson, 116 First Street, asked the status of putting the Council meetings live on a website. Dr. Trecha advised he reported on this at the last meeting; he inquired about public access stations at the Comcast booth at the PSAB Conference; needed would be an up line and a down line; 2 cameras; wired individual microphones; a director, a cameraman and 24/7 live feed; estimated cost would be tens of thousands of dollars. Mr. Thompson suggested contacting Moon Township as they have done it. Mr. Kunkle will contact Moon Township.

Kelly Roberts, 235 Dogwood Circle, discussed the condition of the tennis courts on Economy Borough property; suggested raising funds to get them fixed or removed and plant grass. Mr. Bucuren reported the Recreation Board has been talking about the tennis courts; invited Ms. Roberts to a Recreation Board meeting (3rd Monday of each month) to provide input and ways to do some type of fundraising; have something set up at Community Day for suggestions. Mayor Poling suggested getting bids to be able to set a goal for financing. Mr. Googins reported everyone wants to see something done; grants may be available; DCNR funds are very competitive; could find some private funding; the Recreation Board is working on it.

Elizabeth Burns, 100 Stange Road, asked the status of the Recreation Board prior finances regarding tennis courts. Mrs. Barthelemy reported on money set aside by the previous Recreation Board; as a Recreation Board member had no idea how much money was in the fund as it was kept hidden; the present treasurer of the Recreation Board is attempting to do a forensic study to see how much money is presently available; none of the money from the previous Recreation Board has been spent on Community Day. Mr. Googins reported the bank accounts will be listed and public. Mrs. Burns asked for an accounting on paper that the public could see. Mr. Googins reported they have the bank account amounts; they are working to try to recreate all the expenditures and income that the Recreation Board had; the total amount is in control of Economy Borough; what went on in the past, what it was set up for, that will be determined; the new borough code addresses that and it will be discussed at future meetings.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2012, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Burns reported talking with PennDOT workers working on a portion of Conway Wallrose Road; water break may be involved. Council discussed the temporary traffic signage at that location.

PROPERTY and BUILDING: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Barthelemy reported Beaver County District Attorney Anthony Berosh honored Senior Patrolman Jason Woods with the Top Gun Award.

Mrs. Barthelemy suggested Whispering Pines residents could be polled regarding future recreation facilities from funds paid through their building permits.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Dr. Trecha discussed the 2012 paving program.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mr. Bucuren reported:-
June 9, 2012 – First Annual Community Day
June 11-15, 2012 – Soccer Camp
June 12,14,19,21,26,28 – Karate Camp
June 18-21, 2012 – Volleyball Camp
July 9-13, 2012 – Little Dragons Karate Camp
July 23-27, 2012 – Basketball Camp
September 1, 2012 – Third Annual Golf Outing

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Poling reported the Memorial Day Service will be at 9:30 AM; requested the Memorial area be mowed by the Summer help the Friday before the Service; introduced Kelly Roberts as the Vice President of the Veterans Memorial Committee.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. Resolution No. 435-Supporting HB 1329 regarding Prevailing Wage: Mr. Kunkle reported this was previously distributed to Council.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to adopt Resolution No. 435 supporting the modernization of State Prevailing Wage Act (Act 442 of 1961). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Public Works Pension Request: Deferred to Executive Session.

3. Milling Contract: Mr. Kunkle reported in order to commence with the 2012 Paving Program Shoup Engineering needs authorization to advertise for milling bids.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mr. Burns – to authorize Shoup Engineering to prepare and advertise the RFB for milling of 2.12 +/- miles of roadway for the 2012 Paving Program. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

ENGINEER: No Report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse will discuss AWA litigation, the police and public works contracts and pension request in Executive Session; may have a vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Googins reported a meeting sponsored by KU Resources Inc. on May 31, 2012 from 12 to 1:30 PM in New Castle regarding pro-active measures and strategies of the Municipal Role in Economic Development regarding Marcellus Shale.

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

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to enter into Executive Session to discuss AWA litigation, the police and public works contracts and a pension request, a vote may be taken tonight. Time: 7:56 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 9:48 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Barthelemy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to hire Vicki L. Beatty and the firm Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Polombo & Miller, PC at the rates of \$195/hour as outlined in her letter of May 15, 2012. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:49 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
June 6, 2012