

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* MARCH 27, 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:** Courtney B. Barthelemy, Esq., Gary Bucuren, Donald Sivy, Michelle Sovich-Lapinski, Dr. Gregory T. Trecha, Larry Googins

**ABSENT:** RJ Burns, Excused

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor David N. Poling, Dale M. Fouse, 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.

Mike Lucia, 416 Golden Grove Road, reported speeding on Golden Grove Road has decreased since the speed monitoring device was put in place.

Butch Thompson, 116 First Street, asked the status of putting the Council meetings live on a website. Mr. Sivy reported the Property and Buildings Committee will follow up on this. Mr. Thompson requested a cross walk at First Street and Conway Wallrose Road. Mr. Kunkle will contact PennDOT.

George Fitzgerald, 189 Wallrose Heights Road, discussed that the Economy Borough Civic Club would like to beautify cul de sac islands and their maintenance after the work is done. Ownership of the islands will be discussed with Mr. Shoup at the next meeting.

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2012, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** No Report

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:** No Report

## **PARKS & RECREATION:**

Mr. Bucuren reported the new officers for the Recreation Board: Earl Fitzgerald, Chairman, Tim Mannella, Vice Chairman, James Sas, Treasurer, Beth Markovitz, Secretary.

Mrs. Barthelemy reported over 100 people attended the Visit with the Easter Bunny; firefighter Phillip Zigerelli did an excellent job as the bunny.

Mr. Bucuren reported planed are a Community Day on June 9, 2012; dates have not been set for Volleyball and Basketball camps; a Martial Arts program; a golf outing in early September and the 5K race in late September.

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Mr. Fouse reported the mediation with Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> may be postponed by AWA until May; requested Executive Session regarding AWA litigation with no vote.

## **PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy reported Jim Musgrave will be returning for Summer Help; he will work mowing until them on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to authorize F. Bevilacqua Remodeling and Construction to make wind damage repairs to the Community Building, Municipal Building, Public Works Building and to the Pavilion as outline in the bid sheet for a total for labor and materials, \$9,150.00. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

## **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Barthelemy reported positive feedback from residents on the Dunlap Hill Bridge Replacement detour traffic details.

Mrs. Barthelemy reported on the Easter Bunny Visit and the upcoming Recreation planned events; there will be an advertised Recreation Board meeting Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Poling reported 4 police vehicles broke down today; in process of getting repaired.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. Planning Commission Ordinance:** Mr. Kunkle reported authorization to advertise is needed for the next meeting.

***MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to authorize advertising the Planning Commission Ordinance for the April 10, 2012 Council meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**2. Public Hearing for Subdivision and Land Use Ordinance:** Mr. Kunkle reported the Public Hearing will be at 6:30 PM prior to the Regular Session of Council on April 10, 2012; the Planning Consultant, Roberta Sarraf and Planning members will attend.

**REPORTS:**

**SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Fouse requested an Executive Session to discuss a police issue regarding the PA Labor Relations Board; the AWA litigation; the Walmart Developers Agreement.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to authorize execution of the Grading Easement Agreement between the Borough of Economy and the PZ Northern Limited Partnership as part of the requirement for the Highway Occupancy Permit. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**ENGINEER:** No Report

**SECRETARY:** No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Googins reported the PSAB Annual Conference will be held at Seven Springs April 29, 2012 to May 2, 2012; contact the borough office if Council wishes to attend; asked Mr. Kunkle to provide the costs for the next meeting.

***MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to authorize Mr. Kunkle to attend the PSAB Annual Conference if no Council member is able to attend. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Googins reported Franklin Park Borough is hosting along with Goodwill Southwestern Pennsylvania a Free Electronic Recycling Event, Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**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, suggested a steel roof for the Community Building. Mr. Sivy reported this was researched when the police department roof was replaced and it was 3 times the cost.

JoAnn Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, asked the status of the 2012 Paving Program. Mr. Googins reported it is being worked on; same amount budgeted as in 2011. Mrs. Borato reported her research indicates the school transfer of territories/merge should be from school board to school board.

Joan Broussard, 2704 Ridge Road Ext., discussed tax milages and verified that the Abitibi container on Economy Borough property benefits the Boy Scouts.

Reg Leindecker, 418 Golden Grove Road, discussed the Free Electronic Recycling Event.

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to enter into Executive Session to discuss a police issue regarding the PA Labor Relations Board; the AWA litigation; the Walmart Developers Agreement. with no vote to be taken tonight. Time: 7:46 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 8:22 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:22 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
March 30, 2012