

PUBLIC HEARING (6:30 PM)

AMENDING SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Mr. Googins turned the meeting over to Mr. Fouse for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing for the proposed ordinance amending the Economy Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roberta J. Sarraf, AICP gave an overview of the proposed amendments and fielded questions from Council and the audience. Request transcript of hearing for details.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to close the proceedings and close the record.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** APRIL 10, 2012

Council President Larry J. Googins called the meeting to order at 7:09 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., Donald Sivy, Michelle Sovich-Lapinski, Dr. Gregory T. Trecha, Larry Googins

ABSENT: Gary Bucuren, Excused

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

Ordinance No. 434 – Amending the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to approve Ordinance No. 434 amending the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance contingent upon 1) Pages 12-13 Geotechnical study language changed to make mandatory for sites with 5+ acres of disturbance; Borough Engineer can recommend waiver of this requirement; 2) Page 18, Section 10 revised to delete Planning Commission authority to grant final approval to consolidation/replatting; 3) Page 22, Section 28 revised to keep sidewalks on both sides of street but reference ability to modify or waive this requirement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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.

Joan Broussard, 2704 Ridge Road Ext., discussed if she should call the police if Duquesne Light sub contractors are about to cut trees on her property. Mr. Fouse advised her for civil matters she should retain an attorney.

JoAnn Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, discussed the school transfer of territories/merge regarding Council involvement and the status of the 2012 Paving Program.

Arlene Mack, 116 Clover Road, discussed water drainage issues on her property. Mr. Shoup reported this will be further investigated.

MINUTES:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Barthelemy requested an Executive Session regarding personnel with no vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Dr. Trecha - to pay the list of bills as stated from March 15, 2012 to April 10, 2012. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: No Report

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mrs. Barthelemy 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

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Fouse reported Mediation has been rescheduled for May 30, 2012, for the Ambridge Water Authority litigation.

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy reported on the door replacement and the completion of the work to repair the wind damage to the four buildings; will report on Comcast at the next meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Poling verified that the CEO talked with the property owner of 59 Bock Lane today regarding removal of the debris and rubble due to a fire.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Ordinance No. 435 – Planning Commission Ordinance: Mr. Kunkle reported Ordinance No. 435 has been advertised and is ready for Council action. Mayor Poling reported he is ok with 7 members, but does not agree with the wording "up to seven members".

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to enact Ordinance No. 435 as advertised.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Barthelemy – Yes

Mr. Bucuren – Absent

Mr. Burns – No

Mr. Sivy – No

Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – Yes

Dr. Trecha – Yes

Mr. Googins – Yes

Motion carried by a 4 Yes, 2 No, 1 Absent Vote.

Mayor Poling reported he will veto Ordinance No. 435; will provide his concerns in writing to Council in 10 days and Council can act on the veto at the next scheduled meeting.

2. Memorandum of Agreement: Mr. Kunkle reported if approved this will enable the part time police officers who qualify to vote on becoming members of the regular officers bargaining unit.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to authorize execution of the Memorandum of Agreement by the President of Council with conditions that Paragraph 9 clarify that the chief of police is management. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Council Meeting: Mr. Kunkle reported the next scheduled Council meeting is also Election Day and the Municipal Building is a polling place.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to cancel the April 24, 2012, Council Meeting due to Election Day. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse reported he is reviewing the standard waiver release for the Summer Camps and will have his review for the next meeting. Mrs. Barthelemy asked about coach contracts for the Summer Camps also.

ENGINEER:

Mr. Shoup reported the intersection at Brookside and Woodcroft does not meet the warrants for a multi way stop; it does not satisfy the criteria for a 3 way stop.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

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, asked how much would be saved reducing the Planning Commission. Mayor Poling suggested paying per attendance at meetings. Mr. Googins asked Mr. Kunkle to put this on the next agenda; the Zoning Hearing Board is paid per attendance at meetings, the Planning Commission is pay a flat amount.

Patty Pietropaoli, 407 Golden Grove Road, reported on an upcoming debate in Rochester between candidates for State Representative.

Arlene Mack, 116 Clover Road, discussed the temporary stop signs at Golden Grove Road and Lovi Road staying in place.

Sal Boboth, 105 Timber Ridge, discussed the loud noise coming from a residence across the street from 416 Golden Grove Road; possibly a home occupation installing boom boxes in cars advertising on Craig's List.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to enter into Executive Session to discuss a police personnel issue, with no vote to be taken tonight. Time: 8:45 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:55 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
April 27, 2012

List of Bills attached to the Minute Book.