

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* MAY 8, 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

William Vescio, President, Vescio Asset Management, LLC gave an update and a market commentary of the Police Pension Fund and the Non Uniformed Pension Fund for the First Quarter 2012.

Dave Carlson, Chairman, Economy Borough Municipal Authority and Phillip Cotter, Manager, Economy Borough Municipal Authority, gave a Summary of Financial Operations of the EBMA for 2011 and 2012, and fielded questions.

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

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2012, Regular Session of Council, as stated. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

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

Mayor Poling reported Mr. Sivy completed work on Car 316 wiring harness in the amount of \$404.65 and did not charge Economy Borough.

Mayor Poling verified Economy Borough can spend up to \$500 for expenses for Memorial Day activities and funds are budgeted for same.

Mayor Poling asked to use the Economy Borough credit card for Memorial Day expenses that will be reimbursed by the Beaver County Foundation. Council agreed.

Mayor Poling reported receiving a letter from George Foltz thanking the chief for his assistance regarding a recent fire.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Mr. Burns reported Ambridge Water Authority has begun flushing hydrants.

Dr. Trecha reported inquiring 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.

**PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy will report under New Business.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Barthelemy received a complaint regarding Friel Road at McGuire and asked Mr. Shoup to look at it. Mr. Shoup reported he has received the request; not done yet; will be in sufficient detail so the property owner will know exactly what to do.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Dr. Trecha - to pay the list of bills as listed from April 12, 2012 to May 8, 2012 - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Dr. Trecha discussed moving funds around in the budget between salt and paving in order to increase paving in 2012. Mr. Googins requested exactly what and how it will affect the budget. Mr. Burns suggested core drilling the roads, milling 1” and paving over that. Mr. Googins reported Mr. Burns should discuss this with the committee, engineer and Mr. Fitzgerald.

**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

Mrs. Barthelemy discussed the extensive schedule of events for Community Day, June 9, 2012; rain day will be Sunday, June 10, 2012.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**1. Planning Commission Ordinance No. 435:** Mr. Kunkle reported Mayor Poling’s veto was received and distributed; Council is allowed to reconsider the ordinance at this time.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy seconded by Mr. Burns – to remove “up to” from the ordinance and re-advertise the ordinance.***

<b><i>Roll Call Vote:</i></b>	<b><i>Mrs. Barthelemy – No</i></b>	<b><i>Mr. Bucuren – Yes</i></b>
	<b><i>Mr. Burns – Yes</i></b>	<b><i>Mr. Sivy – Yes</i></b>
	<b><i>Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – No</i></b>	<b><i>Dr. Trecha – No</i></b>
		<b><i>Mr. Googins – Yes</i></b>

***Motion carries by a 4 Yes, 3 No vote***

**2. Re-Zoning Public Hearing:** Mr. Kunkle reported West View Water has requested that the portion of their property off Tevebaugh Road that is currently zoned R-3 be zoned C-1 to match the rest of the parcel in order to build a water treatment plant; a public hearing must be advertised before an ordinance to make the change can be considered. The public hearing will be scheduled for 6:30 PM, Tuesday, June 26, 2012 (before the Council meeting).

**3. BCRCOG Spring 2012 Materials Bid:** Mr. Kunkle reported due to fuel prices, etc., most items have gone up significantly; it is recommended that we accept the BCRCOG prices and enter into the contracts.

*MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to accept the BCRCOG Spring 2012 Materials Bid and execute appropriate contracts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**4. Sell Timber:** Mr. Kunkle reported Economy Borough owns 2 lots on Woodside Drive; they were bought in 1958 for \$4,400 each; a logger is scheduled to timber several adjacent lots and has offered \$2,000 to take some of the trees on the borough lots; believes it is unlikely Council will have this opportunity again any time soon; these properties are flat near the road and about 30-50 feet in they drop off steeply into the woods where DQL has a high power line running through them; a sewer line runs through one of the properties.

*MOTION by Mrs. Barthelemy, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize the selling of the timber for \$2,000 from the 2 lots on Woodside Drive. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

#### **REPORTS:**

**ENGINEER:** No Report

#### **SECRETARY:**

The secretary reported the Beaver County Borough's Association Spring meeting will be hosted by Midland Borough on Wednesday, May 23, 2012; reservations are requested.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Googins reported H.B. 1720 (modernizing and re-codifying the State Borough Code) has passed the House and Senate; it will take effect 60 days after Governor Corbett signs it into law; asked the secretary to provide Council with a copy of the PSAB Executive Summary on the revision to the Borough Code.

#### **SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Fouse reported he would have the fee agreement with Vickie Beatty regarding the police and public works contracts for the next meeting; all the grading easements regarding Walmart have been recorded; is monitoring a Commonwealth Court decision regarding UCC Boards to make sure it will be challenged by several municipalities.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Sivy discussed the poor condition of the two borough vehicles that are used by the borough manager and the code enforcement officer; Mr. Googins requested this be looked in to.

Mr. Sivy discussed the dilapidated condition of the former Davis School next to Our Saviors Lutheran Church; feels it is a safety issue. Mr. Kunkle reported the owner works in Alaska; the CEO has been working with him

the past three years; does not feel in the current condition renovation is going to happen. Mr. Googins requested this be looked at.

Dr. Trecha reported from the PSAB Conference that Economy Borough should turn in the 2010 budget that was passed in 2009 for the gas fees. Mr. Kunkle reported Economy Borough has no active wells. Dr. Trecha reported Economy Borough does not have to have active wells; we would be hooked in with Beaver County.

Dr. Trecha asked Council to send a resolution supporting HB 1329 increasing the prevailing wage threshold from \$25,000 to \$185,000 and adjust this amount annually based on the Consumer Price Index. Mr. Googins asked that this be on the next agenda.

Mayor Poling reported the Ambridge Area School Board is having a budget meeting tonight and proposed is a balanced budget with no tax increase; wait and see how they vote.

Mrs. Barthelemy discussed the value of attending the LGA Newly Elected Officials seminar and recommended it to future Council members.

Dr. Trecha thanked Council for his attendance to the PSAB Conference; attended seminars and talked with other municipalities.

## **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.

Andy Milnick, 416 Friel Road, discussed the speed of traffic on the long stretch of Friel Road and ways to slow it down; it is a posted 10 Ton road and big trucks are using it.

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to enter into Executive Session to discuss police and public works personnel issues, with no vote to be taken tonight. Time: 9:10 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 9:40 PM. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Burns – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:40 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
May 15, 2012

List of Bills attached to the Minute Book.