

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** FEBRUARY 26, 2013

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., Donald Sivy, Michelle Sovich-Lapinski, Dr. Gregory T. Trecha, Larry Googins

ABSENT: RJ Burns (Excused), Gary Bucuren (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.

Nick Gnarra, 116 First Street, reported Council spoke at past meetings about Cranberry Townships concern with their real estate tax collector compensation; how was it resolved. Mrs. Sovich Lapinski reported Cranberry collects 28 million dollars of real estate tax; compensation was capped out instead of a percentage; capped at between \$32,000 to \$35,000. Mr. Gnarra reported he called Cranberry and in 2005 it was capped as a salary; last change was an increase not a decrease; did not hurt the tax collector.

MINUTES:

Mayor Poling reported he felt the minutes for the Special Meeting of January 29, 2013, were not accurate with enough testimony from the people who were present. Dr. Trecha reported minutes are not to be a transcript. Mr. Googins reported the minutes were more detailed than usual. Mayor Poling asked if the CD could be put on the website. Mr. Fouse reported the CD is not the official record.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to approve the Minutes of the January 29, 2013, Special Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the motion: Mrs. Barthelemy asked Mr. Fouse if he is comfortable with the minutes. Mr. Fouse reported he has not objection to the minutes; they are more detailed than any other municipality he has seen. Mr. Sivy reported he felt the minutes reflected both side of the fence. Mayor Poling reported he would like to see a little more detail; feels 40% was omitted.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2013, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Dr. Trecha requested an Executive Session to report the status of the Public Works contract; no vote.

PARKS & RECREATION:

The secretary reported the Recreation Board is sponsoring:

Visit with the Easter Bunny, Saturday, March 23, 2013

Community Day will be Saturday, June 15, 2013.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report

PROPERTY and BUILDING: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Barthelemy reported the Police contract negotiations are ongoing.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. COG REPRESENTATIVES: Mr. Kunkle reported municipalities are to appoint a primary and an alternate representative to the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to appoint Larry Googins as Representative and Don Sivy as Alternate to the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. COSTARS Salt Contract: Mr. Kunkle reported Economy Borough has until March 15, 2013, to agree to buy salt from the State next winter; the plan is the same as last year; order 2,000 tons from the State and COG, which commits Economy Borough to 60% of those amounts.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to enter into a contract with COSTARS for 2,000 Tons of Salt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Lawniczak Plan of Lots Parcel No. 60-019-0708-000: Mr. Kunkle reported this is a simple subdivision whereby one 2.2 acre lot becomes a lot of 1 acre and another of 1.2 acres on Big Sewickley Creek Road to the left of and adjacent to Davis Road.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Dr. Trecha – to approve the Lawniczak Plan of Lots conditioned upon the following: comply with the BCPC review comments of February 8, 2013, comply with the Planning Consultants recommendations of February 5, 2013, and comply with all borough ordinances and regulations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Summer 2013 Grass Cutting: Mr. Kunkle reported 102 Gross Dr. has been taken over by a bank, therefore should not need us to cut it and we'll retrieve our expenses when it sells; still leaves 2 Orchard, 2111 Ridge Road Ext. and 1906 Watch Hill Dr.; would like to advertise these for bids. Mayor Poling reported he would, in the spring, ask Chief Harrington to put a memo out to the officers to report any potential high grass issues.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to authorize advertising for Summer 2013 Grass Cutting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Resolution No. 443 – PennDOT Agility Program: Mr. Kunkle reported Resolution No. 443 gives authority to the President of Council to sign the Agility Agreement.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to adopt Resolution No. 443 that the Council President is authorized and directed to sign the PennDOT Agility Agreement. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. MRM Insurance Trust Delegate: Mr. Kunkle reported MRM is our workers compensation carrier and are requesting a primary and alternate delegate to their annual meeting on April 5, 2013 at Seven Springs; only one delegate will be admitted to cast a vote for the election of Trustees. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported she has been notified of her nomination to serve a two year term as a Trustee.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to appoint Michelle Sovich-Lapinski as the Primary Delegate and Randy Kunkle as the Alternate Delegate to attend the annual meeting on April 5, 2013 at Seven Springs. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Civil Service Commission – Testing: Mr. Kunkle reported the CSC testing is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2013.

REPORTS:

ENGINEER: No Report

SECRETARY: No Report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse requested an Executive Session to update Council on Chief Harrington's contact addendum and the NLSC condemnation litigation and appeal; with no votes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Sivy reported new looking "No Tractor Trailer" signs on the Zamias property. Mr. Googins reported he spoke with Officer Dempsey who told him the signs are to keep tractor trailers with no official deliveries from just parking in the parking lot. Mayor Poling will ask Chief Harrington if the signs are new.

Mr. Sivy reported the website needs updated. Mr. Googins reported the website was started 6-7 years ago; each department was to take ownership of their information; Council can 1) have Mr. Kunkle take a more active interest in the website; first find out what is out of date; or 2) hire a professional; departments should provide their information to Mr. Kunkle who will forward it to the webmaster.

Mr. Googins reported the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Annual Conference and Exhibition will be May 5-8, 2013 at the Hershey Lodge; reservations at the low rate should be made by April 12, 2013.

Mr. Googins reported the Governor's Center for Local Government Service will hold a training program as part of their Public Safety Series on April 2, 2013, in Butler County on Collaborative Approaches to Funding Fire and EMS Services; registration is \$50; directed the secretary to provide the information to the EVFD.

Mrs. Barthelemy verified that the Hometown Press will be producing the next Economy Connection Newsletter; feels that if the Hometown Press can not produce the newsletter in a timely manner, Council should move on to another publisher; last year residents got the Connection after Community Day; suggested a 1 page electronic newsletter on the website. Mr. Kunkle reported he asked for input from all department by February 15th and received none; has a 6 week lead time; hopes to have the newsletter out by mid/late April; will still meet the goal if information is received by the first of the month; late information will push the time table back. Mr. Googins reported a 1 page bulletin in an attractive format could be put on the web; all should help out and give information to Mr. Kunkle or he could write it himself. Mrs. Barthelemy reported a suggestion box link on the website would be good for residents input.

Mr. Googins reported he has a personnel issue for Executive Session; with no vote.

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.

Ray McClellan, 196 Shaffer Road, advised Mr. Kunkle he will have an addition to his email for the newsletter by Friday.

George Fitzgerald, 189 Wallrose Hgts. Road, suggested to Council they should crunch the numbers between contracting out the grass cutting vs. hiring a second summer helper; may cost money now, but look at the future. Mr. Googins reported Council should look at this before it is too late in the season.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue; status report on the Public Works contract; Chief Harrington's Contract Amendment; NLSC Litigation status; with no vote to be taken tonight. Time: 8:07 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 8:43 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mrs. Barthelemy, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:44 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
February 28, 2013