

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* MARCH 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:** 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., 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 a rental property near his home is being used for scraping; requested they be notified to put up a fence. Mr. Googins asked Mr. Kunkle to address this.

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to approve the Minutes of the March 12 2013, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Barthelemy reported the arbitration date for the police department contract is set for Thursday, March 28, 2013; requested an Executive Session for personnel.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** No Report

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

Dr. Trecha requested an Executive Session regarding the Public Works contract negotiations.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Mr. Bucuren reported Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> was the Easter Bunny event; 48 children participated; talked with several people who were there who reported they had an enjoyable time; Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2013.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** No Report

**PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy reported Mark Custer will be off work for 1-2 months; thanked the staff for taking care of sidewalks in his absence.

Mr. Sivy reported it will cost approximately \$100,000 to rebuild the tennis court; Public Works can take down the fencing, clean up the property, resoil and reseed the area with grass. Mr. Googins verified Public Works agreed to do the work.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to remove the tennis court and fencing and resoil and reseed the area. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Poling requested copies of the 2012 flower expense for the Veterans Memorial be put in his mailbox for his review for the next meeting.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**1. Grass Cutting 2013:** Mr. Kunkle reported three (3) examples of the cost for ways Economy Borough can cut grass; 1) third party; 2) Public Works; 3) custodian & 2 summer help. Mr. Kunkle will refine the information for further Council review.

**2. Civil Service Commission – Eligibility List:** Mr. Kunkle requested and Executive Session regarding possible police officer hiring and perhaps a vote.

**REPORTS:**

**SOLICITOR:** No Report

**ENGINEER:** No Report

**SECRETARY:** No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Barthelemy asked the status of animal control. Mr. Kunkle reported Animal Friends provided three (3) places, but they are far away; will have more information regarding the new facility for the Beaver County Humane Society for the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

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. Kunkle could go if Council does not go; need to know by first of next week.

## **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.

Butch Thompson, 115 First Street, suggested using low risk inmates from the Beaver County Jail to cut grass for free; saw them in Beaver cutting grass. Mr. Googins asked Mr. Kunkle to check and see if there is a program available.

JoAnn Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, reported she also saw the inmates working in Conway. Mrs. Borato reported she felt it would be a danger to other people and a liability to have the police pick up dogs. Mayor Poling reported the police have been doing it; get about 7-20 calls per month; police have never had an issue with it.

Steve Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, suggested selling the John Deere and buying a zero turn mower. Mr. Kunkle reported the JD is also used to plow snow at the municipal building and the police department.

George Fitzgerald, 189 Wallrose Hgts. Road, suggested in 2013 do a study of the grass cutting for a better understanding and do an evaluation for the 2014 grass cutting season.

Michelle Poling, 230 Dogwood Circle, reported in the past high school students were hired to cut grass. Mr. Googins reported Council now hires college students as summer help. Mrs. Poling reported the Beaver County Humane Society is not a no kill shelter. Mr. Googins asked Mr. Kunkle to ask about the holding policy when he contacts the Beaver County Humane Society.

***MOTION by Mrs. Barthelemy, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to enter into Executive Session to discuss hiring a police officer with a possible vote; Chief Harringtons contract; the Public Works Contract; and a personnel issue. Time: 7:54 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 8:07 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Fouse reported Council discussed the hiring of a new police officer.

***MOTION by Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to offer the full time police position to Michael Janectic, contingent upon his passing the physical and physiological testing.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Burns – to enter into Executive Session to discuss Chief Harringtons contract; the Public Works Contract; and a personnel issue, with no vote. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to return to the regular order of business.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Time: 9:20 PM***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:20 PM  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
April 5, 2013