

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** APRIL 9, 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., Scott Shoup, P.E., P.L.S., 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.

Glen Sylvester, 350 Orchard Lane, asked the status of his concrete driveway and sidewalk issue discussed at the March 12th meeting; does not want the correction to cause a problem. Mr. Googins asked the Public Works Committee and Mr. Shoup to meet with an answer at the next meeting.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2013, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PROPERTY and BUILDING: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Barthelemy reported the arbitration hearing was held; no resolution yet; would like an Executive Session to discuss a contract.

MOTION by Mrs. Barthelemy, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to hire Michael D. Janectic as a full time police officer effective April 16, 2013, conditioned upon written formal acknowledgement of medical and psychological testing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported receiving the 2012 Funding Report from the Economy Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Dr. Trecha - to pay the list of bills as stated from March 13, 2013 to April 9, 2013. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Dr. Trecha went on record to thank the Public Works Department for the great job they did this winter to keep the roads clear; many cards, phone calls, and emails were received by him and the borough office.

Dr. Trecha and all of Council discussed the purchase of a zero turn mower for the grass cutting; it was decided to not purchase another mower and to continue using the current equipment; Mr. Kunkle will monitor the program.

Dr. Trecha reported the Public Works Committee will get together and offer a recommendation to Council regarding hiring a second summer helper.

Dr. Trecha discussed disposal of dead animals along the roadways; the Game Commission will pick up dead deer if it is on the roadway; not if it is on the side of the road. Mr. Bucuren reported Franklin Park disposes of dead animals in the same area and manner that the Game Commission does.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mr. Bucuren reported Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2013. Mrs. Barthelemy asked if sponsors have been approached; the name banners are good advertisement and it helps the event. Mr. Bucuren reported he has come to the building the last three third Mondays and no one was here. Mrs. Barthelemy reported she is not on the Recreation Board, but the meetings are the third Wednesday. Mr. Googins asked Mr. Kunkle to find out when the meetings are, get the information on the website, in the newsletter, and let all Council know.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling read the Mayor's Report for the Police Department for the month of March, 2013, as prepared by Chief Harrington, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary's office.

Mayor Poling reported the need to hire a part time officer also; asked if this is to be advertised. Mr. Googins asked Mr. Kunkle to research the minutes when Council discussed giving Chief Harrington authority to hire up to X number of part time police and provide the information to all of Council.

Mayor Poling reported a resident contacted him concerning his building permit for an above ground swimming pool; the permit was \$409; only 1 inspection company in Economy Borough creates a monopoly; feels we should have a minimum of 3 to pick from; there is current legislation allowing more inspectors making the permit fees competitive. Mr. Googins asked Mr. Kunkle to see what the requirements are to have other inspection agencies.

Mayor Poling reported 7 years ago Liberty Hills deposited money with Economy Borough for a traffic signal at the top of Dunlap Hill; witnessed a head on collision there 2 weeks ago. Mr. Kunkle reported the original traffic study said a traffic signal is warranted at the top of Dunlap Hill. Mr. Shoup reported traffic signals are expensive and asked if any money budgeted for it; not this year. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski suggested researching for any available grant money. Mr. Sivy reported to upgrade to LED lights. Mr. Shoup will review the original documents. Mayor Poling reported this is something to budget and plan for.

Mayor Poling reported talking to Tammy at the Veterans Affairs Office and was told the VA would pay for up to \$250 or \$.35 per flower for memorial sites; felt the requested reimbursement for the foundation is not a correct number. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski asked the secretary to provide an itemized statement to her and Mayor Poling. Mr. Burns suggested Council take care of this; been talking about it for 4-5 months.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1.Resolution No. 444 – C2P2 DCNA Grant: Mr. Kunkle reported Resolution No. 444 is the resolution and grant signature page for a grant to install playground equipment here at the Municipal Park ad Plan; the total estimated project cost is \$129,053; approximately \$17,000 will come from the Whispering Pines playground fund; \$53,333 from the C2P2 Grant and in-kind labor and equipment costs will account for approximately \$458,720.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to authorize the execution of Resolution No. 444 and the C2P2 Grant Application. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Animal Control: Mr. Kunkle reported he contacted the Beaver County Humane Society; they are in a transition with employees and just moved to the new facility; they are aware many municipalities are in our same situation; will re evaluate this again in 1-2 months; if no answer by mid June, he will contact them again. Mrs. Barthelemy asked if their Board of Directors is a public meeting. Mr. Fouse reported he does not think they are attached to Beaver County; in name only.

Mr. Googins introduced to Council and the audience Michael D. Janectic; newly hired full time police officer; feels he will be an asset to Economy Borough.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse has a contract issue for Executive Session.

ENGINEER:

Mr. Shoup reported he and Earl Fitzgerald reviewed streets for the 2013 Paving Program and will provide the information to the Public Works Committee.

Mr. Shoup reported Walmart is moving along with the storm sewer pipe; Duquesne Light will be setting their poles soon; work on SR65 may begin next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported she has been appointed a trustee for Municipal Risk Management Worker's Compensation Pooled Trust.

Mrs. Barthelemy reported on April 27, 2013 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM the Baden Academy will sponsor a Craft Fair; more crafters are needed; non profits are free.

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, felt the \$409 for a swimming pool permit was outrageous; reported the day after the last meeting the neighbor with the scrap took a load out.

JoAnn Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, reported the contract with MDIA was signed at the September 25, 2012, meeting; also suggested at that meeting was a list of third party providers; suggested having the provider use the Economy Borough fee schedule as that is what the residents are accustomed to.

Pat Skonieczny, 104 Rockrose Dr., commended RJ Burns for asking valid questions; but was appalled that Mr. Googins slammed the gavel down. Mr. Googins reported his task is to keep order. Mrs. Skonieczny reported it did not come across that way to her.

JoAnn Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, reported grants from Home Depot, Comcast, Walmart, etc., are for 501 3C organizations. Mrs. Barthelemy reported the Recreation Board would have to be a private association and not with Economy Borough to be a 501 3C organization. Mr. Burns reported the city has Playground Blitzes whereby elected officials and private citizens gather and in 1 day build a playground.

Glen Sylvester, 350 Orchard Lane, reported the Beaver County Humane Society board meetings are not open to the public.

MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contract issue with a possible vote to be taken tonight. Time: 8:45 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 9:45 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Fouse reported a proposed DROP Plan ordinance was discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich Lapinski– to authorize advertisement of the proposed DROP Plan Ordinance. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Burns – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:46 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
April 19, 2013

List of Bills attached to the Minute Book.