

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* APRIL 23, 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

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, 2013.

**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.

Robert Moskal, 1875 Hillsdale Avenue, came before Council regarding an ongoing drainage issue from his neighbors property; he sent a letter with multiple pictures documenting the problem. Mr. Googins reported he just this week received the letter, diagram and pictures and has turned them over to Dr. Trecha for review.

Pat Skonieczny, Rockrose Road, presented and provided Council, Mr. Fouse and Mayor Poling with a brief regarding the proposed DROP ordinance and requested the brief be made part of the minutes and made available to the public.

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2013, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PROPERTY and BUILDING:** No Report

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No Report

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** No Report

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:** No Report

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Mr. Bucuren reported : Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2013  
Snack/Breakfast with Santa is tentatively scheduled for December 7, 2013

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** No Report

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** No Report

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. Deer Removal Contract:** Mr. Kunkle reported this is an open ended contract with a 30 day termination term between Economy Borough and LC Deer Disposal, LLC for deer removal from Economy Borough roads and requested properties within 24 hours at a cost of \$35/deer; they currently are used by PennDOT, Northwest Regional, etc. Mr. Burns suggested the contract be for a specific time that Council chooses. Dr. Trecha suggested monetary terms be made clear in the event the deer is not dead when the contractor arrives for the removal. Mr. Bucuren suggested no contract is needed; let the environment take care of the dead deer or the Public Works Department could pick them up.

*MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to approve the service contract between Economy Borough and LC Deer Disposal, LLC contingent upon Mr. Kunkle's efforts to hold him to the \$35 fee for six (6) months. .*

*Motion carried by a 6 Yes, 1 No vote*

*Yes – Mrs. Barthelemy, Mr. Burns, Mr. Sivy, Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, Dr. Trecha, Mr. Googins*

*No – Mr. Bucuren*

**2. Girl Scout Troop 11150:** Mr. Kunkle reported Girl Scout Troop 11150 has requested to use the Municipal Building Parking Lot and Community Room (in case of rain) on Saturday, May 18, 2013, for a rummage sale.

**3. DROP Ordinance No. 441:** To be discussed.

**REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** No Report

**SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Fouse requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel with regards to the DROP.

**ENGINEER:** No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Googins reported talking with the Veterans Affairs staff; funds are available for reimbursement of expenses for Memorial flowers up to \$250 depending on how many municipalities request reimbursement. Mayor Poling reported talking to Commissioner Spanik today and wreaths and flags are also reimbursable.

Mrs. Barthelemy asked the status of the second Summer help as time is of the essence. Dr. Trecha reported there has been discussion with no consensus. Mrs. Barthelemy verified with Mr. Fouse this position would not have to be readvertised.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Barthelemy reported the Baden United Methodist Church at Dippold and State Streets, operates a food bank (We Care Food Pantry-724-869-2720) the third Monday and Tuesday from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM; currently services 75 families; always looking for items such as tooth paste, hand soap, paper towels, etc. Mr. Kunkle reported the Economy Borough Volunteer Firemen's Santa on the fire truck food drive goes to this food bank.

Mrs. Barthelemy reported on this Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM the Baden Academy Charter School will sponsor a Craft Fair.

Mr. Googins reported the Beaver Valley Regional COG will be holding a Geosynthetic meeting at Two Mile Run in Brighton Township, Friday, May 3, 2013, 8 AM to 12:30 PM.

Mr. Sivy asked Dr. Trecha to have a resolution for Glen Sylvester for the next meeting. Dr. Trecha reported he has talked with Scott Shoup, will talk to Mr. Sylvester tonight after the meeting.

### **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.

Pat Skonieczny, 104 Rockrose Drive, thanked Council for discussing her brief in Executive Session and hopes Council will review the issues she has raised concerning the proposed ordinance prior to adoption.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contract issue regarding DROP, with the possibility of a vote to be taken tonight.***

***Time: 8:15 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to return to the regular order of business.***

***Time: 9:20 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Fouse reported during a portion of the Executive Session Council did discuss some of the matters Pat Skonieczny brought up including the potential challenge from the Bargaining Unit; also that he met with Chief Harrington and his attorney regarding the waiver and release agreement Pat Skonieczny discussed; we are now back in public session.

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by RJ Burns – to adopt Ordinance No. 441 relative to the establishing and maintenance of municipal police pension annuity, insurance and benefit fund or funds, to amend certain provisions of the pension fund or program applicable to the police of Economy Borough to add a one year window deferred retirement option program (DROP); effective May 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013, for any qualifying officer who shall make an irrevocable election, the Borough of Economy Police***

*Pension Fund (Fund) is amended to add a one time only window benefit which shall be a one year (DROP) pursuant to new Plan Section 31-19; the ability to elect into this one year window DROP benefit shall as of September 1, 2013, be terminated and shall no longer be a Plan feature.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Mrs. Barthelemy – Yes*

*Mr. Bucuren – Yes*

*Mr. Burns – Yes*

*Mr. Sivy – Yes*

*Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – Yes*

*Dr. Trecha – Yes*

*Mr. Googins – Yes*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – authorizing Mr. Fouse to meet with Chief Harrington, his attorney, and anybody else interested, to discuss the election document, the waiver and the release form. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*MOTION by Dr. Trecha, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:30 PM  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
May 10, 2013