

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** AUGUST 13, 2013

Council Vice President Don Sivy 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, Tom Fetkovich, Michelle Sovich-Lapinski, Donald Sivy,

ABSENT: Larry Googins, Excused

ALSO PRESENT: Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Norman Shoup, P.E., 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 six months of 2013.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Sivy 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.

No one wished to be heard.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Minutes of the July 23, 2013, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mr. Bucuren reported : Snack/Breakfast with Santa is tentatively scheduled for December 7, 2013

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report

PROPERTY and BUILDING: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION by Mrs. Barthelemy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to enter into a consultant agreement with Bill Gamble to facilitate in the hiring of a police chief.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes – Mrs. Barthelemy

Yes – Mr. Bucuren

No – Mr. Burns

Yes - Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski

Yes – Mr. Fetkovich

Absent – Mr. Googins

Yes – Mr. Sivy

6 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent – Motion Carried

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy - to pay the list of bills as stated from July 10, 2013 to August 13, 2013 - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Burns reported a summary of the work that took place during August, 2013, as prepared by Earl Fitzgerald:

- Base repairs and drainage upgrades were done on the following roads, Legionville, Springer, Concord Church and Neeley after which they were double seal coated
- Chestnut Ridge Plan, Howard Rd. and Watch Hill Rd have been milled. Chestnut Ridge plan will be paved next week. Built a new 18” curb attachment and 18” hand roller for the wider curbs in this development.
- Howard and Watch Hill roads will have base repairs done and widen areas after Chestnut is paved. If everything goes as planned we will be finished paving before the end of the month.
- Received several calls about the guide rail damage on Shaffer Rd. There are a few areas where the guide rail has been damaged due to accidents and trees falling onto them.
- Brush hog is out every day possible mowing along the edges of our roads.
- Curb side brush pick up was done the first Thursday of August due to the milling that took place on Monday and Tuesday prior to this.

MAYOR’S REPORT: No Report

MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. Pelaia Subdivision No. 2 (60-012-0201-000 & 60-012-0201-001): Mr. Kunkle reported this is a simple subdivision involving 2 properties that join in the back, one fronting on Conway Wallrose Road, the other on Park Street; 1 backyard is getting bigger, the other smaller.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to approve the Pelaia Subdivision No. 2 conditioned upon the following: comply with the BCPC review comments of July 18, 2013, comply with the Planning Consultants recommendations of July 1, 2013, Shoup Engineer’s recommendations of July 5, 2013, and comply with all borough ordinances and regulations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS:

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse reported the tax collector litigation case in front of Judge Kwidis started, but due to a conflict in scheduling at the court, has been scheduled to continue August 22, 2013.

ENGINEER: No Report

SECRETARY: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Barthelemy asked Mr. Bucuren if there is an opening on the Recreation Board. Mr. Bucuren will verify at the next Recreation Board meeting.

Mrs. Barthelemy reported the following:

- Blessing of the Animals, Sunday August 25, 2013, from 2-5 PM at Brady's Run Park, Shelter #18-Free
- Pet Emergency First Aid & CPR, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, 11 AM at Economy Borough Building-Free
- Ambridge Area Chamber of Commerce, Christmas on Merchant, Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, 3-8 PM, vendors needed, call 724-266-3040

HEAR THE PUBLIC II:

Mr. Sivy reported he would open up the Hear the Public Part II at this time for any items discussed during the meeting.

Pat Skonieczny, 104 Rock Rose Drive, questioned Council on the motion for Bill Gamble and discussed the need for a consultant.

Joann Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, discussed the hiring process for a new police chief.

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:58 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
August 16, 2013

List of Bills attached to the Minute Book.