

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* AUGUST 27, 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, Tom Fetkovich, Donald Sivy, Larry Googins

**ABSENT:** Michelle Sovich-Lapinski, Excused

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chad McMillen, 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.

Pat Skonieczny, 104 Rock Rose Drive, asked Mr. Googins for the record his thoughts and opinion on Council voting to hire outside consultant for the processes of hiring a chief of police. Mr. Googins reported he agreed with it; feels the general consensus of most members of Council is that they don't have the expertise to decide on how to go about hiring a police chief; something that not many Councils do; something that he nor anybody here has done. Mrs. Skonieczny reported Harmony Township has done it and would be glad to ask them to come and help Economy Borough Council; it would be a lot cheaper. Mr. Googins reported this Council has decided to hire Bill Gamble who is recognized throughout Pennsylvania as being one of the experts in doing this. Mrs. Skonieczny reported for the record that she disagrees that Economy Borough has to spend \$7,000 or more.

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich – to approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2013, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Mr. Bucuren reported : December 7, 2013 - Breakfast with Santa, tentatively 9:00 AM  
June 14, 2014 – Third Annual Community Day

Mr. Bucuren reported as of right now there has been no resignation from the Recreation Board, therefore no position is available.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** No Report

**PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy reported the last day for Summer Help was August 16, 2013; Mr. Custer will do the best he can with his time.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No Report

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** No Report

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Burns reported paving continues.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** No Report

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. Interim Code Enforcement Officer:** Mr. Kunkle reported Ray Tomaszewski has a health issue and suggested Council appoint him as Interim Code Enforcement Officer until his return. Mr. McMillen reported he finds no restrictions.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich – to appoint the Borough Manager as the Interim Code Enforcement Officer until the return of Ray Tomaszewski. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**REPORTS:**

**ENGINEER:** No Report

**SOLICITOR:** No Report

**SECRETARY:** No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Barthelemy reported the following:

- Pet Emergency First Aid & CPR, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, 11 AM at Economy Borough Building-Free
- Monday, Nov. 18, 2013, 6 PM at Economy Borough Building – APPRISE from Allegheny County will give a seminar on Medicare and Medicaid; will have more information next month

Mr. Googins reported Thursday, September 5, 2013 at approximately 6:15 PM emergency sirens in Beaver, Columbiana and Hancock Counties will be tested.

Mr. Googins reported the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference will be held at Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh on October 18-20, 2013.

Mr. Googins requested an Executive Session for contract status updates.

**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 Rock Rose Drive, asked if the PA Borough Code permits the Borough Manger to hold both jobs. Mr. Googins reported Mr. Kunkle researched this and it is permit able; police departments do this in other communities.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to enter into Executive Session to discuss the status of the contracts, with no vote to be taken tonight. Time: 7:14 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mrs. Barthelemy, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 7:43 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:43 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
September 3, 2013