

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* OCTOBER 22, 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, Michelle Sovich-Lapinski, Larry Googins

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor David N. Poling, Nicholas Urick, 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 Third 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.

Mike Lucia, 416 Golden Grove Road, reported he comes to the Council Meetings to learn what is happening in Economy Borough; requested Council to consider moving the reports portion of the meeting before the Hear the Public as at the last meeting he sat through 1 ½ hours of Hear the Public with what he felt were issues not related to borough business; requested more control of the meetings with regards to repetitive questioning. Mr. Googins reported it is his job as president to keep order; Council has adopted Rules for Council Meetings which are available; this is a good criticism he will look at.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Sivy requested page 422 be corrected to read “photo” not phone; and Page 426 be corrected to read “too” not to.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2013, Regular Session of Council, as corrected. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** No Report

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Burns reported the Public Works Committee is recommending the purchase of a 10 ton dump truck to replace the 1999 Peterbilt Model 330 (truck #3).

***MOTION by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize the purchase of a new 10 ton dump truck not to exceed \$162,000.00; trading in or selling Truck #3. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

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

***MOTION by Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy – to appoint Brian T. Westrom to the Recreation Board to fill the seat vacated by Beth Markovitz; Term expiring 12/31/2016. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** No Report

**PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy reported Mr. Custer has stored the mowers away for the winter; drained the water systems. Mayor Poling reported Tim Manella blows out the water system for the Memorial.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Barthelemy reported interviews for the 10 chief of police candidates for consideration will be held tomorrow.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Poling asked that consideration for a traffic signal for SR989 at Conway Wallrose Road be in the 2014 proposed budget.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**1. Used Traffic Signals:** Mr. Kunkle reported he has approached by a person who refurbishes old traffic signals about the soon to be outdated lights on Beaver Road; may be interested in some of the lights on SR65 as well; Economy Borough also has 5 old traffic lights in storage that are made out of plastic; the suggestion is to advertise them for sale; what doesn’t sell can be scraped or pitched; further information at the next meeting.

**2. Cahalan Plan of Lots Subdivision (Parcel No. 60-010-0410-000 and No. 60-164-0317-000):** Mr. Kunkle reported this combines two lots at the end of Paul Street.; both Planning Commission's recommend approval with typical caveats.

*MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Cahalan Plan of Lots Subdivision conditioned upon the following: comply with the BCPC review comments of September 9, 2013 , comply with the Planning Consultants recommendations of September 9, 2013, Shoup Engineer's recommendations of October 22, 2013 and comply with all borough ordinances and regulations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**3. Budavich-Duke Plan of Lots Subdivision (Parcel No. 60-011-0200-000 and No. 60-011-0201-000):** Mr. Kunkle reported this moves a lot line between the last two houses on Third Avenue; both Planning Commission's recommend approval with typical caveats.

*MOTION by Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich – to approve the Budavich-Duke Plan of Lots Subdivision conditioned upon the following: comply with the BCPC review comments of October 16, 2013 , comply with the Planning Consultants recommendations of September 9, 2013, Shoup Engineer's recommendations of October 22, 2013 and comply with all borough ordinances and regulations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**4. Johnson-Volaric Plan of Lots Subdivision (Parcel No. 60-001-0517-000 and No. 60-001-518-000):** Mr. Kunkle reported this proposes the resubdivision of two lots to convey the rear portion of one lot to the adjoining lot; both Planning Commission's recommend approval with typical caveats.

*MOTION by Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to approve the Johnson-Volaric Plan of Lots Subdivision conditioned upon the following: comply with the BCPC review comments of September 18, 2013 , comply with the Planning Consultants recommendations of September 9, 2013, and comply with all borough ordinances and regulations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**6. 2014 Proposed Budget:** Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski proposed a ½ mill tax decrease in the real estate tax for 2014.

*MOTION by Mr. Sivy, second by Mrs. Barthelemy – to authorize the advertising of the 2014 Proposed Budget to include a ½ mill tax decrease (13 ½ mills) and that the budget be made available for public review at least ten days prior to adoption on November 26, 2013; the 2014 real estate tax ordinance will be adopted to reflect the ½ mill tax decrease at the same time the 2014 Budget is adopted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**REPORTS:**

**ENGINEER:** No Report

**SECRETARY:** No Report

**SOLICITOR:** No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**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, discussed Economy Borough liability at SR989 and Conway Wallrose Road and the criteria to put a traffic signal at that intersection.

Pat Skonieczny, 104 Rock Rose Drive, questioned why Economy Borough would be responsible for the cost of a traffic signal on 2 state roads.

Audrey Mutschler, 2820 Ridge Road Ext., questioned how the traffic signals proposed to be sold were originally purchased; if increased population could warrant PennDOT helping to pay for the traffic signal.

Bob Mecchia, 211 Fernwood, suggested a 3 way stop instead of a traffic signal.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Burns – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:54 PM  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
October 25, 2013