

**Economy Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
22 Jan 2019**

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Assistant Solicitor Joshua Kail. Mr Kail explained that Due to the absence of the President, Vice President and President Pro-Tem, the attending four members of Council will have to elect an interim President Pro-Tem. **Motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny to appoint Mr Morrone Interim President Pro-Tem for this meeting, all voted aye.**

Also present Mr Gary Bucuren

ABSENT: President Brian Westrom
 Vice President RJ Burns
 President Pro-Tem Tom Fetkovich

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mr Morrone welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested the discussion(s) regarding borough business be kept to 3 – 5 minutes.

Steven White, 475 Amsler Ridge Rd is present to discuss the well off his road and it being used as an access road. Council has questioned the access road and is having it core-bored to help determine its integrity. Council won't be able to consider taking any action until a plan is submitted. Mr White invited Lisa Marcucci from the Environmental Integrity Project to further discuss wells.

Mrs Marcucci has helped communities update their ordinances and have a voice in what is happening. Land use is at the local level, how wells are developed is determined by DEP. Oil and gas wells are considered an industrial use by the courts. The "Churchhill" ordinance is seen as the new standard. The Ordinance Committee will take a look at this and make a recommendation.

Barbara Howard, 255 Marr Road, is concerned about the condition of the unimproved portion of Marr Road. It is noted that there is an ordinance on this agenda to adopt all of Marr Road.

Minutes: December 11th 2018; Mrs Mutschler referred to Karen Ott's public comments about her issues with the Borough's Tax Collector, specifically that she requested relief from the \$41.75 that she was charged. And when Mary Cochran spoke of her tax issue it was in regard to the School District and not the Borough's Tax Collector.

If those adjustments are made Mrs Mutschler is in favor of accepting the minutes. *Motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny to approve the minutes as corrected, all voted aye.*

December 13th 2013. Mrs Mutschler pointed out that during the discussion of the 2019 budget, particularly the reduced Recreation Board budget, that when Mr Fetkovich was talking she stated the Finance Committee felt that certain items requested on the wish list of the Rec Board were items that fell within the boundaries of the Property and Buildings Committee and handled by such. Also, we had the discussion of the Borough over all having a 3 to 5 year plan that was never indicated on the wish list of the Rec Board. *Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Mr Bucuren, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny, all voted aye.*

Committee Reports:

Public Safety: No report.

Property and Buildings: No report.

Personnel: Mrs Mutschler stated she will need an executive session for a personnel matter.

Finance: The Budget and Treasurer's reports will be on file in the office. The List of Bills is available, Mayor Barato asked if everyone saw the email from Mrs Petalino regarding the additional check for Dotty Gnarra for \$3,740.00 for postage for the 2019 tax notices. *Motion to pay the bills that have been signed off on by the appropriate department head by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Bucuren (who recused himself regarding bills for Public Works due to his brother working there) all voted aye.*

Public Works: Mrs Mutschler requested an executive session for a personnel matter.

Mr Bucuren mentioned the need to order the two trucks that were discussed at prior meetings. We will order an International truck bed, plow, spreader whose original price was \$148,000 and an F-550 truck bed, body hydraulics and plow/spreader at \$90,000. The 550 will be paid for out of the budget; the International will be financed in part (\$125,000 over 5 years) and the rest out of the budget. *Motion to purchase an F-550 not to exceed \$90,000 by Mr Bucuren, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny, all voted aye. Motion by Mr Bucuren to purchase an International truck not to exceed \$148,000; \$125,000 of which will be financed over five years, with the additional \$23,000 coming from the general fund as well as the first year's loan payment estimated to be \$28,300 (to be detailed in future minutes), seconded by Mrs Mutschler, all voted aye.*

Parks & Recreation: No report

Mayors Report: The monthly report for December 2018 is on file in the office.

Request an Executive Session regarding police arbitration with a vote.

The Chief's car is on order but now won't be arriving until about February 18th.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a new 2019 Ford Explorer Interceptor at the COSTARS price of \$31500 with the add-ons by Ibistek at \$9001.75 **motion by Mr Bucuren, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny, to purchase the Interceptor as described above, all voted aye.**

The vehicle the new one will replace will go to 422 Auction Sales.

Mayor Barato asked Council to consider adding another full time officer. Chief O'Brien explained that currently we're down one officer for a number of months and today we found out another officer went down for an extended period of time making it difficult to fill all shifts. **Motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye to have the Civil Service Commission prepare a new list of eligible full time police applicants.**

Ordinance Committee: Marr Road Ordinance. The Solicitor read proposed Ordinance 470, accepting Marr Road as a Borough Road. **Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Bucuren, to approve Ordinance 470 accepting Marr Road as a Borough Road, all voted aye.**

Solicitor: Mr Kail has two items to discuss in Executive Session, with potential damages to the Borough, one regards the addition being built on Golden Grove, the other being the building trap at 99 Oakhaven, a vote may or may not be taken.

Engineer: Core Bore's and proposed repairs for the slide on Cooney Hollow Road. The second quote from GeoMechanics is similar to the first proposal with a price of \$9,700 versus the first proposal at \$14,400. Mr Shoup is familiar with both consultants and both are fine. **On the advice of the Engineer, Motion by Mr Bucuren, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny, to accept GeoMechanics bid in the amount of \$9,700, all voted aye.**

Old Business:

Cortright demolition will be forthcoming.

The hydrant agreement is fully in place. The past due hydrant bills can be paid if it is verified that AWA has and is supplying the appropriate reports. Mr Kunkle is to find this out from Mr Thomas.

Mr Kail received information from the Tax Collector today regarding the Ott situation. He will review it and have a recommendation for Council at the next meeting.

Mrs Mutschler mentioned that she has not seen the advertisement for the Planning Commission, Recreation Board and Zoning Hearing Board meetings dates and times. Mr Kunkle will check into this.

Mrs Mutschler mentioned that a close look needs to be given to the fees resolution, in particular the Zoning Hearing Board fees. It appears these hearings are costing much more than the \$300 we've been charging for many years.

New Business:

Police Arbitration matter: there will be a brief Executive Session on this before a vote is taken.

Mrs Mutschler had another old business item; what is the status of the time clock for the office. Mrs Borato has not picked it up, she was sick and had gone away and will get on it.

Mrs Mutschler mentioned the security cameras are in place and there is wiring in place for a monitor to be installed in Council Chambers to see who is coming into the building during meetings. **Motion by Mrs Mutschler to purchase a flat-screen tv** ... discussion regarding the right size, amount to pay, and access by the Police Chief. **Motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Bucuren to purchase a monitor/television and mounting bracket for no more than \$500, Mrs Skonieczny questions the size.** Chief O'Brien mentions that his 32 inch monitor is too small. **Mrs Mutschler withdraws her motion and will go to Walmart to see what is available for how much.** There was more discussion regarding the Chief's ability to view the cameras at the Municipal Building.

Mr Morrone asked if there is anything else. Steven White inquired about a reference in the October 23rd minutes about a zoning permit for a well site off of Amsler Ridge Road. The Manager thought this was in reference to a notice from DEP about an application for a well (this was in error, it was in fact a zoning permit – which are routinely issued by the Zoning Officer). Reference was made to the Zoning Hearing Board and a Conditional Use application, neither of which were applicable. It was noted that access to the well site has not been approved. Discussion of land owner's rights to profit from drilling took place. Appropriate land use issues were discussed.

Discussion regarding the Borough Secretary's resignation and advertising the vacant position took place. **Motion by Mrs Skonieczny to advertise it for a week including two Sundays,** Mr Morrone asked for a second, Mrs Mutschler questions if there will be a deadline, the 12th of February was set, **seconded by Mr Morrone, all voted aye.**

Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Morrone, to go into Executive Session for two code enforcement issues, a potential police arbitration matter, a personnel matter in the Public Works department, and the Borough Secretary's resignation, all voted aye.

Motion by Mr Bucuren, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny to exit Executive Session and go back into regular session.

Motion by Mrs Mutschler to end the police arbitration proceedings and to pay Officer Lively accordingly, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny, all voted aye.

Motion by to suspend with pay Alex Dietz from the Road Department until further investigation is completed, seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye.

Motion to accept the resignation of Margie Nelko from the Borough Secretary position effective January 29th by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye.

Mayor Borato inquired as to the status of 99 Oakhaven and the Municipal Authority's request for reimbursement for the trap they installed after the Borough's third party inspector from BIU had the trap removed. Mr Kail stated the Borough will be contacting BIU about this.

Motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny to adjourn, all voted aye.

Submitted by

Randy S Kunkle
Borough Manager

Economy Borough
List of Checks
As of January 22, 2019

Date	Num	Name	Amount
100.00 - General Fund Accounts			
100.001 - Gen'l Fund Reg Checking - 2783			
12/27/2018	27280	Bucuren, Christopher M.	-100.00
12/27/2018	27281	Creese, Jill-Rec Board	-278.02
12/27/2018	27282	Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	-13.49
12/27/2018	27283	Taylor & Alsko	-750.00
12/27/2018	27284	UST Idemnification Fund-Commonwealth	-82.50
12/31/2018	27285	Bauman Office Plus	-837.98
12/31/2018	27286	Home Depot Credit Services	-572.65
01/08/2019	27287	ADT Security Services	-99.24
01/08/2019	27288	Aflac	-253.50
01/08/2019	27289	Allegheny Cty Medical Examiner Office	-200.00
01/08/2019	27290	Amcom Office Systems, Inc.	-23.27
01/08/2019	27291	Animal Control Services	-550.00
01/08/2019	27292	Aramark Uniform Service	-519.58
01/08/2019	27293	Beaver County Dept of Waste Management	-292.50
01/08/2019	27294	Beaver County Times-Newspapers Inc.	-94.75
01/08/2019	27295	Building Inspection Underwriters of PA	-3,546.00
01/08/2019	27296	Butler Gas Products Co, Inc.	-23.03
01/08/2019	27297	Columbia Gas	-3,016.84
01/08/2019	27298	Comcast 0029740	-619.65
01/08/2019	27299	DCED UCC Fees	-81.00
01/08/2019	27300	Duquesne Light Company	-32.62
01/08/2019	27301	FNB Commercial Credit Card	-667.46
01/08/2019	27302	Galeton	-211.12
01/08/2019	27303	Hovis Auto Supply	-148.45
01/08/2019	27304	Hunter Truck Sales & Service, Inc.	-83.19
01/08/2019	27305	JC Ehrlich Co., Inc.	-91.98
01/08/2019	27306	Joseph A. Askar Law Offices	-4,961.25
01/08/2019	27307	LCA-Lease Corporation of America	-209.81
01/08/2019	27308	McClymonds Supply & Transit Co. Inc.	-2,133.41
01/08/2019	27309	MDIA	-1,667.00
01/08/2019	27310	MGSoft-Net, Inc.	-42.50
01/08/2019	27311	Mitel Cloud Services	-274.80
01/08/2019	27312	PA Chiefs of Police Association	-990.00
01/08/2019	27313	PGH Networks	-99.00
01/08/2019	27314	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Svcs, LLC	-168.30
01/08/2019	27315	Pittsburgh Public Safety Supply	-251.77
01/08/2019	27316	Recreation Alliance of North Pittsburgh	-50.00
01/08/2019	27317	Reed Oil Company	-1,390.90
01/08/2019	27318	Reliance Standard Life Insurance	-330.00
01/08/2019	27319	Russell Standard Corp.	-757.00
01/08/2019	27320	Sewickley Construction Products Inc.	-31.75
01/08/2019	27321	Shoup Engineering Inc.	-275.00
01/08/2019	27322	Smitty's Service.	-224.50
01/08/2019	27323	Sprint Communications	-179.94
01/08/2019	27324	Staples Advantage	-76.22
01/08/2019	27325	Stephenson Equipment, Inc.	-611.92
01/08/2019	27326	Stuvach Printing & Graphics	-738.00
01/08/2019	27327	SWIF-State Worker's Insurance Fund	-1,881.00
01/08/2019	27328	Teamsters Local Union 250	-460.00
01/08/2019	27329	Thomas, John C.	-20.42
01/08/2019	27330	Valley Waste Service, LLC	-620.00
01/08/2019	27331	Verizon S0007576-Business	-18.67
01/08/2019	27332	Verizon Wireless-542192420	-577.36
01/08/2019	27333	Vi-HAUS	-875.50
01/08/2019	27334	W. PA Teamsters - COBRA	-895.74
01/08/2019	27335	W. PA Teamsters Emp Welfare Fund	-23,568.69
01/08/2019	27336	Wex Bank-Sunoco	-2,627.14
01/08/2019	27337	Wine Concrete Products, Inc.	-326.00
01/08/2019	27338	Ambridge Water Authority	-762.62
01/08/2019	27339	Clean Care, Inc.	-102.22
01/08/2019	27340	Comcast 0029955	-107.87
01/08/2019	27341	Duquesne Light Company	-1,771.51
01/08/2019	27342	Hunter Truck Sales & Service, Inc.	-114.61
01/08/2019	27343	Murphy Tractor-Powerplan	-443.24
01/08/2019	27344	Napa-aStation Auto Parts	-97.64
01/08/2019	27345	Occidental Life Insurance Co of NC	-27.82
01/08/2019	27346	PA State Association of Boroughs	-180.00
01/08/2019	27347	PENN Power Group	-76.60
01/08/2019	27348	Point Spring Company	-139.38
01/08/2019	27349	Reed Oil Company	-225.78

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01/08/2019	27350	Spectrum Medical Corp, LLC	-70.00
01/17/2019	27353	Bauman Office Plus	-1,567.92
01/17/2019	27354	BearCom	-200.00
01/17/2019	27355	Beaver County Times-Newspapers Inc.	-117.00
01/17/2019	27356	Beaver Valley Sheet Metal Co.	-2,765.00
01/17/2019	27357	Bob Sumerel Tire Co., Inc.	-1,433.75
01/17/2019	27358	Hovis Auto Supply	-39.79
01/17/2019	27359	Hunter Truck Sales & Service, Inc.	-58.65
01/17/2019	27360	JC Ehrlich Co., Inc.	-50.00
01/17/2019	27361	MGSoft-Net, Inc.	-382.50
01/17/2019	27362	Michael Baker International, Inc.	-2,460.00
01/17/2019	27363	Napa-aStation Auto Parts	-86.90
01/17/2019	27364	PA One Call System, Inc.	-19.24
01/17/2019	27365	PA Unemployment Compensation Fund	-604.80
01/17/2019	27366	Point Spring Company	-156.60
01/17/2019	27367	Reed Oil Company	-156.27
01/17/2019	27368	S & S Fasteners, Inc	0.00
01/17/2019	27369	Shoup Engineering Inc.	-2,587.46
01/17/2019	27370	Tri-State Hose & Supply Company	-111.01
01/17/2019	27371	UST Idemnification Fund-Commonwealth	0.00
01/22/2019	27372	Dorothy Gnarra-Tax Collector	-3,740.00
Total 100.001 · Gen'l Fund Reg Checking - 2783			-81,178.59
Total 100.00 · General Fund Accounts			-81,178.59
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