

**Economy Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2019**

MEETING: was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mr. Westrom

ROLL CALL: – Mr. Bucuren, Mr. Morrone, Mrs. Mutschler, Mr. Westrom, Mr. Fetkovich, and Mayor Borato

ABSENT: R. J. Burns and Mrs. Skonieczny

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. William Vescio – Pension Update the Police and Non-Uniform Pensions, First-Nine Months of 2019 available at the office. Mr. Vescio stated the 4th quarter of 2019 looks positive.

Mr. Westrom welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there was anyone from the media in attendance and requested the discussion regarding borough business be kept to 3-5 minutes.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

No one spoke from the public.

MINUTES October 8, 2019 **Motion by Mrs. Mutschler seconded by Mr. Bucuren to approve the minutes with the correction under Old Business NLSC: delete “for same” end the sentence with cite, all voted aye with the correction.**

PROPERTY/BUILDING – Nothing to report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Accept letter of resignation from Mr. Stillwagon/DPW.

Motion by Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Morrone to accept Mr. Stillwagon’s resignation as of 10/25/19, all voted aye.

FINANCE: Please review 2020 proposed budget and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting on November 12th and make a motion to advertise. Plan to pass the proposed budget at the meeting on November 26th, 2019. If any questions regarding the proposed budget, please reach out to Mr. Kunkle.

PUBLIC WORKS - Nothing to report

PARKS AND RECREATION – Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE - Nothing to report, Mrs. Skonieczny absent

PUBLIC SAFETY- Nothing to report, Mr. Burns absent

MAYOR'S REPORT – The school is continuing to have many issues and the discussion for a second resource officer might be brought up again soon.

Mrs. Mutschler brought up that grants are available that the school should apply to help with the costs of a second resource officer.

Mrs. Ott brought to the Mayor's attention that there are over-weight trucks on Merriman Road, the Mayor will inform the Chief.

Mayor is requesting Executive Session to discuss possible legal action with no vote regarding Ambridge Sportsman Club/Mr. Quinn

SOLICITOR

Intermunicipal Agreement with Ambridge Water Authority, concerning 1101 Phillips Street for the homeowner to proceed with tap-in. Gave this letter to Mr. Kunkle to be filed.

Walmart Assessment Appeal – Have not received a pretrial conference date. No new updates.

Resolution – Tax Collector Commission – Resolution No. 465.

Amend paragraph 5, WHEREAS, the Tax Collector shall be required to maintain and operate an office in the Economy Borough Community Center open to serve the taxpayers a **minimum of 25 staggered hours per week.**

Motion by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to include a minimum of 25 staggered hours per week, and accept Resolution No. 465 "A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Economy, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the rate of compensation for the elected real estate and per capita tax collector for the year starting January 1, 2022 and thereafter. The rate of compensation paid to the Tax Collector commencing with the first day of the term of office beginning January 1, 2022 and each year thereafter shall be 1.5% for each Property and Per Capita taxes. Further, the enactment of this resolution shall act as an amendment and repealer of Resolution #240 Section 11 only.

Reorganization Meeting set for January 6, 2020 which would be Serbian Christmas Eve was not sure if that would propose issues with anyone on the board. Mayor stated she will be out of town and will ask/invite Magistrate Howe to come to the meeting on January 6th to perform the Oath.

ENGINEERING – Line Stripping on Shaffer Road – **Motion by Mrs. Mutschler, Seconded by Mr. Morrone to accept the quote from PLP Co in the amount of \$3,275.00 for Line Striping Economy Borough**

OLD BUSINESS

Froman Public Hearing will be scheduled November 12th at the beginning of council meeting, advertised twice once on October 20, 2019 and again on October 27, 2019.

Mr. Thomas – Northern Lights Shopping Center, my contact is Brian Templin, who manages the shopping center for the Pearson's. I am in touch with him every couple of weeks, he tells me he has signed contracts for repairing the sidewalks, parking lot, and new lighting. New sidewalks to be put in by September, he was informed from his contractors they are behind schedule with their other jobs, so the sidewalks are being pushed back. I told Mr. Templin we are tired of the waiting and excuses. He did not show me these signed contracts.

Mr. Templin suggested to me that Council and/or Mr. Kunkle contact the Pearson's and suggest a meeting.

Mrs. Mutschler is there a risk with the sidewalks, can we cite them? Mr. Thomas stated he looked at all the sidewalks on 10/21/19. There are a couple of places, that I can cite. They are not in front of the stores and are located where they are to be torn down.

Mrs. Mutschler asked if we are going to be that lenient to all the other residents who are stating the same thing that their contractors are not available

Mr. Thomas stated that Mr. Templin told him prior that the two fenced in areas in they parking lot they are planning to take down the fencing, remove all the old asphalt, and put in fresh dirt and lease those two parcels for two new restaurants to be put in at this location, have not heard any updates on that.

Council members agreed that Mr. Thomas should cite them for whatever he can. Mr. Fetkovich agreed that Mr. Askar/Mr. Kunkle should reach out and schedule a meeting with the Pearson's via Skype if they cannot come to the Borough. Even if they have signed contracts show them to us so we can see that plans are in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Animal Control Service Contract – on hold until the November 12, 2019 meeting. Solicitor Askar reviewed it stated there is a typo on paragraph 8 needs to be changed from 80 to 30 days. Under the Game Animals and Cats, clarifications needed on paragraphs one and two, Solicitor Askar wants to make sure that this entity realizes the Borough cannot be responsible for carcasses on private property. Would like to get some indemnification language, will talk with them and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Suspend regular meeting go into Executive Session, **Motion by Mrs. Mutschler, Seconded by Mr. Morrone to suspend regular meeting at 7:43 p.m. go into Executive session, no vote then adjournment, all voted aye.**

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Dean
Borough Secretary

Motions

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