

## 28 July 2020

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| VII | <u><b><i>New Business</i></b></u> | Recreation Board Appointment – see attached<br>New Phone System – see attached<br>Mayor’s role during meetings |
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**Economy Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
9 June 2020**

**MEETING:** Mr. Morrone called the meeting to order at 7:00, also present were Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Roger Kowal, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny and Mr. Glen Sylvester. Others present included Mayor Jo Ann Borato, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Solicitor Joseph Askar and Engineer Scott Shoup.

**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.

Lisa Marcucci acknowledged her right to know request is being worked on.

**Minutes:** May 26, 2020 – not prepared yet. **Motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Morrone, to table the minutes, all voted aye.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance** – Nothing to report

**Public Works** – The monthly report is on file in the office.

**Front end loader** – Needs very extensive repairs, a new John Deere would cost \$ 160,000.00 plus a trade in of \$ 25,000. Previously it was talked about keeping it through the year and buying a replacement early next year. Prices from Case and Caterpillar will be obtained.

**Paving Plan** – Mr. Ruckert mentioned at the last meeting Sunridge Drive (alternate #5) was selected along with the base bid; since then this was re-evaluated and it is felt alternate #4, Celestial Drive should be paved instead. **Motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal, to pave Celestial Drive rather than Sunridge Drive, all voted aye.**

**Parks and Recreation** – Nothing to report

**Ordinance** – Mr. Sivy reported that a lot has changed since 2012 (when the Borough's oil and gas ordinance was adopted) and he suggests the Borough move ahead with getting the ordinance up to date. He suggests we hire special counsel, because that is all they do, and we will have a new ordinance to consider. The cost from attorney Gavin Robb will be \$ 2,000.00 to \$ 2,500.00, for a draft ordinance and anything beyond that will be \$ 170.00, per hour for his time and \$ 155.00, per hour for a specialist. **Motion by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Skonieczny, to hire Gavin Robb of Tucker Arensburg as special counsel to provide an updated oil and gas well ordinance at a cost of between \$ 2,000.00 and \$ 2,500.00, for a draft ordinance and either \$ 170.00 per hour or \$ 155.00 per hour for additional work depending on who has to do the work.**

Mr. Ruckert asked if we are going to rely on one attorney or seek others. Mayor Borato objects to limiting or eliminating well development on large tracts of land. A roll call vote followed:

<b>Mr. Bucuren</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Kowal</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Ruckert</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mr. Sivy</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mrs. Skonieczny</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Sylvester</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Mr. Morrone</b>	<b>No</b>

**Motion passes 4 to 2 with 1 abstention**

**Public Safety** – Nothing to report

**Property and Buildings** – Nothing to report

**Mayor's Report:** The monthly report is on file.

Promotions: Jason Wood, DOH 2004, serves very well as SRO, to Sergeant; Justin Skonieczny, DOH 2011, assumed role as shift supervisor, to Corporal; Christopher Farangonio, DOH 2007, involved with the intelligence community, to Corporal. All three have taken on various responsibilities and have excellent work habits. They manage their time well and have taken on leadership roles.

Zachary Potts has accepted the offer to be a Jr Patrolman and will start June 15, 2020.

The Veteran's Memorial Group would like to update the Memorial by contracting with Pittsburgh Hardscapes and using the \$5,000 budgeted for the Memorial. If you have any thoughts or concerns with this, please let the Mayor know.

Tires: The Borough owns 40 old tires at Smitty's that no longer fit any of the cars we own. A year or so ago we had a similar situation and the tires were sold to Rege Leindecker for \$10 apiece. The Department would like to do the same with these tires once we get a final tally.

Executive Session: Personnel, no vote.

**Solicitor's Report:** One matter for Executive Session due to potential litigation/settlement. It was previously mentioned we have a couple in the Borough who want to donate \$ 500.00, to the Police Department. The Chief reached out to the donors and told them Council is very appreciative of the donation and is earmarked for the Police Department.

**Engineers Report:** Nothing to report. Mr. Sivy asked if there is anything new regarding the B15 landslide. Mr. Kunkle gave Mr. Shoup a report from McTish, Kunkel & Associates today. He will review this and report back to Council

**Old Business:** Mr. Kowal stated the driveways are not 800 feet apart as our ordinance says they should. Everything Mrs. Skonieczny found was accurate. After Mr. Kowal met with the developer, saw where

the driveways will be, that if PennDOT is fine with them, he feels the development should go in. Mr. Bucuren disagrees, it is a bad area around the bend, and doubts PennDOT will lower the speed limit. Mrs. Skonieczny stated if the Borough's ordinance is more restrictive than the state requires, the ordinance trumps the state.

Ed Moore with Sheffler & Co. – Project Engineer; Deon McMullen – McLaren Road Properties (the developer) and Jarret Crosby – Wooster & Associates the Traffic Engineer were present. They would like to know if Council would approve the development with one full access and one emergency access. This started on February 11, 2020, when the developers met with Council. Since then changes have been made due to the Traffic Engineer's suggestions. On April 15, 2020, they sent the current plan to the Borough, on April 30, 2020, there was a teleconference with a committee of Council. On May 7, 2020, the Committee sent a report to Council summarizing the teleconference and recommended denial. On May 13, 2020, the Traffic Engineer submitted corrections to the Committee's report. The northern access is the full access and the southern access is the emergency entrance for the development.

Jarret Crosby spoke in depth about the entrances. Local roads and driveways have different specifications. PennDOT told them they would approve a full and emergency (access) the latter meets the specs for a driveway. Mrs. Skonieczny stated having a gated emergency access is not providing two accesses and they are not 800 feet apart as the ordinance states. Mayor Borato pointed out that modifications to the ordinance were granted to the Liberty Hills and Villas of Economy developments. Walmart has one main entrance and a gated emergency access. The two Ambridge School District buildings in the Borough are the same way only they have dirt roads as the emergency access. Mr. Moore pointed out the plan is a PRD, which allows for modifications.

Mr. Askar asked if Council feels comfortable with this development moving forward based on what they have been hearing? Mr. Ruckert would like a traffic study done to see if the speed can be reduced to 25 mph, thus enabling two full access points, then he would consider a modification to the 800 feet. A poll of Council took place, four (4) view it favorably, two (2) oppose and one (1) abstains at this time. This poll does not convey any authority.

Mayor Borato stated Officer Truskowski would like an MOU signed for him to work with the Beaver County Drug Task Force. This has been done in the past and the Police Chief is in favor of it.

**New Business: Span Lot Line Revision – fresh date. Motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal, to re-approve this revision, all voted aye.**

Mr. Kowal mentioned a letter sent by concerned citizens to maintain the Zoom platform or something like it, Mr. Askar concurred, he has been contacted as well. Mr. Askar also mentioned complaints about the website not being up to date and suggested MG Softnet could take care of that; Mr. Ruckert mentioned the new Assistant Manager/Secretary may be able to take care of that.

Mr. Sivy asked where things stand with the Comcast Franchise. They are still providing service but we need to have an agreement. With out a Franchise Comcast will not be able to continue to provide service, which will be a burden to many residents. Mayor Borato stated we cannot force someone else to come in. This will be on the next agenda.

Executive Session. **Motion by Mr. Sivy to suspend the regular meeting and go into Executive Session for Personnel where no vote will follow**

Mr. Ruckert asked if they will vote to re-organize; Mr. Morrone responded affirmatively.

**Motion failed for lack of a second.**

**Motion by Mr. Ruckert to re-organize; seconded by Mr. Morrone, all voted aye.**

Mayor Borato Chaired the meeting and asked for nominations for President. **Mr. Bucuren nominated Mr. Kowal for President. Mr. Ruckert nominated Mr. Morrone.** There being no further nominations, Mayor Borato called for a roll call vote on the first nomination

Each member stated who they wanted as President

Mr. Bucuren	Mr. Kowal
Mr. Kowal	Himself
Mr. Morrone	Himself
Mr. Ruckert	Mr. Morrone
Mr. Sivy	Mr. Morrone
Mrs. Skonieczny	Mr. Kowal
Mr. Sylvester	Mr. Morrone

Mr. Morrone will remain as President per the four to three votes.

Mr. Morrone nominated Mr. Ruckert as Vice President, all voted aye.

Mr. Ruckert nominated Mr. Sivy for President Pro Temp, all voted aye.

**Motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester, to suspend the regular Council session and go into Executive Session after which the meeting will adjourn, all voted aye.**

Submitted by

Randy S Kunkle  
Borough Manager

**Economy Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
23 June 2020**

**MEETING:** Mr Morrone called the meeting to order at 7:00, also present were Mr Gary Bucuren, Mr Roger Kowal, Mr Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr Don Sivy, Mrs Pat Skonieczny via Zoom and Mr Glen Sylvester. Others present included Mayor Jo Ann Borato, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle and Solicitor Joseph Askar.

**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.

**Hear the Public** none

Mayor Borato introduced Officer Zachary Potts, who was sworn in last week. He was welcomed by everyone.

**Minutes** 26 May 2020 – not prepared  
9 June 2020 – not prepared

**Committee Reports**

**Finance** Mr Kowal asked who receives the money budgeted in line item 414.100 – it goes to MDIA for building inspections. Mayor Borato asked why line item 414.110 was so far over budget – the entire workers comp bill was inadvertently charged to that line item and will be corrected. Mr Kowal asked if the money that has not been spent yet by the Public Works Department is still available for road work – it is. And can we use liquid fuels money toward a new high lift – yes, the amount available will have to be looked into.

**Public Works** Mr Sivy said 6 bids came in for the Park Hill Culvert replacement project and Youngblood Paving is the low bidder. **Motion by Mr Sivy to award this project to Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$32,650, seconded by Mr Kowal, all voted aye.**

Three bids were received for a new front-end loader. A Volvo, which is larger than the one we have for \$119,291 (including trade-in) with a 3-year warranty. Cleveland Brothers bid a Caterpillar, a little lighter in size compared to the one we have at \$110,598 also with a 3-year warranty. John Deere bid the same machine as we currently have at \$125,150 with a 7-year, 4000-hour warranty. Discussion of how it will be paid for followed. **Motion by Mr Sylvester to purchase the John Deere for \$125,150 contingent upon there being at least \$90,000 available**

**to use out of Liquid Fuels money, seconded by Mr Morrone, all voted aye.** Mr Cavanaugh offered to talk with John Deere about the price.

**Parks and Recreation** – Mr Bucuren has nothing to report

**Ordinance** Mrs Skonieczny reported we have an engagement letter with Attorney Robb to prepare a proposed replacement Oil and Gas Ordinance. She will setup a meeting with the attorney. It was agreed everyone on Council will review the proposal and coordinate any changes before it is sent back to hold down the cost.

Mr Kowal feels the current Firearms Ordinance should be reviewed and possibly updated because we have more people in the borough and unrestricted shooting is going on regularly.

**Public Safety** – nothing to report except Mr Ruckert will meet with Mr Bucuren and Mr Sivy to talk about the upcoming Police Contract negotiations.

**Property and Buildings** – Mr Morrone has nothing to report

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Borato requested an Executive Session for personnel with a possible vote.

The Veteran's Association have requested Council's approval to use the \$5,116.94 to upgrade the Memorial. It was questioned why there is a line item when the Borough was only going to pay for electricity and nothing else. This will be held off until the financial background is checked into.

Mr Kowal questioned overweight vehicles on Compton Road from Conway Wallrose Road to the Semonik driveway. Mr Bucuren wants something done about it. Discussion followed. Mayor Borato will talk with Chief O'Brien about this and will see what can be done.

Mr Sivy received complaints about the sleek hi-speed motorcycles going across SR 989.

**Solicitor's Report** Solicitor Askar asked Council to determine how they want to conduct their meetings in light of going into the "green phase" of the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion followed. If Council limits the number of public attendees it will have to maintain a virtual means for people to participate, with the current setup using Zoom it is hard for residents to hear Council. Mr Cavanaugh will see what equipment is available.

**Motion by Mr Sivy to allow residents to attend Council meetings on a first come first serve basis following CDC guidelines and continuing with Zoom, seconded by Mr Morrone, all voted aye.**



Discussion took place on ways to enhance the audio-visual portion of the meeting so that those using it feel they are a part of the meeting. **Motion by Mr Ruckert to obtain prices on better audio-visual equipment.**

**Old Business** Mr Kowal would like to see the Personnel Committee propose a dress code for employees and Council.

**New Business** Check signers: the President and Vice President can sign checks as well as the Manager

Pension Trustees: the President and Vice President normally do this.

COG Commodity Bids: These are items used by the Public Works Department during the summer and salt in the winter.; **Motion by Mr Morrone to approve the 2020 COG bids, seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye.**

Records Destruction Request (Tax Collector). The Tax Collector furnished a list of records she would like to have destroyed in compliance with the Records Retention Law. **Motion by Mr Ruckert to approve the records destruction, seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye.**

Mr Sivy welcomed the new Secretary/Assistant Manager, Travis Cavanaugh.

#### **Executive Session**

**Motion by Mr Sivy to suspend the regular session of Council and go into Executive Session for a personnel issue with a possible vote, seconded by Mr Ruckert, all voted aye at 8:40.**

**Motion by Mr Sivy to return to regular session, seconded by Mr Ruckert, all voted aye.**

Mayor Borato asked Council to make a motion to pay officer Derek Arnhem's pension payments to make him current in the amount of \$534.07. **Motion by Mr Ruckert to double check the figures and pay the appropriate amount, seconded by Mr Morrone, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Mr Sivy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr Ruckert, all voted aye at 8:54.**

Submitted by

Randy S Kunkle  
Borough Manager



## Randy Kunkle

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**From:** Olga Sorkina <lerka010481@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:10 PM  
**To:** Randy Kunkle  
**Subject:** Letter of Interest: Parks & Recreation

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of interest as I have recently heard of an opening on the Economy Parks and Recreation board. I have lived in the Borough for eight years and have attended many of the Community events. I am married and have two young girls, and my kids have enjoyed participating in the events such as the Breakfast with Santa, Movie Nights, and more. I have excellent interpersonal skills and work well with others. I would enjoy event planning, park monitoring, and participating in the events.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Olga Sorkina  
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## PROPOSAL

Proposal # 07152001

Date: 7/15/2020

To: Borough of Economy  
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Phone: 724-869-4779  
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### Work to be performed at:

Same

We hereby propose to furnish the materials and perform the labor necessary for the completion of:

1 - Avaya telephone system consisting of:

1 - Avaya CICS 4 line x 16 station processor unit	\$ 700.00
5 - Avaya LCD display speakerphones @ \$165.00	\$ 825.00
1 - Pilot 100 voice mail system - 4 ports, 10 mailboxes	\$ 500.00
1 - Music on hold player	\$ 250.00
1 - ATT full duplex speakerphone with 4 wireless microphones - optional	\$ 600.00
All necessary installation using existing wiring, programming and staff training	\$ 300.00
1 year parts and labor warranty	

Sub-total \$3,175.00

All material is guaranteed to be as specified and the above work to be performed in accordance with the drawings and specifications submitted for the above work and completed in a substantially workmanlike manner for the sum of:

\$3,175.00 + \$0.00 PA sales tax = **\$3,175.00**

Payments to be made as follows:

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald J. Davis

Down payment 50%  
Upon Completion 50%



ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL: The above proposal is accepted.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_