

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
July 14, 2020

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Frank Morrone presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Roger Kowal, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester and Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (via Zoom, but Mrs. Skonieczny had to exit the Zoom Meeting due to a lack of audio and therefore did not participate in any of the votes that were taken during the meeting.). Mayor Jo Ann Borato, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Assistant Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq. (via Zoom), and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup. There were also 8 participants via Zoom.

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 in length.

Bradley Dornish of 27 Doniport Road, Baden
Regis Leindecker of 418 Golden Grove Road, Baden
Lisa Marcucci of 370 Temona Drive, Pittsburgh

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Dornish, was present on behalf of his client Mr. Bradley Semonik of 3530 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley with BLS Transit & Supply to discuss their issues with their overweight hauling permit that was revoked on May 17, 2019. Mr. Dornish also stated that they are concerned about their drivers being videotaped and photos taken of them by someone. Mr. Askar advised Mr. Dornish that they setup a meeting next week to discuss their concerns instead of in front of Council since Mr. Dornish spoke about a possible litigation against the Borough.

Mr. Leindecker asked Council if they are willing to sell the new/old police department tires to him. He mentioned to Council that he would buy them at a rate of \$ 5.00 for the new tires and \$ 1.00 for any used tires. There are roughly 40 tires to purchase.

Mrs. Marcucci thanked Mr. Kunkle for the materials that were prepared for her from her Right-to-Know request and asked if the Borough received her check to cover the cost of her request. She also recommended to Council to ask Penn Energy Resources to cover the rest of the bill from Staples pertaining to printing information for a well pad. Mr. Ruckert mentioned that Council will look into that recommendation. Mrs. Marcucci also asked Council why Penn Energy Resource's zoning permit was continuously extended. Mr. Askar advised that he will look into this zoning permit.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on May 26, 2020, were presented to Council. **A motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2020, as presented was unanimously carried.** It was noted that Mr. Sylvester abstained as he wants not a Council for this meeting.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Kowal, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, reviewed the following:

1. **Bills Payable** for the period of June 10, 2020, through July 14, 2020, in the amount of \$ 230,908.53, from the General Fund with Check No. 28679 to 28838, and in the amount of \$ 35,931.30, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 185 to 187, were presented to Council for review. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the list of Bills Payable that have been reviewed and signed off by the department heads was unanimously carried, with the exception of Mr. Bucuren regarding the Public Works bills, due to his brother works in the department.**
2. **Budget Report** for the month of June 2020, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE: Mr. Sivy, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Council with PW Report for June 2020. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Sivy mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss personal.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Kunkle mentioned that he received a resignation letter from Laurel Westrom from the recreation board. He also stated that he received a letter for a possible replacement for Mrs. Westrom's position.

Mayor Borato mentioned that there will be a movie night on July 18, 2020, behind the Borough building.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Kowal reported that the Planning Commission finished up with the food truck ordinance and it is ready for Council for review and possible adoption.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mayor Borato mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss personal.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Borato presented Council with updates regarding the following issues:

1. **Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for June 2020** – After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

2. There are on-street parking problems in Sunset Hills.
3. **A motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone to approve the sale of the new/used tires a rate of \$ 5.00, for the new tires and \$ 1.00, for the used tires to Rege Leindecker and for him to dispose of any other tires, was unanimously carried.**
4. **A motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the donation request from the Economy Borough Veteran's Committee in the amount of \$ 5,000.00, to be used for landscaping purposes at the memorial, was unanimously carried.**
5. Mr. Sivy asked why the line item was added for the Economy Borough Veteran's Committee in the budget. Mr. Cavanaugh will look back to previous years and get an answer for him as far back as he can go.
6. Mr. Kowal mentioned that there was speeding along Block Lane, people running the stop signs in Sunset Hills and at the intersection of Amsler Road/Conway Wallrose Road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Borough Solicitor presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. Walmart – Updated on the consent agreement appeal with Walmart.
2. Ambridge Sportsmen's Club – Depositions were held the other day. He also, praised Mayor Borato, Chief O'Brien and Code Enforcement Officer Thomas on a job well done for being ready for the depositions.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – The Borough Engineer presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. Energy Transfer – Updated that they are working with DEP for the mitigation of the slide in the ROW for the B-15 well pad. Mr. Shoup also mentioned that he received a grading permit from Energy Transfer for the mitigation on the B-15 well pad. He would like to have an outside engineering firm review the grading permit for the slope analysis and the slide mediation review.

A motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve Garvin, Boward and Beitko Engineering, Inc. to review the grading permit from Energy Transfer pertaining to the slope analysis and mitigation of the landslide at the B-15 well pad, was unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Comcast Franchise Agreement – Mr. Kunkle mentioned that he received a sample franchise agreement from Comcast. He was going to ask Comcast if he could distribute that sample agreement to Council and the Solicitor for review.

Mayor Borato asked Mr. Kunkle since the franchise agreement was expired if the Borough was still going to receive the franchise fees. Mr. Kunkle responded that Comcast will still be giving the Borough the franchise fees.

NEW BUSINESS: No agenda item at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS: No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Morrone requested Council go into Executive Session regarding public works personnel and police department contract/personnel, as per the motion of Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert. There will be no motions after the Executive Session.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. and enter into Executive Session, was unanimously carried.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary