

Economy Borough Council  
Council Minutes  
August 11, 2020

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**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 (via teleconference), Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester and Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (via teleconference). Mayor Jo Ann Borato, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Assistant Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq. (via teleconference), and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup. There were also 11 participants via teleconference.

**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.

Davide Luidelli of 2061 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley  
Cheryl Ashbaugh of 2061 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley  
John Hrinko of 222 Park Hill Road, Baden

**HEAR THE PUBLIC** –

Mr. Luidelli and Ms. Ashbaugh expressed concerns about Penn Energy not using a water truck to spray the new Amsler Ridge Road from the dust that is being created. Mr. Bowers stated that he will address the issue with the water truck not being used on the road. Mr. Kowal had the same concerns about the water truck not being used on the road. Mr. Bowers also stated that they will be starting to pave the road on Thursday.

Mr. Hrinko asked Council about an update on the speed bumps along Park Hill Road. Mr. Sivy mentioned that Council will be talking about the speed humps later on in the meeting.

**MINUTES** –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 28, 2020, were presented to Council. **On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Borato asked about the minutes and why they need to be revised so many times. Mr. Askar mentioned the corrections to the minutes should be brought up during the regular meeting.

Discussion continued about the minutes.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** –

Mr. Ruckert mentioned that the police bargaining unit and the public safety committee came into an agreeance with a one (1) year contract extension with two-point seventy five percent (2.75%) pay increase.

**On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Economy Police Officers Association with the one (1) year contract extension with two-point seventy five percent (2.75%) pay increase. Motion was unanimously approved.

A roll call vote was taken.

<b>Mr. Morrone</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Bucuren</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Kowal</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Ruckert</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Sivy</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Sylvester</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mrs. Skonieczny</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE** – No agenda item at this time.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – No agenda item at this time.

**PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE** –

Mr. Sivy, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Council with PW Report for July 2020. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Sivy mentioned that Mr. Brickner wanted to “thank” Council, Mr. Kunkle and Mr. Cavanaugh for working on getting the wheel loader for the public works department.

Discussion occurred pertaining to the speed humps along Park Hill Road.

**On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to install all 5 speed humps along Park Hill Road. Motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sivy mentioned about paving the section on Amsler Ridge Road from the Penn Energy well pad entrance to Apple Grove Road at an estimated cost of \$ 82,000.00. Mr. Shoup gave a breakdown on the cost to do the milling work for the section of pavement to be added to this year’s road program. Discussion occurred on whether to do the milling or not.

Mrs. Skonieczny asked Mr. Shoup if the Borough would be paving Amsler Ridge Road if Penn Energy was in the area or not. Mr. Shoup responded with yes, the road would be getting paved no matter if Penn Energy were in the area or not.

**On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone** to approve the amendment to the Youngblood Paving contract to pave the section of Amsler Ridge Road from the Penn Energy well pad entrance to Apple Grove Road. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE** – No agenda item at this time.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** – No agenda item at this time.

Mr. Sylvester mentioned that him and Mr. Sivy went down to Northern Lights Shopping Center to look at the property. They are both concerned about the possible code violations and would like to have all correspondence between Mr. Thomas and the NLSC owners. Mr. Morrone mentioned about the improvements that Mr. Thomas told him that the owners of the NLSC were going to be doing in the next couple weeks.

Discussion continued about the NLSC.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** –

Mayor Borato presented Council with updates regarding the following issues:

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

Mayor Borato reminded Council to take a look and read the Borough News magazine and specifically look at the questions & answer articles. There are always good questions & answers in the section of the magazine. Also, mentioned about the PUC gas drilling reports from the magazine.

Mayor Borato reminded everyone to try not to use the flushable wipes. They are causing the Economy Borough Municipal Authority to have clogged lines because they do not flow down the pipes properly.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** –

The Borough Solicitor presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. Huey Claim – Discussed about the claim that was turned into the Borough.

Mr. Askar mentioned about the workshop meetings and if Council wanted to pursue the workshop meetings.

Discussion continued about the workshop meetings.

**On a motion by Mrs. Skonieczny; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to keep the meeting format the same for the rest of the year. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. BLS Transit & Supply – Mentioned that he sent Mr. Dornish an email but did not receive a response from him yet.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT** –

The Borough Engineer presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. Compton Road – Mr. Shoup mentioned about possibly doing a study to reduce the weight limit from 10 tons to 5 tons with an estimated cost of \$ 500.00.

Mr. Bucuren mentioned about the trucks from BLS Transit & Supply still using the section of Compton Road to access the business location. He is concerned about the road already crumbling since it was just paved couple years ago. Discussion continued about whether or not a study will be needed for Compton Road.

**On a motion by Mrs. Skonieczny; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to have Mr. Shoup do a study on Compton Road to possibly reduce the weight of the road from 10 tons to 5 tons. Motion carried – 6-1, with Mr. Sylvester voting not in favor.

2. Energy Transfer – Mr. Shoup updated about the drainage work near Neeley Road and there were no more issues with the drainage work. The B-15, well pad landslide remediation report was still being reviewed by Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering Inc.

### **OLD BUSINESS** –

1. Comcast Franchise Agreement – Mr. Kunkle mentioned that he received a sample franchise agreement from Comcast. He was going to send the draft to Council and if they had any questions to let him know. Mrs. Skonieczny asked if there was any difference between the expired agreement and the new proposed agreement. Mr. Kunkle did not look at the agreement yet to answer that question.
2. Food Truck Ordinance – Mr. Kunkle mentioned that there will be a hearing on August 25<sup>th</sup> for a possible adoption of the ordinance.

### **NEW BUSINESS** –

1. Valley Waster Service – Discussion occurred to either renew or ask for bids for the refuse service.

**On a motion by Mrs. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to renew the refuse service with Valley Waste Service for one (1) year. Motion carried – 6-1, with Mr. Sylvester voting not in favor.

2. Marciniak/Kenstler Plan of Subdivision – Mr. Kunkle mentioned that Economy Borough Planning Commission, Beaver County Planning Commission, Shoup Engineering and

consultant Michael Baker International all approved the subdivision for recommendation of approval by Council.

**On a motion by Mrs. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Kowal** granting both Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval to the Marciniak/Kenstler Plan of Subdivision. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Umenhofer Plan of Lots Revision No. 1 – Mr. Kunkle mentioned that Economy Borough Planning Commission, Beaver County Planning Commission, Shoup Engineering and consultant Michael Baker International all approved the subdivision for recommendation of approval by Council.

**On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy** granting both Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval to the Umenhofer Plan of Lots Revision No. 1. Motion was unanimously approved.

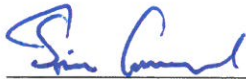
**OTHER BUSINESS** – No agenda item at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – No agenda item at this time.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** –

**Motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



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Travis Cavanaugh  
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary