

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
August 25, 2020

Council president Mr. Frank Morrone called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Economy Municipal Building.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – Mr. Frank Morrone, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester and Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (via teleconference) and Mayor Jo Ann Borato. There were also 7 participants via teleconference.

STAFF PRESENT – Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Assistant Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh and representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq.

ABSENT – Mr. Roger Kowal (Excused)

PUBLIC HEARING –

The Borough Solicitor announced to those in attendance that the public hearing is intended to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Ordinance No. 473. The Borough Manager verified that the public hearing and Ordinance No. 473, were advertised as required. Ordinance No. 473, is amending Chapter 180, of the Code of the Borough of Economy entitled “Zoning” to establish regulations regarding mobile food vending. Having satisfied all questions and comments, the Borough Solicitor requested a vote to be taken to approve Ordinance No. 473. After some review, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone** to approve Ordinance No. 473, mobile food vending. Motion was unanimously carried.

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.

John Hrinko of 222 Park Hill Road, Baden
Thomas Schorr of 208 Fernwood Drive, Baden
Sheila Dattilo of 408 Independence Lane, Freedom
Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane
Cheryl Ashbaugh of 2061 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley
Laurel Beitsinger of 554 Pioneer Lane, Freedom

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Hrinko thanked Council for keeping the speed humps along Park Hill Road.

Mr. Schorr asked Council why they went with John Deere for the new wheel loader. Mr. Sivy mentioned that the main reason was for the warranty and the size of the machine.

Ms. Dattilo expressed her concerns pertaining to the layout of the agendas and items that are missing that might involve Council's action. Also, had concerns about masks not being worn during the meeting.

Mr. Andrews expressed his concerns pertaining to the layout of the agendas along with eighteen (18) other residents that signed a letter with him.

Ms. Ashbaugh wanted to thank Mr. Kowal in helping her get a water truck to go up and down Amsler Ridge Road. She also mentioned why Mr. Kowal had to take the lead on the complaint she had with the water truck along Amsler Ridge Road instead of an employee of the Borough. Mr. Askar mentioned that he sent emails to Mr. Bowers and that the issue was taken care of.

Ms. Beitsinger asked questions pertaining to the slide mediation and an update on the Oil and Gas ordinance.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2020, were presented to Council. Mr Sivy mentioned to table the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2020, to the next regular meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

1. Bills Payable for the period of July 15, 2020, through August 25, 2020, in the amount of \$ 140,128.19, from the General Fund with Check No. 28839 to 28976, and in the amount of \$ 161,189.32, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 188 to 191, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** 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 July 2020, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.
3. Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2020, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE –

Mr. Sivy, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel, with no vote.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE –

Mayor Borato mentioned that there will be a movie night on August 29th, at dusk behind the Economy Borough Municipal Building. The movie will be Scoob.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT –

Mayor Borato mentioned that the Police Chief will be emailing all members of Council to get their picture for ID badge.

Mayor Borato mentioned that the police department is going to be looking into body cameras through Federal or State grants.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT –

Mr. Askar mentioned that he received an email from Mr. Kowal pertaining to the water truck along Amsler Ridge Road and forwarded the email to Mr. Bowers. Mr. Bowers responded to Mr. Askar’s email and Mr. Askar felt that the issue was taken care of.

Mr. Askar gave Council an update on the Oil and Gas ordinance.

ENGINEER’S REPORT –

1. Compton Road – Mr. Kunkle mentioned that Mr. Shoup should have the results at the next regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Huey Claim – No agenda item at this time.
2. Cable Franchise Agreement – Mr. Kunkle mentioned that Comcast is busy with preparing schools to start back up and that they will work with us once all the schools are back in service.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mr. Sivy apologized to Ms. Ashbaugh for the Borough dropping the ball on the water truck along Amsler Ridge Road. He was sorry for the missed communication.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester requested Council go into Executive Session regarding public works personnel. Motion was unanimously approved. There will be no motions after the Executive Session therefore the Regular Meeting can adjourn before going into the Executive Session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary