

Economy Borough Council  
Council Minutes  
November 10, 2020

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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, Mr. Roger Kowal and Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (via teleconference) and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

**STAFF PRESENT** –

Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Assistant Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq. and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** –

**On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone** requested Council go into Executive Session regarding the oil and gas ordinance and legal issues pertaining to the ordinance with the Borough Special Counsel, following which a vote will not be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:06 p.m.

**On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone** requested Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 8:13 p.m.

**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.

Casey Bowers (PennEnergy Resources, LLC) of 1000 Commerce Drive, Pittsburgh  
Sheila Dattilo of 408 Independence Lane, Freedom  
Laurel Beitsinger of 554 Pioneer Lane, Freedom  
Linda Stanley of 139 Winterset Road, Baden  
Heath Dunlap of 724 Amsler Ridge Road, Sewickley

There were also 3 participants via teleconference.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC** –

Mr. Bowers commented about the history of Penn Energy Resources, LLC and about the oil and gas ordinance.

Ms. Dattilo expressed her concerns with the oil and gas ordinance.

Ms. Beitsinger expressed her concerns for the oil and gas ordinance as well as man camps.

Ms. Stanley expressed her concerns for the oil and gas ordinance.

Mr. Dunlap commented that he is in favor of the oil and gas operations.

**MINUTES** –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 27, 2020, were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2020, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Skonieczny commented that she could not get on the teleconference in the beginning of the meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE** –

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

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

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – No agenda item at this time.

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** –

Mr. Sivy asked a question pertaining to the PA Turnpike bill.

A. Bills Payable for the period of October 9, 2020, through November 5, 2020, in the amount of \$ 90,151.48, from the General Fund with Check No. 29164 to 29258, and in the amount of \$ 146.60, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 198 to 199, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** 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.

- B. Budget Report for the month of October 2020, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.
- C. Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2020, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT** –

The Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for October 2020, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** –

Borough Solicitor mentioned to Council, that he received a call pertaining to an occupancy permit at 124 Howard Road, Sewickley.

Discussion continued pertaining to the occupancy permit located at 124 Howard Road, Sewickley.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT** –

- A. Meeting Attendance – After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve Shoup Engineering to attend the second meeting of every month on an as-needed basis. Motion was unanimously approved.

Borough Engineer mentioned that the speed humps along Park Hill Road were completed. Also, Economy Way line stripping was started.

#### **OLD BUSINESS** –

- A. Huey Claim – No agenda item at this time.
- B. Cable Franchise Agreement – Discussion occurred pertaining to the cable franchise agreement.

#### **NEW BUSINESS** –

- A. Early Retirement Incentive – After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to accept the early retirement letter from Mr. Terry Kifer. Motion was unanimously approved.

A roll call vote was taken.

<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>Mrs. Skonieczny</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Sylvester</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Morrone</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Motion carried – 7-0.

- B. Road Department Hiring – After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for Full-Time Road Department Laborers based off of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** –

**On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



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Travis Cavanaugh  
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary