

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
January 12, 2021

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 (via teleconference).

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.

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.

Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom

There were also 5 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Andrews expressed his concerns with the teleconference aspect of the meeting. He would like Council to reconsider going back to Zoom meetings.

Discussion occurred on the Council meeting options.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 8, 2021, were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE –

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

Mr. Sivy mentioned the reason why the public works employees received overtime on a holiday.

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 –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of December 4, 2020, through January 7, 2021, in the amount of \$ 117,059.93, from the General Fund with Check No. 29374 to 29494, and in the amount of \$ 41,239.53, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 201 to 205, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; 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.
- B. Budget Report for the month of December 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 December 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 December 2020, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Ruckert entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – No agenda item at this time.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – No agenda item at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Cable Franchise Agreement – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Resolution 473 Berkheimer Liaison –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone to appoint the Borough Manager and the Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary as the liaison with Berkheimer for the Borough. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Maher Duessel Engagement Letter –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Morrone** to approve the engagement letter with Maher Duessel for one (1) year contract to audit the Borough funds for the year ending December 31, 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Economy Landings Planned Residential Development (PRD) Public Hearing –

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the public hearing for January 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for the Economy Landings Planned Residential Development (PRD). Motion was unanimously carried.

D. Repository Sale 3475 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley –

A request for the consent to purchase an abandoned home located at 3475 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley, with a Parcel ID No. 60-185-0143.000, was received from Mr. Kendall Liggins. The Borough Solicitor explained what a repository purchase is and that in consenting to this purchase it would benefit the Borough by placing it back on the tax records. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to approve the repository purchase for 3475 Conway Wallrose Road with a Parcel ID No. 60-185-0143.000. Motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester requested Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel, following which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:38 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester requested Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:50 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS –

Mr. Sivy asked about the property located at 2646 Ridge Road Extension, Baden about the possibility of the homeowners living in the travel trailer.

Discussion occurred on the property located at 2646 Ridge Road Extension, Baden.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary