

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
February 9, 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.

STAFF PRESENT –

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.

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.

There were also 9 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC – No agenda item at this time.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 26, 2021, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

Tax Collector Nicole Thompson presented to Borough Council her proposal for a Tax Collector Commission increase.

Discussion occurred on the Tax Collector Commission.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve Resolution No. 475, increasing the Property Tax and Per Capita Tax commission to 2% effective January 1, 2022.

A roll call vote was taken.

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| Mr. Bucuren | Yes |
| Mr. Kowal | Yes |
| Mr. Ruckert | No |
| Mr. Sivy | No |
| Mrs. Skonieczny | Yes |
| Mr. Sylvester | Yes |
| Mr. Morrone | Yes |

Motion carried – 5-2.

- A. Bills Payable for the period of January 8, 2021, through February 4, 2021, in the amount of \$ 117,908.95, from the General Fund with Check No. 29495 to 29589, and in the amount of \$ 98,217.14, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 206 to 209, 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 January 2021, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.
- C. Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2021, 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, presented Borough Council with PW Report for January 2021. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal to approve the purchase of a Gledhill 10ft. snowplow from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$ 13,218.00 through Co-Stars using Liquid Fuels funds. Motion was unanimously carried.

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

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE –

Mr. Kowal asked for an update with the Oil and Gas ordinance. Borough Solicitor mentioned that he would look into to see the progress of the draft ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE –

Emergency Management Deputy Don Lang gave Borough Council an update on the Borough status with the emergency declaration.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

The Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for January 2021, was presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

A. BLS Transit and Supply vs. Economy Borough –

Borough Solicitor acknowledged that the Borough received this complaint.

B. Cable Franchise Agreement –

Borough Solicitor gave an update pertaining to the non-disclosure agreement.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

A. Proposed Zoning Map Change on Anne Street –

Borough Engineer gave an update pertaining to a possible zoning map change for section of Anne Street.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for a public hearing for March 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. as well as the Ordinance needed for the zoning map change on the section of Anne Street. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Energy Transfer Grading Permit –

Borough Engineer gave an update pertaining to the Energy Transfer grading permit from Well Pad B46 to B15 for a pipeline.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the grading permit for Energy Transfer contingent upon Energy Transfer receiving the DEP permit first. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. MS4 Annual Report –

Borough Engineer explained to Borough Council and the public several matters pertaining to the Borough's Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit. Borough Engineer also

explained each of the six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) required of the Borough under the MS4 Permit and some of the items that are being addressed under each MCM.

Discussion occurred on the MS4 annual report.

D. Chapter 160 – Streets & Sidewalks –

Borough Engineer presented to Borough Council changes to the Chapter 160 Ordinance.

Discussion occurred on the Chapter 160 Ordinance.

Borough Engineer mentioned that the 2021 Road Program will be presented to Borough Council at the March 2nd meeting.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Audio/Visual Systems and Quotes –

Assistant Borough Manager presented Borough Council with the updated quotes for an audio/visual system.

Discussion occurred on the audio/visual systems versus the teleconference setup.

Mr. Kowal asked the Code Enforcement Officer to give an update on the Rosemary Lane development, the fence located at Conway Wallrose Road/Wallrose Heights Road and Northern Lights Shopping Center.

Discussion occurred on these matters.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Resolution 474 Schedule of Fees –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the Resolution No. 474, schedule of fees update. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Dollar General Land Development –

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 Borough Council.

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone granting both Preliminary and Final Land Development Approval to the Dollar General Land Development. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Heart & Lung Pay–Patrolman Pollock –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the payment for the Heart & Lung to Patrolman Pollock. Motion was unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel, police reports – in-house accidents and Patrolman’s post-accident testing following which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 8:56 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested Borough Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 9:49 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy to accept the resignation letter from Public Works employee Mr. Frank Zaccagnini, Jr. effective February 9, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary