

Economy Borough Council  
Council Minutes  
February 23, 2021

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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.(via teleconference).

**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 8 participants via teleconference.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC** – No agenda item at this time.

**PENSION UPDATE** – Mr. Bill Vescio of Vescio Asset Management reviewed the 2020 annual performance of the police and non-uniform pension plans. Both did very well with the police earning 28.08% and the non-uniform at 28.29%.

**MINUTES** –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 9, 2021, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

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

**PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE** –

Mr. Sivy, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, mentioned that Borough Council will need to go into Executive Session for personnel.

**PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE** –

Mr. Kowal mentioned that the Bridger Baseball Association has asked him if the Borough would be interested in donating \$ 2,500.00, to go towards paying the Ambridge School District invoice regarding the lights that are used during night games at the Ambridge School District fields. The Ambridge School District charges the Bridger Baseball Association a fee to use the lights during night games on their fields.

Discussion occurred on this matter pertaining to the donation to Bridger Baseball Association.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** –

Mr. Kowal asked for an update with the Oil and Gas ordinance. Borough Manager mentioned that he was working on a new vs. old version of the ordinance.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to authorize the Assistant Borough Manager to advertise for the sale of the 2014 Ford Explorer surplus vehicle through Municibid. Motion was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** –

Mayor Borato mentioned that Borough Council will need to go into Executive Session for personnel.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** –

A. BLS Transit and Supply vs. Economy Borough –

Borough Solicitor gave an update pertaining to the complaint.

B. Cable Franchise Agreement –

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

C. Proposed Zoning Map Change on Anne Street –

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS** –

A. Audio-Visual Systems and Quotes –

Assistant Borough Manager gave an update on the audio-visual quotes.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

A. Beaver County Conservation District MOU –

**On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to accept the MOU with the Beaver County Conservation District. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Repository Sale 2 Orchard Drive, Baden –

A request for the consent to purchase an abandoned home located at 2 Orchard Drive, Baden, with a Parcel ID No. 60-185-0297.001, was received from Mr. Bradley Garrone. 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. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to approve the repository purchase for 2 Orchard Drive, Baden, with a Parcel ID No. 60-185-0297.001. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** –

**On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Morrone** requested Borough 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. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Morrone** requested Borough Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 8:11 p.m.

**On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to hire Mr. Matthew Hooks with a ninety (90) day probation period to the Public Works Department with a start date of March 8, 2021, contingent upon the completion of the requirements in the CBA. Motion was unanimously carried.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



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Travis Cavanaugh  
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary