

Economy Borough Council  
Council Minutes  
March 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING** –

Anne Street Zoning Map Change Public Hearing

Stenographer, Leah M. Attanucci with Marsilio Court Reporting Services, was present to record the testimony.

Borough Council went into Regular Session at 7:18 PM.

**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.

Ralph Freund 545 Pioneer Lane, Freedom  
Sheila Dattilo of 408 Independence Lane, Freedom  
Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom  
Audrey Mutschler of 2820 Ridge Road Extension, Baden  
Linda Stanley of 139 Winterset Road, Baden

There were also 5 participants via teleconference.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC** –

Mr. Freund asked questions pertaining to municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4).

Discussion occurred on MS4.

Ms. Dattilo mentioned about the actions of the Borough Solicitor and Council Member Mr. Sylvester from last meeting pertaining to the Oil and Gas Ordinance.

Mr. Andrews asked questions pertaining to the teleconference setup and the Tax Collector raise.

Mrs. Mutschler mentioned about the history of the Werner subdivision and the private driveway ordinance.

Discussion occurred on the Werner Subdivision and the private driveway ordinance.

Ms. Stanley asked questions pertaining to the Oil and Gas ordinance.

Discussion occurred on the Oil and Gas ordinance.

#### **MINUTES** –

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

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

#### **PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE** –

Mr. Morrone, Chairperson of the Property and Building Committee, mentioned to Borough Council that Mazzant Painting and Disaster Restoration was planning to come paint the building sometime in mid-May 2021.

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

#### **PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE** –

Mr. Sivy, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, mentioned to Borough Council that the new Public Works employee was starting soon.

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

#### **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** –

Mrs. Skonieczny, Chairperson of the Ordinance Committee, asked questions pertaining to the Oil and Gas ordinance.

Discussion occurred on the Oil and Gas ordinance.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT** –

Mayor Borato mentioned that the Recreation Board was having an Easter Bunny drive-by on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** –

A. BLS Transit and Supply vs. Economy Borough – No agenda item at this time.

B. Musi & Werner Driveways –

Borough Solicitor mentioned that he contacted the Counsel representing the Werner's but have not heard back from them.

Borough Solicitor mentioned that Borough Council will need to go into Executive Session for the correspondence letter received by Counsel representing Mrs. Skonieczny.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT** –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to table the Findings and Conclusions letter for the Economy Landings PRD till next meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS** –

A. Staff Review and Development Plan –

Discussion occurred on the staff review and development plan.

B. Repository Sale 2 Orchard Drive, Baden –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to decline the offer from Take Holding, LLC, in the amount of \$1,000.00 towards the satisfaction of the grass cutting liens on the property located at 2 Orchard Drive, Baden. Motion was unanimously approved.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to accept the tax exoneration for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, on the property located at 2 Orchard Drive, Baden. Motion was unanimously approved.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to make a counteroffer to Take Holding, LLC, in the amount of \$5,311.90, for the satisfaction of the grass cutting liens on the property located at 2 Orchard Drive, Baden. Motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Ruckert mentioned that he will be talking with both Unions to start the contract negotiation process.

Mr. Sivy asked Borough Solicitor if he spoken to the Ambridge Sportsman's Association. Borough Solicitor mentioned that he did but did not receive a call back from them.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

A. Bonds/Plans –

Discussion occurred pertaining to bonds.

Mr. Sylvester mentioned that he received a letter from a resident pertaining to the Borough possibly becoming a second amendment sanctuary Borough.

Mr. Kowal mentioned that Borough council should look into a part-time Code Enforcement Officer to assist our current Code Enforcement Officer.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** –

**On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** requested Council go into Executive Session regarding correspondence letter received by Counsel representing Mrs. Skonieczny. 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 was unanimously approved at 9:13 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



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Travis Cavanaugh  
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary