

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
April 13, 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. and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

BONDS –

Mr. John McShane presented to Borough Council the market and funding analysis pertaining to the Borough for a possible bond.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to table the sanctuary Borough for the second amendment topic until a different venue is chosen to hold a meeting pertaining to this topic. Motion was unanimously approved.

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.

Sheila Dattilo of 408 Independence Lane, Freedom
Cheryl Ashbaugh of 2061 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley
Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom
Linda Stanley of 139 Winterset Road, Baden
Elizabeth Hawkins of 53 Merriman Road, Ambridge
Steve Yurkovac of 1010 Conway Wallrose Road, Freedom
Chad Zutter of 100 Zutter Ridge Road, Baden
Ed Ragula of 450 Orchard Lane, Freedom

There were also 51 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Dattilo mentioned about a possible conflict of interest concerns with Borough Council and PennEnergy Resources.

Ms. Ashbaugh read a letter from CAFE Group’s Counsel pertaining to the Oil and Gas ordinance.

Mr. Andrews read a letter pertaining to Oil and Gas ordinance. He also handed Borough Manager a Right-to-Know request.

Ms. Stanley read a letter pertaining to the Oil and Gas ordinance and mentioned about a possible conflict of interest concerns with Borough Council and PennEnergy Resources.

Mrs. Skonieczny asked Borough Council if any members had a conflict of interest with PennEnergy Resources.

Ms. Hawkins mentioned about the Ordinance pertaining to the political signs.

Discussion occurred on political signs.

Mr. Yurkovac mentioned about the possible conflict of interest with PennEnergy Resources and Borough Council.

Mr. Zutter mentioned about the possible conflict of interest with PennEnergy Resources and Borough Council.

Mr. Ragula mentioned about concerns with the seal coat on Orchard Lane.

Discussion occurred on Orchard Lane.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 23, 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 23, 2021, with the correction to the time Borough Council entered Executive Session. Motion was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE –

Mr. Ruckert, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, mentioned to Borough Council that he was going to start working with the Police Department on contract negotiations.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

Mr. Kowal and Mrs. Skonieczny asked a question pertaining to Borough Solicitor invoices.

- A. Bills Payable for the period of March 5, 2021, through April 8, 2021, in the amount of \$ 126,518.37, from the General Fund with Check No. 29675 to 29784, and in the amount of \$ 52,422.87, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 215 to 219, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy** 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 March 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 March 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 March 2021. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Sivy mentioned to Borough Council that the Public Works Foreman Mr. Brickner was out for knee surgery and Mr. Chris Bucuren was the acting Public Works Foreman till Mr. Brickner returns.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT –

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

Police Chief O'Brien presented to Borough Council Act 57 of 2020, Act 59 of 2020 and Department of Justice Letter of Accreditation. Also, a discussion occurred about Part-Time vs Full-Time Police Patrolman possible hiring.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

- A. BLS Transit and Supply vs. Economy Borough – No agenda item at this time.
- B. Economy Landings –
After some review and discussion, consensus was to send the Findings and Conclusions letter for the Economy Landings PRD.

ENGINEER’S REPORT –

- A. Chapter 160 – Streets & Sidewalks – No agenda item at this time.
- B. 2021 Road Program –

ECONOMY BOROUGH 2021 Road Improvement Project (#10032) Base Bid: Woodcroft Road, Ridge Avenue (Woodcroft Road to Evans City Road), Sproat Avenue and Sunridge Drive Alternate Bid 1: Satellite Dr. Alternate Bid 2: Constellation Drive			
Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2
Shield Asphalt Paving	\$ 449,131.60	\$ 67,864.40	\$ 64,559.30
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$ 479,434.75	\$ 73,528.00	\$ 70,063.00
Mele & Mele & Sons Inc.	\$ 554,095.00	\$ 84,730.00	\$ 80,680.00
El Grande Industries, Inc.	\$ 574,663.00	\$ 85,695.60	\$ 81,377.50

The Borough Engineer reviewed the four (4) bids received for the 2021 Road Improvement Project. The Borough Engineer recommended awarding the base bid along with alternates 1 & 2 to Shields Asphalt Paving as the low bidder and recommends approving the same. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to award the Base Bid, Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 Bids for the 2021 Road Improvement Project to Shields Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$ 581,555.30. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Oil and Gas Ordinance –

Borough Solicitor gave an update on the Oil and Gas Ordinance.

Discussion occurred on the Oil and Gas Ordinance.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve Borough Solicitor to share all four (4) drafts of the Oil and Gas ordinance with anyone who already requested a copy and anyone who in the future request a copy of the drafts.

A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bucuren	Yes
Mr. Kowal	Yes
Mr. Ruckert	Yes
Mr. Sivy	Yes
Mrs. Skonieczny	Yes
Mr. Sylvester	Yes
Mr. Morrone	Yes

Motion carried – 7-0.

B. Anne Street Rezoning –

Borough Engineer gave an update on the Anne Street rezoning.

Discussion occurred on the Anne Street rezoning.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the rezoning along Anne Street. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Staff Review and Development Plan – No agenda item at this time.

D. Part-Time CEO – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Pay for Borough Council Members who are on the Borough Planning Commission –

Mrs. Skonieczny mentioned about Borough Council Members receiving pay while on Council and on Borough Planning Commission.

Discussion occurred on Borough Council Members receiving pay while on the Borough Planning Commission.

B. Heart & Lung Pay–Patrolman Potts –

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

Discussion occurred on bonds.

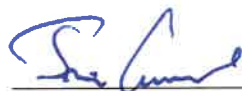
OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 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 10:00 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary