

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
April 27, 2021

Council Vice-President Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert 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 (via teleconference), 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.

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
Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom
Kasi Devinney of 484 Amsler Ridge Road, Sewickley
Laurel Beitsinger of 554 Pioneer Lane, Freedom

There were also 8 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Dattilo asked Borough Council if the four (4) drafts were emailed out to everyone.

Mr. Andrews asked Borough Manager if there was an update to his Right-to-Know Request. Also, asked questions pertaining to the protocols for the special meeting.

Ms. Devinney mentioned that the website and the slogan need to be updated.

Ms. Beitsinger mentioned about the PA Public Official and Employee Ethics Act.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 13, 2021, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Morrone; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2021, as presented. 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 – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE –

Mr. Ruckert, mentioned to Borough Council that he was going to start working with the Public Works Department on contract negotiations.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT –

Mayor Borato mentioned about the Police Chief O'Brien report about Part-Time vs Full-Time Police Patrolman possible hiring.

Mr. Kowal asked questions pertaining to military leave.

Discussion occurred on military leave.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

Borough Solicitor mentioned that Borough Council will need to go into Executive Session for the correspondence letter received by Counsel representing Mrs. Skonieczny, with no motions.

A. **BLS Transit and Supply vs. Economy Borough** –

Borough Solicitor gave an update pertaining to the status conference meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Morrone; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to table the proposed ordinance to Chapter 160, till next regular meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Comcast Franchise Agreement –

Discussion occurred on the franchise agreement.

Mr. Kowal mentioned that he would like more details in the Borough Solicitor bills. Also, asked about the staff review and the possibility for a bond.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. PIRMA –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Morrone** to renew the contract with Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Risk Management (PIRMA) insurance company. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Special Meeting Protocols –

Discussion occurred on the protocols pertaining to the Special Meeting.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to hold the informational only Special Meeting outside and to continue discussing the protocols at the next regular meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried – 6-1

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Morrone; seconded by Mr. Sivy 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 8:18 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary