

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
May 11, 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. 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.

ABSENT –

Mr. Frank Morrone (Excused)
Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq. (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT –

Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Assistant Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

Mr. Ruckert welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested the discussion(s) regarding Borough business be kept to 3 – 5 minutes in length.

Nate Protzman of 231 Dogwood Circle, Baden
Bill Bjelivuk of 200 Campbell Drive, Sewickley
Kasi Devinney of 484 Amsler Ridge Road, Sewickley
Stella Condit of 2152 Ridge Road Extension, Ambridge
Tyler Max of 125 Anne Street, Baden
Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom

There were also 16 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Protzman asked Borough Council for an update to the second amendment Special Meeting.

Mr. Bjelivuk asked Borough Council for an update to the second amendment Special Meeting and asked if the meeting could happen before the upcoming elections.

Ms. Devinney mentioned about the miscommunication pertaining to the second amendment Special Meeting that was occurring on social media.

Ms. Condit read a post from social media pertaining to the second amendment Special Meeting.

Mr. Max asked Borough Council for an update to the second amendment Special Meeting.

Mr. Andrews asked Borough Council if there was an update to the audio-visual setup and about police body cameras.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 27, 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 April 27, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE –

Mr. Ruckert, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss the collective bargaining agreement, with no vote.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of April 9, 2021, through May 6, 2021, in the amount of \$ 97,271.63, from the General Fund with Check No. 29785 to 29855, and in the amount of \$ 1,365.78, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 220 to 222, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** 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 April 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 April 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 that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss collective bargaining agreement, with no vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

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

Mayor Borato asked if the billing for the fire extinguisher maintenance was broken down by each building. Also, mentioned that Police Chief O'Brien may have found some money for body cameras.

Mayor Borato asked Borough Council to consider hiring two (2) Full-Time Officers.

Discussion occurred on hiring any new Officers.

Mayor Borato mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss personal, with no vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – No agenda item at this time.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

- A. Chapter 160 – Streets & Sidewalks – No agenda item at this time.

Borough Engineer gave an updated pertaining to the Chapter 160 ordinance revision.

Discussion occurred on the Chapter 160 Ordinance revision.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to authorize the Borough Manger to advertise the Chapter 160 Ordinance revision. Motion was unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Public Information Meeting –

Discussion occurred on the Public Information Meeting.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to authorize the Borough Manger to advertise the Public Information Special Meeting for June 5th at 9:00 a.m. located at the Economy Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried – 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Muchow-Rullo Plan of Lots –

Borough Manager 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 Council.

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy granting both Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval to the Muchow-Rullo Plan of Lots Subdivision. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. 2021 Spring/Summer Beaver County Regional COG (BCRCOG) Commodities –

Borough Manager presented Council with a list of low bidders for the 2021 Spring/Summer BCRCOG Commodities. The Borough Manager recommends accepting the low bids and authorizing the execution of the agreements. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to accept the 2021 Spring/Summer BCRCOG Commodities Contracts. Motion was unanimously approved.

Borough Manager mentioned about a possibility of holding a vaccine clinic at the Borough Building.

Discussion occurred on the possibility for a vaccine clinic.

Borough Manager mentioned that the Liquid Fuels audit was completed. The only remarks was to increase the bond amounts for both the Borough Manager and the Assistant Borough Manger.

Discussion occurred on the increase of the bonds.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Kowal requested Council go into Executive Session regarding personal and the Collective Bargaining Agreement for both the Police Department and the Public Works Department. 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 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Borato excused herself from the Executive Session when the Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement was going to be discussed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary