

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
July 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, Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq. and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

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.

Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom

There were also 12 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Andrews asked questions pertaining to the Act 14 notification letter, the meaning of SRO and about 3 mgd.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the next agenda items up for discussion will be the Engineer's report pertaining to the PennEnergy Resources Act 14 Notification and under New Business the Discussion, withdrawing 3 million gallons per day from North Fork & Big Sewickley Creek. Motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER’S REPORT –

A. PennEnergy Resources Act 14 Notification –

Borough Engineer discussed with Borough Council about the Act 14 notification letter received from PennEnergy Resources.

Discussion occurred on the Act 14 notification letter received from PennEnergy Resources.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to authorize the Borough Engineer to send a letter to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection pertaining to the Act 14 notification letter received from PennEnergy Resources to include the following requested information from Borough Council.

1. A copy of the overall site plan drawing was sent to the Borough. The Borough would like to receive a copy of the individual site plan drawing sheets which would be at a larger scale and would be more legible in order to review them.
2. On Page 2 (Section D) and 5 (Section E) of the Notice of Intent, the applicant indicates that there are potentially naturally occurring geologic formations or soil conditions in the project area or surrounding area that are potentially hazardous or could cause or contribute to pollution. The applicant indicates that Section 8 (Geotechnical Report) of the ESCGP-3 Report addresses this matter. The Borough would like to receive a copy of this document so it can be reviewed.
3. On Page 20 (Section J) of the Notice of Intent, reference is made to an “attached” description of compliance history. The Borough would like to receive a copy of this attachment so that it can be reviewed.
4. On Page 12 (Section H) of the Notice of Intent, the applicant responded that standard PCSM Worksheet #10 is attached to the Notice of Intent. The Borough would like to receive a copy of this worksheet for its review.

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.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Amanda Peterson (PennEnergy Resources, LLC) of 1000 Commerce Drive, Pittsburgh, discussed to Borough Council pertaining to the impoundment located at well pad B-15.

Discussion occurred on the impoundment located at well pad B-15.

John Sipes of 47 Merriman Road, Ambridge, asked questions pertaining to the possible waterline being installed by PennEnergy Resources.

Shelia Reichl of 766 Hoenig Road, Baden, asked questions pertaining to testing water and water wells located along Hoenig Road Resources.

Linda Stanley 139 Winterset Road, Baden, asked questions pertaining to the possible waterline being installed by PennEnergy Resources.

Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom, asked questions pertaining to the possible waterline being installed by PennEnergy Resources.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Discussion – Withdrawing 3 Million Gallons per Day from North Fork & Big Sewickley Creek –

Borough Engineer discussed with Borough Council about the notification letter received from PennEnergy Resources pertaining to withdrawing 3 million gallons per day from North Folk and Big Sewickley Creek.

Discussion occurred on the possible waterline.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to authorize the Borough Engineer to send a letter to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection pertaining to the waterline notification letter received from PennEnergy Resources to include the following requested information from Borough Council and to include comments from the public.

1. A copy of the overall site plan drawing and the Application.
2. Time Extension for additional time to review the Application and site plan drawings once received by PA DEP.

Motion was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Jan Lopes of 2 Merriman Road, Ambridge, asked questions pertaining to the possible waterline being installed by PennEnergy Resources.

Discussion occurred on the possible waterline.

John Sipes of 47 Merriman Road, Ambridge, asked questions pertaining to the possible waterline being installed by PennEnergy Resources.

Discussion occurred on the possible waterline.

Katie Stanley of 2875 Ridge Road Extension, Baden, expressed her concerns pertaining to the possible waterline being installed by PennEnergy Resources.

Linda Stanley 139 Winterset Road, Baden, asked questions pertaining to the possible waterline being installed by PennEnergy Resources.

John Sipes of 47 Merriman Road, Ambridge, asked questions pertaining to the timetable for the application and if it was possible to delay the application.

George Foltz of 61 Bock Lane, Baden, asked questions pertaining to testing all wells in the area of a well pad, class action lawsuits and second amendment update.

Discussion occurred on the second amendment update.

Shelia Dattilo of 408 Independence Lane, Freedom, asked a question pertaining to who issues the possible waterline permit.

Cheryl Ashbaugh of 2061 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, expressed her concerns pertaining to the possible waterline being installed by PennEnergy Resources. Also, mentioned that the response deadline for the Act 14 notification letter is tomorrow and the waterline notification letter is July 30th.

Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom, asked questions pertaining to the possible waterline being installed by PennEnergy Resources.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 22, 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 June 22, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of June 4, 2021, through July 8, 2021, in the amount of \$ 96,643.67, from the General Fund with Check No. 29942 to 30051, and in the amount of \$ 1,363.15, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 226 to 228, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** 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 June 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 June 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 June 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.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE –

Mr. Bucuren, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, mentioned that there will be a free concert by the Beaver County Symphonic Wind Ensemble on Saturday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. located at the Economy Municipal Complex. The concert is sponsored by Economy Volunteer Fire Department.

Assistant Borough Manager mentioned that there is a movie night at the Recreation Park on Friday, July 16th at dusk.

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

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

Mayor Borato gave an update pertaining to the School Resource Officer. Mayor Borato's suggestion was to have the Ambridge School District hire a private firm for when our School Resource Officer is not present.

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

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Stop Sign Request for Sunridge Drive & Gemini Drive Intersection –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to authorize the Borough Engineer to conduct a traffic study of the intersection of Sunridge Drive and Gemini Drive for a stop sign. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Werner Driveway –

Discussion occurred on the Werner Driveway.

Borough Solicitor mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss the Werner driveway, with no vote.

C. 2 Orchard Drive –

Bradley Garrone with Take Hold, LLC, presented to Borough Council his proposals for the municipal liens filed against the property. He also mentioned that Michelle Slomka of 2650 Ridge Road Extension, Baden, was possibly looking to purchase the property.

Discussion occurred on 2 Orchard Drive.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Economy Landings Sewage Facilities Planning Module –

Borough Engineer discussed with Borough Council about the Economy Landings Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

Discussion occurred on the Economy Landings Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to approve the Economy Landings Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried – 4-2, with Mr. Sylvester abstaining as per the advice of the Borough Solicitor being that Mr. Sylvester serves on the Economy Borough Municipal Authority Board.

OTHER BUSINESS –

Job well done for the Public Works Department for fixing the water fountain behind the Borough building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested Council go into Executive Session regarding Werner driveway 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 8:58 p.m.

Mayor Borato excused herself from the Executive Session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary