

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
October 26, 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, and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

ABSENT –

Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (Excused)
Mr. Roger Kowal (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT –

Borough Manager Randy Kunkle and Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq.

VALLEY WASTE SERVICE, INC. –

Mr. Doug Vogel and Mr. Joe Orlich gave an update to Borough Council pertaining to the garbage collection in the Borough.

Discussion occurred on Valley Waste Service.

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.

Kasi Devinney of 484 Amsler Ridge Road, Sewickley
Kristin Paxton of 144 Hickory Drive, Sewickley
George Foltz of 61 Bock Lane, Baden
Meagan Trimbur of 3225 Ridge Road Extension, Freedom
Tim Hibbard of 100 Deer Run Drive, Ambridge
Robert Mihalnic, Jr. of 308 Sunset Drive, Baden
Amy Miller of 1512 Beaver Road, Baden
Cheryl Ashbaugh of 2061 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley
Cindy Wargo of 1580 Conway Wallrose Road, Freedom

There were also 7 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Devinney presented Borough Council information pertaining to identify theft and the possibility for new IRS reporting requirements. She also asked Borough Council questions pertaining to the website, agenda abbreviations, public attending meetings, social media concerns, 2022 budget and about Borough Council not attending Ambridge School Board meetings.

Discussion occurred on Ms. Devinney's questions.

Ms. Paxton expressed her concerns pertaining to a School Resource Officer.

Mr. Foltz asked Borough Council questions pertaining to purchasing of vehicles and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation reimbursement for salt.

Ms. Trimbur expressed her concerns pertaining to a School Resource Officer.

Mr. Hibbard expressed his concerns pertaining to Valley Waste Service.

Mr. Mihalinic asked Borough Council for an update pertaining the runoff of water on his property.

Ms. Miller wanted to Thank the Fire Department for attending the community day at the Rehoboth Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Ms. Ashbaugh expressed her concerns pertaining to Valley Waste Service.

Ms. Wargo expressed her concerns pertaining to Valley Waste Service.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 12, 2021, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

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

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT –

Mayor Borato mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel, with a possible vote. She also, mentioned about overtime hours and possibly switching vehicles with the Borough vehicle from the Police Department.

Discussion occurred on vehicles.

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT – No agenda item at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Vehicle Purchases –

Discussion occurred on vehicle purchases.

B. Patrolman Janectic –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to terminate Patrolman Jancetic employment with the Borough of Economy with an effective date at Midnight on October 14, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Economy Ambulance Service –

Mr. Randy Dawson, President of the Economy Ambulance Service, presented Borough Council with a letter for funding request pertaining to cardiac heart monitors.

Mr. Ruckert excused himself from the discussion pertaining to the Economy Ambulance Service.

B. Economy Borough Municipal Authority Board Appointment –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to accept the reappointment of Mr. David Carlson to the Economy Borough Municipal Authority Board for a five (5) year term ending on December 31, 2026. Motion carried – 4-1, with Mr. Sylvester abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS –

A. Social Media –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to table the discussion for social media to the next Borough Council’s meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Heart and Lung Benefit –

Mr. Bucuren asked Mayor Borato if the Police Department is training on the use of the ballistic shield.

Discussion occurred on the training of the ballistic shield.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel, which a possible motion may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 9:05 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy requested Borough Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 9:29 p.m.

There were no motions after the Executive Session therefore the Regular Meeting can adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary