

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
November 23, 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 and Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq.

PENSION UPDATE –

Mr. Bill Vescio of Vescio Asset Management reviewed the current year first nine (9) months performance of the police and non-uniform pension plans. Both did very well with the police earning 4.60% and the non-uniform at 4.40%.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy requested Council go into Executive Session regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Public Works Department, School Resource Officer, Personnel and Kifer litigation, there will be a possible motion after the Executive Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Borato excused herself from the Executive Session under objection.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy requested Borough Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:56 p.m.

A. **Kifer Litigation** –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Morrone** to accept the General Release pertaining to Docket No. 10622-2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT –

Borough Solicitor gave an update pertaining to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ambridge Area School District for the School Resource Officer.

OLD BUSINESS –

Final Approval for Economy Landings Planned Residential Development.

Consider Final approval for Economy Landings Planned Residential Development located on Wallrose Heights Road, Tax Parcel ID No. 60-185-0183.010 in the Suburban Residential (R-2) Zoning District, to develop approximately 69.14 acres and would consist of 138 Single Family dwelling units and a Clubhouse.

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy to grant Final Approval of the Economy Landings Planned Residential Development contingent upon the execution of the Developer’s Agreement.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried – 5-2.

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.

- Tom Applequist of 98 Firethorn Road, Baden
- Linda Stanley of 139 Winterset Road, Baden
- Amanda Peterson (PennEnergy Resources, LLC) of 1000 Commerce Drive, Pittsburgh
- Meagan Trimbur of 3225 Ridge Road Extension, Freedom
- Lisa Patton of 3261 Ridge Road Extension, Freedom
- Kasi Devinney of 484 Amsler Ridge Road, Sewickley
- George Foltz of 61 Bock Lane, Baden

There were also 6 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Applequist expressed his concerns about the 2022 Budget.

Ms. Stanley expressed her concerns pertaining to Energy Transfer Company.

Ms. Peterson gave an update pertaining to blasting on the B46 well pad site.

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

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

Ms. Devinney acknowledged that the website was updated, expressed her concerns for the employee names on the agenda and the names on the item list for the agenda.

Mr. Foltz wanted to work on the 2022 Budget with Mr. Applequist.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 9, 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 November 9, 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 –

A. **Vacation Buy Back** –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve the vacation buy back for the employee for eighty (80) hours. Motion carried – 6-1, with Mr. Ruckert abstaining.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Reinstate Patrolman Janectic –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to reinstate Patrolman Jancetic employment with the Borough of Economy with an effective date of November 15, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. 2022 Budget –

Discussion occurred on the 2022 Budget.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Planning Commission Reappointment –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to accept the appointment of Mrs. Audrey Mutschler to the Planning Commission for a four (4) year term ending on December 31, 2025. Motion carried – 6-1, with Mr. Kowal abstaining.

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to accept the appointment of Mr. Roger Kowal to the Planning Commission for a four (4) year term ending on December 31, 2025. Motion carried – 6-1, with Mr. Kowal abstaining.

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to accept the appointment of Mr. Jesse Hernandez to the Planning Commission for a four (4) year term ending on December 31, 2025. Motion carried – 6-1, with Mr. Kowal abstaining.

B. Zoning Hearing Board Reappointment –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal to accept the appointment of Mrs. Carole Shomaker to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term ending on December 31, 2024. Motion was unanimously carried.

C. 2022 Meeting Dates –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the 2022 meeting dates for Borough Council, Recreation Board, Municipal Authority, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – 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 9:00 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary