

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
December 28, 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 Bucuren, Mr Kowal, Mr Ruckert, Mr Sivy, Mrs Skonieczny (via teleconference), Mr Sylvester, Mr Morrone, Mayor Borato

STAFF PRESENT

Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh (via teleconference) Solicitor Joseph Askar Esq (via teleconference)

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Mike Andrews, 200 Patriot Ln. Residents in Liberty Hills have supported and will continue to support Economy Ambulance Service. Would like to see the Borough do this.

Tom Applequist, 98 Firethorn Rd. Spoke about the budget and meetings he's had. Property taxes, liquid fuels, MS4, and ARP money.

Mrs Dennis, 13 Longview Circle. Asked Council not to raise taxes.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2021 were presented. The date of the minutes is wrong, should be the 14th instead of the 28th. Towards the bottom of the second page, it states Council adopted the 2022 budget with a 1 mil tax increase. This should read "proposed" budget that would include a 1 mil tax increase if approved. Advertising of same was also approved. **On a motion by Mr Ruckert, seconded by Mr Kowal to approve the minutes as amended, all voted aye.**

COMMITTEES

Public Works. Mr Sivy would like the Public Works contract to be tabled until the next regular meeting as he has no information as to what is in it.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Borato thanked Mrs Skonieczny for serving the community on Council for the past 8 years.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT The changes the Borough requested in section 10 of the MOU with the Ambridge Area School District regarding the School Resource Officer were accepted. This is ready for signature once received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

112 Clover Rd. Trees. Thus far only one bid for \$495 per hour was received. This will be on the next agenda whether other bids are received or not.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2022 Budget

Motion by Mr Sylvester to approve the proposed budget with no tax increase and using the appropriate fund balance. Seconded by Mr Sivy.

Discussion followed.

A Roll Call vote was taken.

Mr Bucuren	yes
Mr Kowal	yes
Mr Ruckert	no
Mr Sivy	yes
Mrs Skonieczny	yes
Mr Sylvester	yes
Mr Morrone	yes

Motion Carries.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr Kowal, seconded by Mr Sivy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38, all voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted

Randy S Kunkle
Borough Manager