

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
January 11, 2022

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 –

Council President Mr. Frank Morrone, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Roger Kowal, Mr. Bill Metz, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester (via teleconference) and Mayor Jo Ann Borato (via teleconference).

STAFF PRESENT –

Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Assistant Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq. (via teleconference) and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

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

Allyson Calderon of 2864 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden
Sheila Dattilo of 408 Independence Lane, Freedom

There were also 6 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Calderon expressed her concerns about the intersection located at Bock Lane and Conway Wallrose Road and speeding within in the Borough.

Ms. Dattilo expressed her concerns for the Agenda items more spelled out and audio issues from the last meeting.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 28, 2021, were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes of the Re-Organization Regular Meeting held on January 3, 2022, were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the Re-Organization Regular Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2022, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS –

Council President Mr. Morrone presented the Committee appointments, as follows:

FINANCE - *Roger Kowal, Gary Bucuren, Bill Metz

ORDINANCE - *Glenn Sylvester, Bill Metz, Frank Morrone

PARKS and RECREATION - *Don Sivy, Jeff Ruckert, Roger Kowal

PROPERTY and BUILDINGS - *Frank Morrone, Don Sivy, Glenn Sylvester

PUBLIC SAFETY - *Jeff Ruckert, Gary Bucuren, Glenn Sylvester

PUBLIC WORKS – *Gary Bucuren, Jeff Ruckert, Frank Morrone

*Chairperson

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.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of December 10, 2021, through January 6, 2022, in the amount of \$ 73,358.80, from the General Fund with Check No. 30546 to 30589, and in the amount of \$ 40,973.44, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 244 to 246, 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 December 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 December 2021, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

A. 112 Clover Road –

Discussion occurred on the uprooted trees located along the creek bank.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to accept the bid proposal from J. Thomas Tree Service, Inc. for the removal of the uprooted trees located along the creek bank at 112 Clover Road. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Courtyards at Lakeside Village Planned Residential Development Phase 1 –

Final Approval for Courtyards at Lakeside Village Planned Residential Development Phase 1.

Consider Final approval for Courtyards at Lakeside Village Planned Residential Development Phase 1, located on Pfaff Road, Tax Parcel ID No. 60-175-0176.000, 60-175-0176.001 and 60-175-0182.000, in the Suburban Residential (R-2) Zoning District, to develop approximately eighty-two (82.0) acres and would consist of 130 Single Family dwelling units and a Clubhouse.

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to grant Final Approval of the Courtyards at Lakeside Village Planned Residential Development Phase 1, contingent upon the execution of the Developer's Agreement. Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Resolution 480, Appointing Pension Trustees –

On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Kowal to approve Resolution No. 480, Appointment of Pension Trustees. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Check Signatories –

On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Kowal to approve the check signatories for the Borough bank accounts as the Council President Mr. Morrone, Vice-President Mr. Sivy and the Borough Manager. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Beaver County Council of Governments Member and Alternate Appointments –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to appoint Mr. Ruckert as the primary member and Council President Mr. Morrone as the alternate member to the Beaver County Council of Governments. Motion was unanimously carried.

D. 2022 Borough Appointments –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal** appointing certain persons and/or firms or entities to various Borough positions and making certain professional appointments for the Borough of Economy for calendar year 2022.

Actuary – USI Consulting Group (formerly Findley, Hallett)

Auditor – Maher Duessel

Borough Manager – Randy Kunkle

Assistant Borough Manager – Travis Cavanaugh

Building Inspector – Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA)

Local Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer – John Thomas

Depository – First National Bank

Earned Income Tax/Local Services Tax/Business Privilege Tax Collector – Berkheimer

Emergency Management Coordinator – John Thomas

Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator – Don Lang

Engineer – Shoup Engineering, Inc.

Fire Marshall – John Thomas

Official Newspaper – Beaver County Times

Pension Trustees – President and Vice President

Police Chief – Michael O'Brien

Right-to-Know Officer – Randy Kunkle

Public Works Road Foreman – Ted Brickner

Sewage Enforcement Officer – A G-Squared Services

Solicitor – Joseph Askar

Motion was unanimously carried.

E. Collective Bargaining Agreement (Economy Borough Public Works Department) –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Economy Borough Public Works Department, Teamsters Local No. 250 from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026. Motion carried – 6-1, with Mr. Bucuren abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy requested Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding Police Department grievance. 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 7:44 p.m.

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 7:44 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary