

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
January 25, 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 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.

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.

Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom
Sheila Dattilo of 408 Independence Lane, Freedom
Linda Stanley of 139 Winterset Road, Baden

There were also 10 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Andrews read a letter from the Community Advocates for Economy Group pertaining to the Oil and Gas Ordinance to Borough Council.

Ms. Dattilo read a letter from the Community Advocates for Economy Group pertaining to the Oil and Gas Ordinance to Borough Council.

Ms. Stanley read a letter from the Community Advocates for Economy Group pertaining to the Oil and Gas Ordinance to Borough Council.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 11, 2022, 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 January 11, 2022, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

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 – No agenda item at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT –

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

Police Chief O'Brien presented to Council his Year End report for 2021 and also discussion occurred about Full-Time Police Patrolman possible hiring and Overtime expenditure.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. COVID Policy Update –

Discussion occurred on the COVID policy.

B. Police Department Heart and Lung Benefits for Act 17 of 2020 –

Discussion occurred on the Act 17 of 2020, Heart and Lung benefits for the Police Department Officers.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert 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 8:01 p.m.

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 8:01 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary