

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
August 9, 2022

Borough Council President Mr. Frank Morrone called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Borough Council Chambers of the Economy Municipal Building.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL –

Borough 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, Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq. and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

PUBLIC HEARING –

Tentative Approval for Village of Bradford Park Planned Residential Development (PRD).

Consider Tentative approval for the Village of Bradford Park PRD located on Rosemary Lane, Tax Parcel ID No. 60-175-0222.002, in the Suburban Residential (R-2) Zoning District, to develop approximately 7.947 acres and would consist of 23 Townhouse units.

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Metz to grant Tentative Approval of the Village of Bradford Park PRD to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions prepared by the Borough Solicitor. Motion was unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

Borough 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.

Tom Applequist of 98 Firethorn Road, Baden
Lauren Metz of 195 Celestial Drive, Freedom
Kim Freeman of 133 Shady River Boulevard, Baden
Amanda Peterson (PennEnergy Resources, LLC) of 1000 Commerce Drive, Pittsburgh
Laurel Beitsinger of 554 Pioneer Lane, Freedom

There were also 2 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Applequist asked questions pertaining to the budget.

Ms. Metz expressed her concerns for the lack of the Police Department presence for the annual Sunset Hills community garage sale and about Mayor Borato's comments on social media. She also, acknowledged Sgt. Woods for his involvement with an incident.

Ms. Freeman expressed her concerns for the lack of the Police Department presence for the annual Sunset Hills community garage sale.

Ms. Peterson gave an update pertaining to the drilling operations within the Borough.

Ms. Beitsinger expressed her concerns for the Energy Transfer Company and asked questions pertaining to the Amsler Ridge Road performance bond release.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 12, 2022, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Metz; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2022, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of July 9, 2022, through August 5, 2022, in the amount of \$ 511,368.03, from the General Fund with Check No. 31156 to 31240, and in the amount of \$ 25,174.11, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 276 to 278, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Metz** 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 July 2022, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.
- C. Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2022, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE –

- A. 2023 Ford F-600 –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford F-600 from Allegheny Ford Truck Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$ 63,895.00, and the dump body with the snowplow from Stephenson Equipment in the

amount of \$ 52,353.00, both purchases are through COSTARS. Motion was unanimously carried.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE –

A. Pavilions –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to table the purchase of two (2) pavilions till a further meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE –

A. 2022 Ford Explorer –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to purchase a new 2022 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor from McCandless Ford in the amount of \$ 35,034.00 through COSTARS, and the upfit of the vehicle from IVS US, LLC in the amount of \$ 12,073.00. Motion was unanimously carried.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE –

A. LED Sign –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Metz to table the purchase of a LED sign till a further meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

The Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for July 2022, was presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

A. Full-Time Police Officer Hiring –

A letter was received from the Civil Service Commission regarding a request to conduct background information for the top three (3) candidates. After conducting the background investigations, Chief O'Brien submitted a letter recommending the hiring of Ms. Paige M. Duffley effective August 15, 2022. After some review and discussion, **On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to extend an offer to hire to Ms. Paige M. Duffley with an effective date on August 15, 2022. Motion was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

A. Planning Commission- Number of Members –

After some review and discussion, **On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Morrone** to comply with the current ordinance to keep the Planning Commission at seven (7) members.

A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bucuren	No
Mr. Kowal	Abstaining
Mr. Metz	Yes
Mr. Ruckert	Yes
Mr. Sivy	Yes
Mr. Sylvester	Yes
Mr. Morrone	Yes

Motion carried – 5-1-1, with Mr. Kowal abstaining.

ENGINEER’S REPORT –

A. Summerfield Drive Culvert Replacement Project –

ECONOMY BOROUGH	
Summerfield Drive Culvert Replacement Project (#10157)	
Bidder	Bid Amount
NorthRock Construction, Inc.	\$ 81,321.00
Gary Metzinger Cement Contractors, Inc.	\$ 95,900.00

The Borough Engineer reviewed the two (2) bids received for the Summerfield Drive culvert replacement project. The Borough Engineer recommended awarding the bid amount to NorthRock Construction, Inc., as the low bidder. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Metz** to award the bid amount for the Summerfield Drive culvert replacement project to NorthRock Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$ 81,321.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 4 –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the request from Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 4, in the amount of \$ 111,977.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. PennEnergy Resources, LLC Performance Bond Release –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the request from PennEnergy Resources, LLC Performance Bond Release for Amsler Ridge Road. Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Chehovits Plan of Lots –

Preliminary and Final Approval for the Chehovits Plan of Lots.

Consider Preliminary and Final approval for Chehovits Plan of Lots, located along Mary Reed Road, Baden, Tax Parcel ID No. 60-175-0138.000 and 60-175-0138.004, in the Suburban Residential (R-2) Zoning District, for a lot-line consolidation revision.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Metz to grant Preliminary and Final Approval of the Chehovits Plan of Lots. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Ordinance No. 477, Signs –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to authorize the Borough Manger to advertise for Ordinance No. 477, Signs and the public hearing. Motion was unanimously carried.

C. Ordinance No. 476, Repeal Ordinance No. 352 –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to authorize the Borough Manger to advertise for Ordinance No. 476, Repeal Ordinance No. 352. Motion was unanimously carried.

D. Planning Commission Resignation –

On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to accept the resignation from Robert Meegan from the Planning Commission effective August 15, 2022. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Veteran's Service Center Request –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Metz** to accept the donation request for the Veteran's Service Center in the amount of \$ 500.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren requested Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel. 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 9:01 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary