

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
September 13, 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 –

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

PUBLIC HEARING –

The Borough Solicitor announced to those in attendance that the public hearing is intended to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Ordinance No. 477, updating regulations of Signs. The Asst. Borough Manager verified that the public hearing and Ordinance No. 477, were advertised as required. Ordinance No. 477, is amending Chapter 180 of the Code of the Borough of Economy entitled “Zoning” to establish updated regulations regarding signs. Having satisfied all questions and comments, the Borough Solicitor requested a vote be taken to approve Ordinance No. 477.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to adopt Ordinance No. 477, amending Chapter 180 of the Code of the Borough of Economy entitled “Zoning” to establish updated regulations regarding signs.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried – 6-1.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – No agenda item at this time.

HEAR THE PUBLIC – No agenda item at this time.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 23, 2022, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Metz** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2022, as presented. Motion carried 6-1, with Mr. Sivy abstaining.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE –

A. LED Sign –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Kowal to approve the purchase of an outdoor LED sign for the Municipal building complex from Better Living Center in the amount of \$ 12,975.00, using Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). Motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of August 6, 2022, through September 9, 2022, in the amount of \$ 262,638.66, from the General Fund with Check No. 31241 to 31337, and in the amount of \$ 40,079.84, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 279 to 285, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** 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 August 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 August 2022, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE –

A. Pavilions –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve the purchase of two (2) Rigidply pavilion packages from Jeffrey Associates in the amount of \$ 56,034.00, both pavilion purchases are through COSTARS using Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). Motion was unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT –

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

The Mayor introduced the new Police Officer Paige Duffley to everyone.

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT –

A. Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 5 –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to approve the request from Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 5, in the amount of \$ 140,066.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Sacco Plan of Lots –

Preliminary and Final Approval for the Sacco Plan of Lots.

Consider Preliminary and Final approval for Sacco Plan of Lots, located along Droz Avenue, Ambridge, Tax Parcel ID No. 60-020-0344.000 and 60-194-0164.004, in the Suburban Residential (R-2) Zoning District, for a lot-line consolidation revision.

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

B. Brake Retarders –

Discussion occurred on the PennDOT study for brake retarders.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Refuse (Garbage) Contract Bids –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the refuse (garbage) contract with Valley Waste Service, Inc., starting January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2025, with the options of three (3) one (1) year extensions.

A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bucuren	Yes
Mr. Kowal	Yes
Mr. Metz	Yes
Mr. Ruckert	Yes
Mr. Sivy	Yes
Mr. Sylvester	Yes
Mr. Morrone	Yes

Motion carried – 7-0.

B. John Deere Walk Behind Mower –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the donation of the John Deere Walk Behind Mower to the Economy Borough Municipal Authority. Motion carried 6-1, with Mr. Sylvester abstaining.

C. Zoning Hearing Board (Alternate) Appointment –

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to accept the appointment of Mr. Jesse Hernandez to the Zoning Hearing Board as an Alternate member. Motion was unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy 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 7:47 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary