

Council President Ronald R. Rock called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Economy Municipal Building to conduct business of general purposes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Nick F. Gnarra, Jr., Larry Googins, Art Mutschler, Audrey Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Donald Sivy, Ronald R. Rock

ALSO PRESENT: Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

William Vescio, Sr., Bryon Funding, Inc., gave an update of the Police Pension Fund and the Non Uniformed Pension Fund for the First Quarter 2007.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Gary Bucuren, 3480 Conway Wallrose Road, came before Council with his concern of the expense of the use of anti skid vs. straight salt on the roadways, the amount of dirt anti skid leaves behind, and the man hours and equipment cost to clean the debris. Mr. Mutschler will contact Earl regarding this.

George Foltz, 61 Bock Lane, came before Council regarding the ongoing deteriorating condition of the property at 59 Bock Lane. Mr. Rock asked that this be referred to the code enforcement office.

MINUTES:

Mr. Googins corrected the adjournment motion on page 297 to read (MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler...). not Mr. Mutschler.

MOTION by Mr. Gnarra, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2007, Regular Session of Council, as corrected. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling stated the Economy Veterans Memorial Fund Committee is asking that the building permit fee for the Memorial be waived. Council asked the amount of the permit before making a decision.

Mayor Poling asked the status of the ABC project as phone calls are not being returned. Mr. Googins stated he attended the Ambridge Water Authority meeting last week; it is still an ongoing project with no issues or problems with the AWA. Mr. Kunkle reported both projects had a change of personnel and the new personnel are getting caught up on the respective projects.

Mayor Poling asked who would make the PA One Call for the Memorial site; the contactor is Rome Monument. Mr. Kunkle advised contractors make PA One Call for their projects.

Mayor Poling requested on Saturday, May 19th from 9 AM to 3 PM, Lynn Street be closed in front of the Jr. High for a soccer tournament.

Mayor Poling asked Council to obtain updated bids on resurfacing the tennis courts. This is referred to the Recreation Committee.

Mayor Poling reported receiving complaints on political signs on private property without permission. This was referred to the code enforcement office.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Summer Help: Mr. Kunkle advised Mike Moyer, who worked last summer, can return on May 14th; recommending the budgeted \$7.75 per hour. Union vs. non union was discussed with regards to having Mike Moyer work for the road department also as seasonal help.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to authorize the rehiring of Mike Moyer to work as seasonal help up to 32 hours per week at \$7.75 per week. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the motion: Mr. Sivy verified that this work would not be with the road department.

2. Salt Storage Shed Bid: This is tabled until the May 8, 2007, meeting, which is still within the 90 day bid period, as the \$100,000.00 loan is not to be finalized until April 25th.

3. Veteran's Memorial Grant/Contract: Mr. Kunkle reported the \$15,000 grant has been awarded and Mr. Fouse and Ms. Briggs have reviewed this standard contract; Mr. Fouse recommends entering into the contract between the State and Economy Borough as it is not effective until Economy Borough receives back a fully executed copy.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the execution of the grant/contract between the State and Economy Borough based on the recommendation of Mr. Fouse. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Code Enforcement Phones: Mr. Kunkle reported Mr. Luff is requesting the purchase of an advanced cell phone capable of holding the entire building code in pdf format. Discussion followed regarding the phone request and certification of the code enforcement positions with regards to pay rates. Mr. Luff will be asked to reschedule his day and to attend the May 8th meeting.

Mr. Mutschler asked the status of the wind turbine. Mr. Kunkle reported a new company has been hired and they were out last week to view the site to take measurements; will be scheduling work soon, as they have other sites in this area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Gnarra requested the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2006, be reviewed for questions or concerns to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Gnarra reported on an “Assessing Your Financial Condition” seminar June 7th in Beaver County and June 21st in Butler County at a cost of \$50 per person; Finance Committee members could attend.

Mr. Gnarra stated the first season of Centax collecting the earned income tax is over; requesting Centax come to the May 22nd meeting with a status report of where they are at.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

No Report

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mrs. Raymer reported the 5 K Race will be Saturday, May 12th at Economy Park.

Mrs. Raymer reported she has the dates for the tennis camp and Mr. Kunkle will send a letter to Mr. King requesting use of the tennis courts. Mayor Poling suggested recreation grants, i.e. Highmark for fitness.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Googins reported he, Mr. Shoup, Mr. Fouse and Mr. Kunkle met regarding the Ambridge Water Authority rate issue and would talk in Executive Session about the intentional delay of any potential legal issue.

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy reported his findings to repair the air conditioner unit at the borough building. Discussion followed regarding the cost and the repairs. Mr. Sivy will re-contact the contractors for repair vs. new pricing.

Mrs. Mutschler requested the committee to meet following tonight’s meeting regarding the part time police benefits issue.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

ENGINEER: No Report

SOLICITOR: No Report

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:54 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
April 27, 2007