

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* MAY 22, 2007**

Council Vice President Nick F. Gnarra, Jr. 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:** Larry Googins, Arthur O. Mutschler, Audrey Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Donald Sivy, Nick F. Gnarra, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Ronald R. Rock

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor David N. Poling, Michael W. Nalli, Esq., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

Robert J. Villella, President of Central Tax Bureau of PA, Inc., came before Council with an update report on how CENTAX is progressing with collections of the Earned Income Tax since they began collecting EIT for Economy Borough; will check his schedule and possibly return in July with another update.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC:**

Tom Chinchilla, 1821 Droz Avenue, came before Council regarding the undrinkable condition of the water at his home; stated he has been to the Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) meeting and they have flushed the dead end line several times; AWA told him to come to Economy Borough Council as AWA need Councils permission to dig; water pressure is fine. Mr. Gnarra asked Mr. Kunkle to contact AWA with these concerns in order to rectify the problem and report back. Mayor Poling volunteered to have Mr. Chinchillas water tested by an independent lab when he has his own water tested.

**MINUTES:**

*MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to table the minutes of the May 8, 2007, Regular Session of Council until Mr. Fouse is present to advise on what should be included in same Council Minutes. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Poling reported traffic speeding details are ongoing throughout Economy Borough.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. Records Resolution No. 411:** Mr. Kunkle advised this is a formality in order to destroy municipal records.

*MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to adopt Resolution No. 411, declaring Economy Borough's intent to follow the schedule and procedures for disposing of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on July 16, 1993. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**2.Liberty Hills Developer's Agreement & Mylar Phase 1:** Mr. Kunkle provided a copy of the proposed Developer's agreement and reported it has been thoroughly reviewed by Dale Fouse, Roberta Sarraf, Scott Shoup and himself and are recommended for approval; the mylar was approved in December, 2006.

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize entering into a Developer's Agreement between Economy Borough and TOA PA V., L.P. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

The Chair recognized Chad Lively. Officer Lively suggested visitors wishing to be heard by Council stay at the podium due to the outburst at the last meeting. Mr. Gnarra stated point taken and would tell Mr. Rock.

**3. Move CEO Office to former WTO:** Mr. Kunkle reported this move would all the current CEO office to be converted into storage and all of the file cabinets in Council chambers, plus the computer server to be moved into that space; approximate cost is between \$1,000 and \$1,400.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the move of the CEO office from the present space to the former WTO at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**4. Salt Storage Facility Building Permit:** Mr. Kunkle requested, as a formality, the building permit fee for the Salt Storage Facility be waived.

***MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to authorize the building permit fee for the Salt Storage Facility be waived. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**5. CEO PDA Cell Phone:** Mr. Kunkle reported in order for the new PDA cell phone to work as intended, the ICC codes must be purchased in PDA format to be downloaded. Mrs. Mutschler suggested sending the phone back before the 30 day Verizon return window is up, have questions answered regarding if the PDA disk will work on the PDA phone, cost of the disk, is a software license/fee involved, if returned will the discount be in effect, can the discs be returned and cost refunded, etc.

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to send the PDA back as it does not meet the capability anticipated; gather information to answer questions and make a determination at the next meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Question on the motion: Mr. Googins questioned if the PDA is turned back in, what would be used for a cell phone for the CEO? Mr. Kunkle will contact Verizon.

8:40 PM – Mayor Poling exits the meeting.

**6. PSAB Annual Conference:** Mr. Kunkle advised the annual PSAB Conference will be June 24-26, 2007, at Valley Forge, PA. Mr. Gnarra advised anyone interested should contact the borough office.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy reported the generator is working; the problem was a heater that had to be manually plugged in when the temperature went below 35 degrees; cost is approximately \$295. Mr. Gnarra suggested asking for consideration on fixing the problem and not having to spend money needlessly as this feature was not given as an option. Mr. Shoup will be contacted.

Mr. Sivy reported the 1995 Jeep that is used by the CEO office is starting to cost money for repairs and would like to look into replacing it. Mr. Gnarra advised a replacement vehicle could be considered during the 2008 budget process.

Mr. Sivy would get prices on a CD recorder instead of the tape recorder.

Mr. Sivy reported Mr. Shoup has the proposals on the air condition for the municipal building to review.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Mutschler reported the committee met after the last Council Meeting on the part time officers; was concerned about the increase in the premium for the traditional health care. Mr. Gnarra directed that in the future the committee being affected be notified regarding increases in budgeted items.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

No Report

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Mutschler requested the temporary seasonal help to work up to 40 hours per week to supplement the road department due to employees being off on vacation and off sick. Mr. Nalli stated based on Federal and State law temporary part time seasonal help can work over 32 hours; the prior motion would need to be amended.

*MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the amending the motion of April 24<sup>th</sup> to allow Mike Moyer to work as temporary seasonal help up to 40 hours at the direction of Mr. Kunkle to fill in the needs of the road department/buildings and maintenance.*

#### ***Roll Call Vote:***

***Mr. Mutschler – Yes***

***Mrs. Mutschler – No***

***Mrs. Raymer – No***

***Mr. Sivy – Yes***

***Mr. Googins – Yes***

***Mr. Gnarra – No***

***Tie Vote, 3 Yes-3 No. no one to break the tie.***

***Mr. Nalli advised at the next meeting, Mr. Rock can break the tie.***

### **ORDINANCE and RECREATION:**

Mrs. Raymer reported 89 runners participated in the Annual 5K Race.

Mrs. Raymer reported receiving input on the proposed burning ordinance and may have a draft ready for consideration at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Mr. Googins reported he was not at the last AWA meeting, but apparently the agreement between AWA and the National Development (ABC) is complete or being completed; does not know of any issues. Mrs. Mutschler advised Baden Borough received a grant to do a study on the water line which may take 2-3 months to complete. Mr. Gnarra asked Mrs. Mutschler to secure a copy of the Baden minutes, once approved.

Mr. Googins asked the status of the EBMA request for board remuneration. Mr. Gnarra stated this will be put on the agenda and will be addressed in the next several months, well in advance of the end of the year.

**REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:**

No Report

**ENGINEER:**

No Report

**SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Nalli stated a motion should be made to ratify the hiring of the part time police officer at the last meeting. Mrs. Mutschler will check with Chief Harrington concerning the new hire before proceeding with the process and bring the information back to Council for a vote to ratify at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Kunkle reported during plan review Ray Tomaszewski found that the Salt Storage Facility exceeds the maximum building height of 35 feet and a variance will be applied for from the Zoning Hearing Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION by Mrs. Raymer, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:39 PM  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
May 25, 2007