

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* JUNE 12, 2007**

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, Arthur O. Mutschler, Audrey Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Donald Sivy, Ronald R. Rock

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor David N. Poling, Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Norman Shoup, P.E., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

**HEAR THE PUBLIC:**

Robert Mecchia, 211 Fernwood Drive, came before Council regarding the speeding by residents and contractors with overweight trucks on Park Hill Road driving to and from Cranberry Township; suggests the use of speed bumps, rumble strips, signage, increased presence of police, dummy lines, or reduced speed limit to stop the speeding. Mrs. Mutschler reported speed bumps are illegal. Mr. Rock asked the Public Safety Committee and Mayor Poling to review this request with Chief Harrington.

Suzie Zugay, 188 Cooney Hollow Road, came before Council regarding quads and other off road vehicles traveling and speeding on Cooney Hollow Road; sometimes as many as 20 at a time; has frequently reported this to the police; wants the law enforced; was told the riders are local public safety personnel; will try to provide their names; requested speed limit signs on Cooney Hollow Road; suggested "No off road vehicles" signs on Cooney Hollow Road. Mr. Rock asked Mrs. Mutschler to talk to Chief Harrington regarding this.

Barbara Baldwin, 116 Green Forest Drive, sympathized with Mr. Mecchia and Ms. Zugay stating she deals with ATV's, quads and golf carts racing up and down Green Forest Drive. Mrs. Baldwin reported a deer trail thru her property that deer cross several times a day and requested a "Deer Crossing" sign. Mrs. Mutschler will talk with Doug Carney, PA Game Commission, regarding this request.

Gary Bucuren, 3480 Conway Wallrose Road, came before Council regarding a memo written about his concerns at a prior Council meeting and an issue between an Economy Borough Road Crew employee and the road foreman. Mr. Fouse advised he has no knowledge of the memo and the personnel issue should be discussed in Executive Session. Information will be provided to Mr. Fouse and Council to meet in Executive Session before, during or after the June 26, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Mecchia stated the safety complaints need to be addressed and is concerned about public safety; do something for the people.

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2007, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2007, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Minutes of the May 29, 2007, Special Session of Council, as written.***

***Yes: Mr. Googins, Mr. Mutschler, Mrs. Mutschler, Mrs. Raymer, Mr. Sivy, Mr. Rock***

***No: Mr. Gnarra***

***Motion carried by a 6 Yes, 1 No vote.***

### **MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Poling read the Mayor’s Monthly Report for the Police Department for the month of May, 2007, as prepared by Chief Harrington, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary’s office.

Mayor Poling introduced David Wellington to Council; advised he is an Economy Borough resident, has passed his physical and psychological testing; completed his police certification in Harrisburg on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Mutschler reported 3 of the other part time officers are or will be off with medical issues and would like to also look at more applications.

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy - to authorize the hiring of David Wellington as a part time police officer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mayor Poling asked if PennDOT could be contacted to not chip and tar on top of new road surfaces in Economy Borough; feels it does not enhance the life of the road. Mr. Shoup stated this is the cheapest way to seal a roadway.

### **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**1. Mandatory Water District:** Mr. Fouse advised we are not interested in challenging this resolution at this time.

**2. Liberty Hills Resolution No. 412:** Mr. Kunkle reported the Recorder of Deeds requires this resolution in order for the Deeds of Dedication from the residents on Barbara Drive to be recorded; Mr. Fouse has reviewed it before Mr. Rock signed it on June 5, 2007.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Googins – to ratify the adoption of Liberty Hills Resolution No. 412. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**3. Liberty Hills Mylar Fresh Date:** Mr. Kunkle reported this occurs occasionally when a developer gets a mylar approved but doesn’t record it at the courthouse within the 90 days; no changes have been made, Economy Borough Planning Commission gave it a fresh date on June 4<sup>th</sup> and Economy Borough has been asked to ratify it on June 5<sup>th</sup>; as of June 5<sup>th</sup>, they plan to start work on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to ratify the authorization of the fresh date of June 5<sup>th</sup> to the Liberty Hills Mylar. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**4. Burning Ordinance:** Mr. Gnarra requested the exact changes from the old burning ordinance to the proposed burning ordinance for Council’s review. Mr. Googins suggested this be done in the future in order to review the old and proposed together.

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

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Mr. Googins reported Ambridge Water Authority sent out the DEP required 90 day notice regarding their 2006 water system violation.

Mr. Googins reported both developments are moving ahead with water and sewerage.

Mr. Googins reported Economy Borough has been awarded First Place in the PSAB 2007 Borough News Annual Municipal Website Contest.

Mr. Googins requested to attend one day of the PSAB 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, June 24-27, 2007, at Valley Forge.

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to authorize Mr. Googins to attend the PSAB Conference in Valley Forge June 25th & June 26th for approximately \$400.00. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

### **PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy reported he and Mr. Shoup will work together on specifications to bid out the air conditioner issue for the municipal building.

Mr. Sivy reported he is contacting an electrician for a cost to install the thermostat needed for the emergency generator. Mr. Shoup reported 2 options were provided with the generator 1) oil pan heater (not installed) and 2) battery heater – furnished; the battery heater is wired to a trickle charger and was never turned on so the battery went dead; the oil pan heater must be plugged in if the temperature goes below 32 degrees; the cost for the contractor to install the thermostat is \$295.00.

Mr. Sivy will get a cost on CD recorders.

Mr. Sivy verified that the Zoning Hearing for the Salt Storage Facility variance application is scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2007; materials have been delivered at the contractors discretion.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No Report

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***MOTION by Mr. Gnarra, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – that all bills listed and properly signed by the appropriate supervisor of that department, be approved for payment. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Gnarra asked Mr. Kunkle to contact Central Tax regarding the monthly report (i.e. the May, 2007 report has 2 deposits dated June).

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Mutschler read the Road Department Report for May, 2007, as prepared by Mr. Fitzgerald, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary's office.

**ORDINANCE and RECREATION:**

*MOTION by Mrs. Raymer, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize General Code, LLC to set up the Economy Borough Code book as an electronic code for use on the Internet for a special set up fee of \$995.00 and \$550 Annual Fee, second year forward. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

*Question on the motion: Mr. Gnarra questioned that this would be a 2 year contract.*

**REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** No Report

**ENGINEER:**

Mr. Shoup advised Council needs to pick colors for the Salt Storage Facility. Council requested Mr. Shoup have Mr. Fitzgerald pick the colors.

Mr. Shoup reported the following bids were opened today at 2:00 PM:

\$117,280.75 – Youngblood Paving, Inc  
123,084.50 – Diorio Paving Inc  
130,635.30 – A. Folino Construction, Inc.  
131,478.00 – Russell Standard Corp  
132,600.50 – Peter J. Caruso & Sons, Inc.  
134,947.50 – IA Construction Corp  
135,089.50 – Shields Asphalt Paving Inc

*MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize the awarding of the 2007 Road Improvement Project (#8523) to Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$117,280.75 for Lynn Street and a portion of Firethorn Road to the intermediate cul de sac. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Fouse requested an Executive Session to discuss a real estate development matter.

Mr. Gnarra verified that the CEO PDA has been returned. Mr. Sivy verified that Mr. Luff is using a regular cell phone.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Time: 9:25 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
June 15, 2007

List of Bills attached to Minute Book