

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** JUNE 26, 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. (7:29), Larry Googins (7:30), Arthur O. Mutschler, Audrey Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Donald Sivy, Ronald R. Rock

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor David N. Poling, Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Gary Bucuren, 3480 Conway Wallrose Road, came before Council regarding Earl Fitzgerald. Mr. Rock apologized for cutting Mr. Bucuren short at the last meeting, that he can speak in regular session as a resident with his concerns to be part of the record. Mr. Bucuren said his concern is he feels Mr. Fitzgerald is mismanaging the road department and its employees. Mr. Rock stated Council backs Earl Fitzgerald 100% as the working road foreman and any member of the road crew can follow the chain of command and meet with Mr. Kunkle and the union representative with concerns. Mr. Fouse stated the contract describes the relationship between the Union and the Employer and the grievance procedure; Council will not violate the contract. Mr. Bucuren asked how to get on Council and help oversee some of these situations. Mrs. Mutschler advised he could run for Council in the next election.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2007, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling provided the test results from Campbell Laboratory, New Brighton, for Tom Chinchilla, 1821 Droz Avenue; same will be provided to Ambridge Water Authority via Mr. Googins. Mr. Kunkle advised this is a 4" line and can not support a regular hydrant; this has a blow off at the end of the line, maybe a hydrant will help the situation.

Mayor Poling asked the status of an off street parking ordinance. Mrs. Raymer stated it is being worked on. Mayor Poling asked for sample ordinances from Cranberry Township.

Mayor Poling reported signs for Park Hill Road will be ordered by Chief Harrington. Mr. Kunkle advised "Targeted Enforcement Area" and "Speed Limit Strictly Enforced" signs are on order. Officer Lively reported this area has been targeted; over 30 tickets have been issued; 9 out of 10 cars are Economy Borough residents from Bradford Park Square taking a short cut to Cranberry. Mayor Poling suggested buying a line painting machine to paint ghost lines. Mr. Rock felt this is showing the residents that we are trying to solve the concern. Mr. Sivy suggested looking into borrowing a paint machine from Cranberry, Baden or Harmony.

7:29 PM – Mr. Gnarra enters the meeting.

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MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. Burning Ordinance: Mr. Kunkle provided the proposed and existing burning ordinances with the changes noted.

MOTION by Mrs. Raymer, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to authorize to advertise for adoption, the proposed ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 212 and establishing the rules and procedures for outdoor burning, the restrictions and penalties for violations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Conway Water Tower: Mr. Kunkle reported Conway Borough is replacing their current tank, located off East Ridge Ave. in Economy Borough; Conway obtained a variance from the Economy Borough Zoning Hearing Board for the height, our residents in the area are aware of the project; the Economy Borough Planning Commission has recommended approval for this “Land Development” and are asking Council to do the same.

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize the approval of the Land Development application for a larger and taller water standpipe as per the recommendation and conditions of the Economy Borough Planning Commission. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Electrical Permit Fees: Mr. Kunkle advised Joe Luff, CEO, is now certified as an ICC Residential Electrical Inspector and has provided a proposed fee schedule for addition to the schedule of fees resolution at the next meeting. Mr. Gnarra asked if this would have an impact on his time. Mr. Kunkle suggested hopefully he could make more than 1 inspection per visit.

4. Sale of 1992 International Truck: Mr. Kunkle reported there was no response to the ad for bids in the June edition of the Pennsylvania Township News and asked Councils wishes to re-advertise. It was decided to re-advertise in the Beaver County Times for sealed bids for the best offer and that any or all bids could be rejected. Mr. Googins suggested contacting other municipalities. Mr. Sivy suggested eBay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Googins reported Ambridge Water Authority has passed a resolution raising rates July 1, 2007, to all their customers; will provide a copy to Mr. Shoup and Mr. Fouse. Mr. Googins reported he has a concern about the use of Executive Sessions by AWA. Mayor Poling reminded everyone that AWA has to be able to supply water to Economy Borough according to our agreement. Mr. Sivy suggested testing water in areas in Economy Borough. Mr. Kunkle reported AWA does water testing in Economy Borough and the municipal building is one of the test sites.

Mr. Googins reported attending the PSAB 96th Annual Conference at Valley Forge to receive the First Place Plaque in the PSAB 2007 Borough News Annual Municipal Website Contest; also attended 3 informative sessions; found it worthwhile; next years conference will be in Seven Springs.

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy reported he and Mr. Shoup will have a report for the next meeting on the municipal building air conditioner issue.

Mr. Sivy reported he has contacted 2 electricians and Cutler Hammer on the thermostat issue for the emergency generator; will report back.

Mr. Sivy reported a portable CD recorder is unavailable at Best Buy; internet prices are between \$699 and \$1,200, does not recommend this. Mayor Poling reported Wal Mart may have one for \$100. Mr. Sivy will check out Wal Mart.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Mutschler reported on the traffic details on Park Hill Road.

Mrs. Mutschler reported the Pennsylvania Game Commission does not recommend Deer Crossing signs unless it is a problem area.

Mrs. Mutschler reported the new part time officer got his uniforms, however has been called for 3 weeks Reserve duty; reviewing applications for additional part timers; 3 of the full time officers may be called for extended Reserve duty and the part time officers have health issues. Mr. Googins asked for the working status of the police officers; the secretary will contact the police secretary for the information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Gnarra requested a break down of each committee/board remunerations before the next meeting.

Mrs. Mutschler reported information is still being gathered on the current part time officers.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Mutschler reported the salt shed is ready to start; work continues on Compton Road and Roberts Lane.

Mrs. Mutschler asked about the additional grading at the salt shed site. Mr. Mutschler reported Tom Britton was hired at a cost of \$1,275 to level the site from the 2% grade set by a previous Council; this was the same cost to rent the equipment needed, without an operator. Mrs. Mutschler was concerned that his insurance is in order with regards to the liability. Mr. Kunkle will ask for a copy of his insurance. Mr. Googins reported Pastor Brady, pastor of the church, attended the Zoning Hearing Board meeting and supported the project and appreciated the cooperation between Economy Borough and the church requests.

Mr. Gnarra asked the status of the salt storage facility height issue. Mr. Sivy reported the Zoning Hearing Board approved the variance.

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mrs. Raymer reported the Summer Camps are ongoing and the next trip is September 29th to Casino Niagara.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse reported he met with the Economy Borough planning consultant regarding a real estate development matter; may or may not have a report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Raymer asked the status of Jeff Span. Mayor Poling reported there is a stop work order on his business. Mr. Fouse will look into the status of the liquor license transfer.

Mr. Sivy reported Section 175-43 of the Economy Borough Code establishes a 15 MPH speed limit for the entire length of Anne Street. Mr. Kunkle reported this has to be done with a traffic study and certain warrants must be met.

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:40 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
June 29, 2007