

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* JULY 24, 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. (7:41), Larry Googins, Arthur O. Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Donald Sivy, Ronald R. Rock

**ABSENT:** Audrey Mutschler - Vacation

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor David N. Poling, Michael W. Nalli, Esq., 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 Second Quarter, 2007.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC:**

Jeff Lopes, 2 Merriman Road, came before Council requesting information on putting public restrooms at Stonebridge Farm Nursery for seasonal events. Mr. Kunkle advised Mr. Lopes should contact the sewage enforcement officer for information on what type system would be needed and the code enforcement officer with his plans; Economy Borough will work with Mr. Lopes to accomplish what he is trying to do. Mr. Lopes will stop in the borough office to pick up contact information.

Dominic Leopardi, 1386 Harmony Road, came before Council requesting a curb in front of his home to help correct a drainage problem; the water runs thru his neighbors property, onto his and washes out his property; feels the curb would divert the flow to a natural ravine on his own property; will sign a release. Mr. Mutschler reported he has reviewed the site and is concerned about a legal issue if ice would build up on the driveway; would like the engineer to review. Mr. Nalli advised Mr. Fouse would want to prepare a release to protect Economy Borough. Mr. Rock asked that Shoup Engineering look at this for a recommendation.

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mr. Mutschler seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2007, Regular Session of Council as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Poling reported on the continued speeding enforcement and feels the ghost lines will help. Officer Lively gave a brief report on citations issued in the enforcement areas.

Mayor Poling reported receiving a complaint from George Zeranik, Anne Street, regarding the run off from the ABC property. Mr. Kunkle reported the developer met with the Anne Street residents in the past and would address the drainage issue with the project. Mayor Poling reported the project is to begin something in October.

Officer Lively requested a stop sign at the Kenneth Campbell Drive end of the municipal parking lot to avoid possible accidents at that intersection. Mr. Mutschler will be requesting a stop sign at Tower Road sometime in the future. Mr. Rock asked that Earl have the stop sign installed.

Mr. Mutschler asked the status of quads on Cooney Hollow. Officer Lively stated complaints are down on Cooney Hollow and the new problem is the Liberty Hills site.

Officer Lively will give a report on the police computer system at the next meeting.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. Sale of 1992 International:** Mr. Kunkle advised 4 bids were received by July 20<sup>th</sup>; the bids came in low; the following is the tabulation:

\$1,616.00 – Rogers Auto Sales  
\$2,500.00 – Frank Hernandez  
\$2,900.00 – Bill Boring  
\$3,891.00 – Hazelton Equipment Co.

Mr. Mutschler suggested following up with Walsh Equipment who had an inquiry from another municipality regarding the truck. Mr. Sivy suggested also contacting Hunter Truck Sales to see if they could sell the truck on their lot for us. Mr. Rock asked that this be put on hold until Walsh Equipment and Hunter Truck Sales are contacted.

**2. EVFD/Veterans Memorial Group Event:** Mr. Kunkle reported the EVFD and the Veterans Memorial Group participated in a special event on July 21<sup>st</sup>; the EVFD worker's compensation insurance is through the Economy Borough policy; since this is a special event and not a regular fire fighting event, it should have been brought first to Economy Borough Council for approval or disapproval; the EVFD acted as safety monitors; if there is an injury they would need worker's compensation coverage; requesting motion to ratify coverage of EVFD.

***MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize the ratification of the coverage of the Economy Volunteer Fire Department Special Event on Saturday, July 21, 2007.***

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**3. KARLA TRAVIS PLAN OF LOTS:** Mr. Kunkle reported this is a subdivision taking a sliver of land from one lot to another lot; has been reviewed and recommended by Beaver County Planning Commission and Economy Borough Planning Commission.

***MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the approval of the Karla Travis Plan of Lots with the recommendations set forth by the Beaver County Planning Commission and the Economy Borough Planning Commission. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**4. Police Pension Memo:** Mr. Kunkle stated Mr. Gnarra would want to discuss this in Executive Session.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE and RECREATION:**

No Report

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

No Report

**PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy reported he received the revised report from Mr. Shoup regarding the air conditioner issue and wishes to discuss it with Mr. Gnarra before making a recommendation.

Mr. Sivy reported he is still in contact with Cutler Hammer and Conserve Electric on the emergency generator thermostat issue.

7:41 PM - Mr. Gnarra enters the meeting.

Mr. Sivy reported the Baden Borough Secretary told him Baden uses a CD Digital Recorder purchased from Staples for \$90 including the software which was installed on her PC to transcribe the minutes from; the Baden Council Chambers has a multiple microphone system; will review further with Mr. Googins.

Mr. Sivy reported a resident contacted him with a concern about obtaining water on Brookside Road. Mr. Kunkle advised Ambridge Water Authority needs a financial commitment from a majority of the residents on a street in order to recover the costs of putting the pipe in before they will run water lines; the resident needs to gather the support of their neighbors to get this started.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

No Report

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Gnarra requested an Executive Session regarding the police pension, with a vote.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Mutschler reported the salt shed is under construction.

Mayor Poling reported an issue with a neighbor regarding the neighbor encroaching on his property line. Mr. Nalli advised Mayor Poling he may need to seek legal counsel as this is a private property issue.

**REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:**

No Report

**ENGINEER:**

No Report

**SOLICITOR:**

No Report

*MOTION by Mr. Gnarra, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Time: 7:55*

*Motion to return to the regular session of council made by Mr Googins at 8:20 pm; seconded by Mr Sivy, all voted aye.*

*Motion by Mr Gnarra that to satisfy the observation made during the pension audit that George Hartsell did not have any money deducted from his pay for his pension, as was required during 2006, that the Borough pay the police pension fund \$3,398.53 (5% of his income) to make the pension fund whole, seconded by Mr Googins, all voted aye.*

*Motion by Mr Gnarra instructing the Borough Manager to meet with Mr Hartsell to determine a dollar amount or percentage of income to be deducted from his pay, starting in September of this year, to start repaying the money that the Borough has agreed to pay the police pension fund on his behalf for 2006; and furthermore the same amount or percentage will continue to be deducted from his pay during 2008 if the police are required to continue paying the full 5% of income toward their pension, but if less than 5% is required to be deducted the Borough will continue to take 5% from Mr Hartsell's pay to repay the 2006 obligation; seconded by Mrs Raymer.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to adjourn by Mr Sivy at 8:30 pm, seconded by Mrs Raymer, all voted aye.*

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
July 27, 2007