

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** AUGUST 14, 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 (9:41), Ronald R. Rock

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

Mr. Rock asked for a moment of silence for Anthony Pane, who passed away, July 26, 2007; Tony Pane serviced for 35 years on the Economy Borough Planning Commission and will be missed.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Todd Gnarra, 1920 Conway Wallrose Road came before Council regarding the August 6th letter from Mr. Kunkle advising Mr. Kunkle was notified by Tracy Abrams, Assistant Manager at the PennDOT facility, that his project has been reviewed by the District 11 Regional Office, is against PennDOT policy and the drainage issue on his property can't be done by PennDOT. Todd Gnarra provided pictures of the flooding to his property that occurs when it rains and reminded Council of the February 27th motion of Council to supply the pipe; just wants to get the problem fixed. Mr. Shoup reported the existing pipe is outside of the PennDOT right of way, however PennDOT created the problem. After discussion Council decided to provide the pipe to Todd Gnarra. Mr. Shoup will double check the size of the pipe in order to provide the correct size.

Robert J. Vilella, 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 and how they plan to proceed with delinquency collections for Economy Borough.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler seconded by Mr. Googins – to approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2007, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

Mayor Poling requested Councils consideration of purchasing a line painter at an approximate cost of \$1,500.00 to paint enhanced Vascar lines, cross walks, ghost lines, etc. Discussion followed regarding purchase vs. partnering with Baden Borough.

Mayor Poling verified an escrow account has been set up as TOA/Liberty Hills Traffic Signal Fund. Mr. Kunkle reported if a signal is not installed after 3 years the funds go back to TOA/Liberty Hills. Mr. Gnarra verified that the signal would be at the top of Dunlap Hill. Mr. Shoup suggested, to get PennDOT's approval, Economy Borough would have to signalize the upper section of SR 989 also. Mr. Kunkle estimated a traffic signal would cost approximately between \$75,000 and \$100,000; will have information for the Finance Committee for budget meetings.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Sale of the 1992 International: Mr. Kunkle advised he has not received a written bid yet, however Brady's Bend Township has verbally offered \$7,000 for the 1992 International Dump.

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the sale of the 1992 International Dump Truck VIN # 1HTSCNMNONH428732 to Brady's Bend Township for \$7,000 contingent upon receipt of the funds. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. AWA Water Tank: Mr. Kunkle reported in order for this project to proceed Council has to approve it as a land development; Economy Borough Planning Commission has recommended approval via a letter dated July 24, 2007, referencing the Beaver County Planning Commission letter dated June 20, 2007; EB Planning has instructed AWA to return to the ZHB if they want to alter the ZHB requirement regarding the need of a flashing red light since the tank height has been reduced from 96' to 61'.

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to authorize the approval of the Land Development Application identified as the Ambridge Water Authority Water Tank on Conway Wallrose Road, not to be interpreted that Economy Borough would approve or acquiesce to the special purpose tap in fee resolution, and subject to the recommendations and conditions set forth by the Economy Borough Planning Commission and the Beaver County Planning Commission. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Tire Roundup: Mr. Kunkle reported the Independence Marsh Foundation conducts tire collection in the Spring and Fall in Beaver County in municipalities who agree to sponsor them; Economy Borough has sponsored this twice, the last time in 2005; sponsoring includes, bringing one road employee in from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (longer if an extraordinary number of tires are collected); lunch for up to 15 people (they use Penn Pavilion residents for labor who work out very well) and a truck to haul the cut up tires to the BFI site in Imperial the following Monday; would like Economy Borough to sponsor a tire round up on Saturday, October 13, 2007.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to authorize Economy Borough to partner with the Independence Marsh Foundation and sponsor a tire roundup on Saturday, October 13, 2007, for an approximate cost of \$250.00. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Boal Subdivision: Mr. Kunkle reported this is a simple subdivision, one lot into two, located between Tevebaugh, the end of Sproat, down near Highland and down the hill toward the shopping center; approximately 245 acres will be reduced to 230 acres with a new 15 acre lot being created; the Economy Borough Planning Commission has recommended approval via a letter dated August 7, 2007 referencing the Beaver County Planning Commission letter dated July 26, 2007, and the Shoup Engineering letter dated July 26, 2007.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the approval of the Boal Subdivision with the recommendations and conditions set forth by the Economy Borough Planning Commission and the Beaver County Planning Commission. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Parking Ordinance: Mr. Kunkle reported since the PA Vehicle Code requires traffic studies in order to enforce parking restrictions, it would be cost prohibitive to adopt a borough wide ordinance; if Council is willing to do this a street, or a few streets at a time, the Ordinance Committee is prepared to move ahead to prepare a draft ordinance. Mr. Fouse verified that to enforce this type ordinance at the district magistrate, it must have an engineering study. Mayor Poling asked Council to consider off street parking for future developments. Mrs. Mutschler suggested an article in the newsletter asking residents to be considerate and park off the street. Mayor Poling suggested an article in the newsletter regarding speeding on Economy Borough roads.

6. Sunset Hills Sidewalks: Mr. Kunkle reported according to the Economy Borough Zoning Ordinance, residents are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of sidewalks on/in front of their property; going back to at least 2002 several articles have appeared in the newsletter giving residents a heads-up that Economy Borough will enforce this; the latest being last February's newsletter; Ray and Joe have started marking non-compliant sidewalks in Sunset Hills (those with an inch and a half variation or more) and leaving information with the property owners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

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

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mrs. Mutschler reported the following attendance for the Summer Camps: 40 Basketball Camp; 26 Volleyball Camp; 20 Tennis Camp; 20 Karate Camp.

Mrs. Mutschler reported on September 29, 2007, there will be a bus trip to Casino Seneca.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Googins reported the Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) experienced a water break in the transmission line from the reservoir to the plant. Mr. Mutschler added that we are asked to conserve water. Mr. Googins reported the Ambridge-Aliquippa Bridge has a rating of 2 out of 100 and is the conveyance of the single source of supply to the AWA. Mr. Shoup reported there are interconnects with West View Water Authority and Edgeworth Water Authority for emergencies, which have been used. Mr. Fouse stated the contract between Economy Borough and the AWA also protects Economy Borough with regards to supplying water.

Mr. Googins advised he will be attending the PA COG Conference representing the Upper Beaver Valley COG August 24-26, 2007 at the Pocono's.

Mr. Googins reported the eCode is finished and on the web site.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Mutschler introduced Scott Carney, a senior at Westminster College majoring in Criminal Justice; Mr. Carney would like to intern for 80 hours in October, 2007.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the approval of the internship of Scott Carney, starting October, 2007, for 80 hours with proper notification to our insurance carrier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Carney thanked Council.

Mrs. Mutschler reported Chris Ferragonio will come to the next meeting.

Mrs. Mutschler reported she was at a home in Edgeworth and a “reverse 9-1-1” call was received regarding water conservation and asked if it was available in our area; she will check with Chief Harrington.

Officer Lively came before Council advising the police department would like to purchase new software; the current software, C Net, was purchased in October, 2005, and is outdate, constantly down and not posting UCR's properly, it is no longer efficient; would like to go to Crime Star; has been using a demonstrator since June and feels it is the best for the money for their department and he would be able to train the other officers on it's use; currently New Sewickley Township, Rochester and the Beaver County Detectives use Crime Star; cost would be \$2,400 per license per each concurrent user (one time fee) and \$250 per year for each license for updates; each license includes a license for the lap top license for free; requesting 8 licenses; C Net renews from October to October; also need a new server. Mr. Fouse verified that this is the sole source for Crime Star and that Crime Star would work best for Economy Borough in relationship to other software. Mr. Gnarra asked if it can be up and running by October and not renew C Net. Officer Lively is confident it would be.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to authorize the purchase of a Dell Server for \$5,099.80 and ancillary equipment for up to \$500.00. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the purchase of five (5) licenses at \$2,400/license plus \$250/license for the annual technical support and all issued upgrades from the sole source of Crime Star for a total of \$13,250.00. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Officer Lively thanked Earl Fitzgerald, Larry Musgrave and Chris Descewski for their efforts last week during the storms.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Gnarra advised to add 2 bills that are not included on the list of bills: 1) Interstate Communications and Electronics in the amount of \$1,105.25; and 2) R & L Electronics in the amount of \$104.95.

Mayor Poling questioned why Sgt. Heitzenraters health care insurance coverage is still on the MEIT bill. Discussion followed regarding if he is covered under military health care. Mr. Fouse will contact his attorney. Mr. Gnarra reported Blue Cross Blue Shield will refund back premiums if Economy Borough can prove Sgt. Heitzenrater is covered by the military. Mr. Googins stated Chief Harrington could call Sgt. Heitzenrater's commanding officer to see if he has military coverage; the enrollment system for military is shortened to DEERS. Mr. Gnarra reminded the secretary that the supervisor of each department is to sign those departments' bills.

9:41 PM – Mr. Sivy enters the meeting.

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, with the addition of the two (2) Emergency Management invoices. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Gnarra reported the Compliance Audit Report for the period of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006, for the Economy Borough Police Pension Plan and the Economy Borough Non Uniformed Pension Plan have been received from the Department of the Auditor General.

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to authorize the installation of a water jacket heater in the amount of \$575.00 installed by Conserve Electric. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Sivy reported the air conditioner issue in the municipal building will be put out for bid in the Spring of 2008.

Mr. Mutschler verified the hold up on the wind turbine are parts not received; these parts will be shipped directly to the municipal building.

Mr. Mutschler advised the salt storage facility is up.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

No Report

ENGINEER:

Mr. Shoup reported the paving of Firethorn and Lynn is complete.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse advised he would like to discuss a personnel retirement issue in Executive Session with no vote.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to authorize the change of health care for Ron Hannah and Russ Pawlishak to the same coverage as the full time officers hospitalization group plan and noted, only for officers who presently have health care. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize seven (7) paid holidays (New Years Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day) for all part time police officers, to be paid at double time (16 hours for an 8 hour shift). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel retirement issue, with no vote. Time: 9:55 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Raymer, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 10:13 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 10:14 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
August 21, 2007

List of Bills attached to Minute Book