

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** AUGUST 28, 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., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

Mrs. Mutschler introduced part time police officer Chris Ferragonio.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Jimmy Musgrave, 101 Alva Lane, came before Council requesting permission to improve the original overgrown landscaping in front of the municipal building as an Eagle Scout project; provided 3 draft proposal drawings; will fundraise and solicit business's for materials and supplies after Council authorization.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to authorize Jimmy Musgrave to proceed with the proposed Eagle Scout Project. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler seconded by Mr. Googins – to approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2007, Regular Session of Council as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling reported talking to Jerry Andre, Cranberry Township Manager, and was told he never heard of a PennDOT study needed on borough roads; Cranberry enforces the off street parking in the winter but not in the summer. Mr. Kunkle reported this requirement is in the PA Vehicle Code. Mr. Fouse stated every ordinance passed by Council that relates to any roads need traffic studies to support the municipal actions. Mr. Googins asked if Mayor Poling and Mrs. Mutschler would talk to Chief Harrington about the enforcement of parking in the opposite direction on streets; feels this is a safety hazard.

Mayor Poling asked the status of the Heitzenrater health care premium issue. Mr. Fouse will discuss this in Executive Session.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. 2007 COG Winter Commodities: Mr. Kunkle advised of this year's prices and recommends that Council accept the COG bids and enter into the contracts:

\$40.89/ton (Salt) Central Salt (Ohio Based, storage in Monaca)
\$ 9.75/ton(Cinders) Oliastro

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to accept the 2007 COG Winter Commodities and enter into the contracts with Central Salt at \$40.89/ton (Salt) and Oliastro \$ 9.75/ton (Cinders).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Winter Maintenance Agreement and Resolution No. 414: Mr. Kunkle reported to reduce administrative costs, the state is asking Economy Borough to enter a five (5) year winter maintenance agreement; we are able to cancel the agreement by notifying the state by September 15th of each year of the agreement; the Road Committee is in favor of the agreement.

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to enter into the five (5) year Agreement between Economy Borough and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Winter Traffic Services and adopt Resolution No. 414 authorizing the President of Council to sign the agreement. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Baden Borough Water System Study Letter dated Aug. 24, 2007: Mr. Kunkle reported the Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) manager assured him they do not see a problem supplying water to the Willows project and has provided a letter to the developer obligating AWA to furnish the water; an interconnect between AWA and the Beaver Falls Water Authority would boost pressure; Mr. Kunkle will keep Council informed on the progress of the Willows development.

4. Newsletter: Mr. Kunkle requested everyone review the draft newsletter and get back to him by the end of this week with comments, additions or corrections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Mutschler reported Brady's Bend Township will be here Thursday to pick up the 1992 International.

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mrs. Raymer reported the Economy Recreation Fall bus day trip to Casino Seneca will be Saturday, September 29, 2007.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Googins reported the agreement between AWA and Baden Borough is not discussed during the public portion of their meetings.

Mr. Googins reported AWA discussed a developer's agreement for the Shaffer Road CDBG project. Mr. Fouse stated he spoke to Mr. Hladic about wording in the agreement and will call him again tomorrow.

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to convey to the Ambridge Water Authority all water lines and improvements upon completion of the Shaffer Road CDBG project. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy reported the CEO Jeep is having brake issues; replacement should be considered in the 2008 budget.

Mr. Sivy reported both septic tanks were pumped out.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Mutschler reported the Reverse 911 system is approximately \$20,000; will keep it on the back burner.

Mrs. Mutschler requested an Executive Session regarding personnel with a possible vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Gnarra advised the committee would meet briefly after the meeting regarding the board remuneration request and the 2008 budget plan.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

ENGINEER: No Report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse wished to discuss in Executive Session 1) retirement package proposal for Sgt. Heitzenrater and the health care issue and 2) proposed development in Economy Borough; possibly a vote.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel retirement issue and proposed development in Economy Borough with possibly a vote.

Time: 7:41 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Raymer, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to return to the regular order of business.

Time: 8:50 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer - to authorize the approval of the retirement package for Sgt. Heitzenrater as outlined in the August 28, 2007, letter from Solicitor Dale Fouse to the Economy Borough Police Department Bargaining Unit. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mrs. Raymer, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:55 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
August 31, 2007