

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** OCTOBER 9, 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, Audrey Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Donald Sivy, Ronald R. Rock

ABSENT: Arthur O. Mutschler – Family Commitment

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

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Jeff & Sandy Bain, 309 Woodcroft, came before Council asking for a long term solution to a water run off problem causing damage to their property. Mr. Shoup advised he and Mr. Fitzgerald have met at least 2 times with Mr. & Mrs. Bain and are working toward a permanent solution of the problem and will taking their findings to the Road Committee for action; implementation may be next year due to budgetary issues. Mr. Rock asked that all Council be copied with the information Mr. Bain provided.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to approve the Minutes of the September 25, 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 September, 2007, as prepared by Chief Harrington, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary's office.

Mayor Poling reported he has received a petition from residents requesting a 3 way stop at Short Cut and Bock Lane. Mr. Kunkle advised PennDOT has reviewed this intersection several times at Economy Borough's request and they feel the 3 way stop is not warranted; will check with PennDOT about driveway signs.

Mayor Poling reported Bob Mecchia still has a problem with speeding on Park Hill Road; suggested 15 MPH; the problem areas are Park Hill, Woodcroft and Sunset Drive. Mr. Shoup reported he received the email from Mr. Kunkle regarding the traffic study on Park Hill and is working on it. Mr. Rock suggested "We Love Our Children" signs may psychologically deter speeding. Mr. Kunkle will check into "We Love Our Children" signs.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Liberty Hills – Altering Entrance: Mr. Kunkle reported Traditions of America (TOA) has applied through the Beaver County Planning Commission and Economy Borough Planning Commission to revise the Liberty Hills PRD by creating a gated entrance with guard house and a turn around; both commissions have recommended approval. Scott Landz, TOA, presented an overview of the revisions.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to authorize the revision of the Liberty Hills PRD by creating a gated entrance with guard house and a turn around, with any recommendations and conditions set forth by the Economy Borough Planning Commission and the Beaver County Planning Commission. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Office Assistant: Mr. Kunkle reported Susan McGrady, the Office Assistant for the past year has decided to move onward; she thanks Economy Borough for the opportunity but determined she had to jump on an opportunity when it presented itself; requested permission to advertise for a replacement.

MOTION by Mrs. Raymer seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize Mr. Kunkle to advertise for the office assistant position. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Eagle Scout Project: Mr. Kunkle reported this Thursday the Road Department will be pulling the bushes from the front of the municipal building to make room for this weekend's new plants. Mr. Gnarra suggested checking to see if a PA One Call is necessary.

4. Economy Borough Planning Commission Minutes: Mr. Kunkle reported that the copy of the October 1, 2007 Economy Borough Planning Commission Minutes are for reference only as they are not approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Mutschler reported Chief Harrington has obtained a \$15,000 grant to replace portable radios which will be ordered when the money is received; the radios need 15 adaptors for the tactical headsets at a cost of \$2,639.80; money will be from Minor Equipment.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to proceed to order the adaptors in the amount of \$2,639.80. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Mutschler discussed the urgency to change the security system in the police building. Mr. Rock suggested letters to past employees to return their keys and let them know they are welcome during normal business hours. Mr. Gnarra suggested Mr. Guzyk come to the next Council meeting in order that Council may see information on the system and clarification of any questions. Mrs. Raymer asked if a quote was obtained from Knighthawk. Mr. Rock asked that Mr. Guzyk be invited to the next meeting for clarification. Mr. Gnarra asked about

proposals from other security companies. Mrs. Mutschler will have Chief Harrington contact Mr. Kunkle to coordinate contacting other companies.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Mr. Gnarra verified with Mr. Kunkle that the 2nd meeting for the proposed 2008 budget will be scheduled.

Mr. Rock asked Mr. Kunkle to let all supervisors know to be very careful spending as the budget is tight and not purchase things that are not necessary; the Finance Committee is looking closely at the requests as provided by all department for the 2008 Budget.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

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

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mrs. Raymer reported the Casino Seneca trip Saturday, September 29th went well.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Googins requested the Public Utilities Committee meet briefly after tonight's meeting with the Mr. Shoup, Mr. Fouse and Mr. Kunkle regarding Ambridge Water Authority issues.

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy discussed the water leak in the men's room and ladies room; the exhaust fan in the municipal building; the community building fan; the CEO vehicle and the back up generator.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

No Report

ENGINEER:

No Report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse requested an Executive Session regarding authorization to contact potential condemnees, with no vote.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to enter into Executive Session to discuss authorization to contact potential condemnees, with no vote to be taken tonight. Time: 8:10 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 8:40 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:42 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
October 12, 2007