

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** OCTOBER 23, 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, Ronald R. Rock

ABSENT: Don Sivy - Working

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

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Jim Musgrave, 1 Alva Lane, came before Council to thank Mr. Kunkle, Mayor Poling and the public works employees for their assistance with his Eagle Scout project, re-landscaping the front of the Economy Borough Municipal Building.

Mark Guzyk, Guzyk Lock Safe & Security Co., Inc., gave an overview of a swipe card/key fob lock system for the police department, public works and the municipal building.

William Vescio, Sr., Bryon Funding, Inc., gave an update of the Police Pension Fund and the Non Uniformed Pension Fund for the Third Quarter, 2007; advised the 2007 MMO has been paid and invested.

Stanley Dulsky, 112 Gross Drive, came before Council requesting help with a water issue in his front yard; feels it may be caused by a sagging perforated pipe installed by Economy Borough after the EBMA sewer project, across the road from his house; stated there was water for 26 years across the road, then the EBMA constructed the sewer lines and Economy Borough put in the French drain; now there is no water on the road, but in his yard. Mr. Fitzgerald stated public works put the pipe in after a complaint from Mr. Dulsky about the water and to tie in to a French drain from Mr. Graneyks property; after the EBMA project and the pipe was installed, no more water. Mr. Rock asked that Mr. Fitzgerald contact Mr. Shoup and the Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) to review this one more time for the next meeting; suggested Mr. Dulsky might dig down in his yard to see where the water is coming from.

Bob Mecchia, 211 Fernwood Drive, presented Council with a petition signed by every household on or near Park Hill Road requesting something be done regarding the serious traffic issue on Park Hill Road; has also contacted State Representative Ramaley and Senator LaValle regarding this; feels the cheapest resolution would be to make Park Hill Road 15 MPH; asked the status of putting the speed monitoring devise on Park Hill Road; William Hrinko has given permission to put the device on his vacant lot. Mr. Rock asked that the device be taken to Park Hill Road. Sgt. Hartsell advised the devise would need to be anchored to prevent theft and he has already purchased the heavy duty chain.

Paul Thompson, 1st Street, suggested using money for the proposed new door locks for extra police patrols; that the problem will never be solved unless more patrol cars are on the roads.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2007, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling reported receiving a letter from Jeffrey Lehn, 369 Golden Grove Road, regarding an ongoing drainage issue; water from Pineview drains into his back yard. Mr. Kunkle stated he, Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Shoup have tried to work with Mr. Lehn and his attorney to find a solution; Mr. Lehn will not agree to the easement needed to solve the problem; making plans to resolve this next year; putting this in the 2008 Budget as a storm water project; need to find out if an attorney is still involved. Mayor Poling feels Mr. Lehn is willing to work with Economy Borough. Mr. Googins reported Mr. Sivy talked with Mr. Lehn at length and felt Mr. Lehn won't cooperate or help Economy Borough with this issue. Mr. Rock asked Mayor Poling to try to get the cooperation needed from Mr. Lehn.

Mayor Poling asked the issue at Short Cut and Bock Lane continue to be pursued.

Mayor Poling discussed the October 10, 2007, letter from Magisterial District Judge Edward C. Howe regarding stop signs and the local ordinance. Mr. Fouse stated all the stop signed should be identified. Mr. Kunkle reported Mr. Fitzgerald did an inventory list of stop signs in 2004-2005; all except Whispering Pines are listed. Mr. Googins suggesting prioritizing the list to be reviewed for studies. Mr. Fouse stated the Motor Vehicle Code is statute and the law; Economy Borough would want the stop signs enforceable; Economy Borough may want the engineer to look at the locations of the stop signs, consider the facts and present the findings as a study. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Kunkle to contact Mr. Shoup to do the traffic studies as soon as possible on the recent stop signs in question.

Mayor Poling reported sending a letter to the Beaver County Commissioners emphasizing why Economy Borough would be the best location for the new 911 center; has received a response back stating the list of locations is down to 2 (Economy Borough and Ambridge); Beaver County is now working on the funding.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. 2008 Budget - Draft: Mr. Kunkle advised this is a draft of the 2008 Budget, current as of October 16th; this is not the "proposed" budget; it's merely a draft and not meant for the public review period, which will come later; please review the narrative and figures and forward any comments or questions to Mr. Kunkle by Friday, November 2; the Finance Committee will meet the following week in an effort to have the "proposed" budget at the November 13th meeting, setting up a possible November 27th adoption date. Mr. Rock advised that the current budget is tight and to keep spending to a minimum; the Finance Committee is open to ideas; their next budget meeting is Monday, November 5th at 6 PM.

2. Hidden Driveway Signs: Mr. Kunkle reported he has a call in to PennDOT Municipal Services about these and the signs Harmony Township uses referencing children.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize Mr. Kunkle with Mr. Fouse to contact MEIT to see if Economy Borough can get the health insurance money reimbursed or credited from the insurance carrier. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to authorize Mr. Kunkle with Mr. Fouse to meet with the Police Bargaining Unit to review the Military Leave Policy. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Fouse stated the Police Bargaining Unit needs to be apprized of the Economy Borough Policy on Military Leave.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No Report

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Mutschler reported wiring to the salt storage facility is needed for winter; would like to have Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shoup and Mr. Kunkle put it out to bid. Mr. Googins added when the salt shed was originally presented, \$2,000 was the projected price, will probably be more. Mayor Poling suggested the wiring be put underground due to all the above ground wiring on Economy Borough property. Will get prices for above and under ground service. Mr. Fitzgerald reported public works will start filling the salt shed this week with stored supplies and ordering in.

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mrs. Raymer reported the proposed dates for the Seven Springs Ski trips are January 18, 2008 and February 22, 2008; the next casino trip will be in late March, 2008; the Annual 5 K race will be the Saturday before Mother's Day.

Mrs. Mutschler verified that the required sign has been installed at the Recreation Drive play area.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to authorize Mr. Fouse to draft a letter conveying to the Ambridge Water Authority whatever interest Economy Borough might have in the Economy Borough – Pinehurst Waterline Installation Project (#8441) CDBG Year 31 CD-051700. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Googins reported the Economy Borough customers served beyond the Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) Conway Wallrose Tank Site will be receiving a letter from AWA advising pressure regulators should be installed in their home by the project June 2008 substantial completion date of the new potable water storage tank; pump station and two (2) pressure regulating stations in Economy Borough; will get this information put on the web site.

Mr. Googins reported the estimate for the cost of the building permit for the AWA water storage tank project is approximately \$14,000; AWA has not formally asked that this fee be waived and recommends charging for the permit. Would like the Public Utility Committee, Mr. Shoup, Mr. Fouse and Mr. Kunkle to meet to discuss AWA issues before the next meeting.

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

No Report

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

No Report

ENGINEER:

No Report

SOLICITOR:

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to adopt Resolution No. 416, a Resolution of the Borough of Economy, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the condemnation of a right of way and easement on certain land situate in Economy Borough for the purpose of construction a borough road. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Gnarra verified that this will consist of approximately 11 acres.

ADJOURNMENT:

*MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:58 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
October 26, 2007