

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** JULY 22, 2008

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: Larry Googins, Arthur Mutschler, Audrey Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Donald Sivy, John C. Thomas, Ronald R. Rock

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor David N. Poling, Laura Tocci, Esq., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager,

William Vescio, President, Bryon Funding, Inc., gave an update and a market commentary of the Police Pension Fund and the Non Uniformed Pension Fund for the Second Quarter, 2008.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Butch Thompson, 115 First Street, asked Council about accountability for benefits to retired Ron Heitzenrater. Ms. Tocci advised this is still under investigation and can not be publically commented on.

Bob Mecchia, 211 Fernwood Drive, provided Council with a copy of letter dated July 15, 2008, from Senator LaValle, regarding information on reduced traffic speed limits and speed bumps for Park Hill Road. Mr. Sivy requested copies to elected officials, Mr. Fouse and Mr. Shoup.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2008, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Mutschler asked the status of parking for the annual Sunset Hills garage sale. Mr. Kunkle reported Carol Loaskie will have signs for the block associates to post on mail boxes on their blocks directing one side parking.

Mr. Rock verified with Mr. Kunkle that the CEO car is still running; it was heating up; low on oil, but can't find a leak.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

No Report

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Ms. Tocci reported Ambridge Water Authority has been granted an extension to file a plea; Mr. Fouse will report on this at the next meeting.

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy verified with Mr. Kunkle that 24 Yard Waste Permits have been issued. Mrs. Mutschler asked how this will be policed as she knows someone who dumped without the permit. Mr. Kunkle reported cameras could be installed with a 10% Economy Borough, 90% State Grant. Mrs. Mutschler requested information be put in the Fall newsletter. Mr. Googins asked how to handle it if someone is observed dumping; can he ask to see the permit. Officer Lively advised to get a license plate number, give it to the police and illegal dumping can be cited by ordinance. Mr. Kunkle advised a future investment could possibly be a chipper to be used for recycling purposes through the 10%/90% grant.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Mutschler reported Chief Harrington feels at Dunlap Hill and Conway Wallrose Road, traffic signals would be better than stop signs.

Mrs. Mutschler reported Chief Harrington does not see a high volume of vehicles going in Freedom Road; there is a fire hydrant located in the section of Freedom Road to think about if Freedom Road is made one way out and no right turn; possibly look into extending the curb; suggested if the speed monitoring device has the software, check the speed and count the vehicles traveling off Conway Wallrose Road onto Freedom Road. Mr. Googins said he talked with Mrs. Ames and cars are cutting through the parking lot to Freedom Road; perhaps they could paint the curbs. Mr. Thomas suggested put in more curbing and paint them yellow. Officer Lively suggested road striping down at least 50'. Mrs. Mutschler reported our road is ok, the parking lot is the problem; will look at this again.

Officer Lively requested the Click It or Ticket revenue checks be credited to the police overtime expenditure line item, so that the budget does not reflect an overage in overtime. Mrs. Raymer reported the Finance Committee will be meeting before the next Council meeting and will report at that meeting.

Officer Lively demonstrated the new holster that was on the list of bills at the last meeting.

Mr. Googins reported the Beaver County Regional COG owns a bicycle training course; New Sewickley Township has offered to store the course for BCRCOG once it is moved from EVFD Station No. 3 in March 2009; would Economy Borough Police want to use it before it is taken from Economy Borough; would need a point of contact from Chief Harrington to work with. Officer Lively stated in the past the police held the bicycle training at Northern Lights Shopping Center. Mrs. Mutschler suggesting approaching businesses to help sponsor the training; helped in** Beaver with a bicycle rodeo and State Farm Insurance helped sponsor it. **
**\08/12/2008-corrected to read "helped in Brighton Township with a bicycle rodeo, which was sponsored by State Far Insurance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Raymer reminded department heads to have their 2009 budget requests in by July 31st.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Googins reported the BCRCOG winter commodity bid prices are in for 2008-2009; new salt prices are \$64.14/ton (\$40.89/ton in 2007-08) this is a 57% increase; by stockpiling approximately 2,300 tons of salt in our new salt shed at the 07-08 price, Economy Borough has saved the residents approximately \$50,000; State price on salt won't be in until August 1st.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

No Report

ENGINEER:

No Report

SOLICITOR:

Ms. Tocci advised Mr. Fouse will report at the next meeting.

HEAR THE PUBLIC II:

Bob Mecchia, 211 Fernwood Drive, suggested no right turn onto Freedom Road from Conway Wallrose Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:10 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
July 25, 2008