

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** AUGUST 26, 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, Ronald R. Rock

ABSENT: John C. Thomas-Vacation

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

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

No one wished to be heard.

MINUTES:

Mayor Poling corrected the Minutes of August 12, 2008, Page 441 under Finance to read: Mayor Poling questioned the truck repair bill in the amount of \$1,098.09. Mr. Sivy explained the cost.

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2008, Regular Session of Council, as corrected. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling reported part time police officer Doug Carney has been off on non police related disability. Mrs. Mutschler recommended Mr. Carney be used to cover the desk when Kathy Anderson is sick, on vacation, etc.; Doug has knowledge of Economy Borough; this would be random, possibly once a month; will not be doing police work, or carrying a gun, will handle desk work. Mayor Poling reported Mr. Carney is no longer certified as police with Pennsylvania as he did not complete his updates. Mrs. Mutschler reported Mr. Carney will provide a letter from his doctor that he can perform desk duties. Mr. Googins asked if this was addressed in the contract. Mrs. Mutschler advised Mr. Carney never has been in the bargaining unit.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to retain the services of Doug Carney for the purpose of acting as office worker at the police department at the rate of \$12.50/hour. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Salt Shed Electricity: Mr. Kunkle reported Norman Shoup provided the following Electrical Quotes for the Economy Borough Salt Storage Building Project #8341:

\$6,343.00 – Conserve Electric Company, Inc.
\$7,500.00 – Turney Electric, Inc
\$9,175.00 – John E. Sambol & Sons Electric

Mr. Kunkle reported Mr. Shoup recommends the low bidder, Conserve, be awarded the bid; Mr. Shoup estimates the 3" conduit @ \$4.00 per foot and the #4 electric line @ \$4.00 per foot (to be done by the Road Department). Mayor Poling requested the estimate for the conduit be in writing. Mr. Fouse verified that the Road Department will be putting in the conduit and the actual installation of electrical work will be done by a certified electrician. Mrs. Mutschler verified that the funds are in the 2008 Budget in line item # 01.432.200 for \$20,000.00; and would also like a written estimate on the conduit. Mayor Poling stated \$2,000 was allowed for this in the power point presentation.

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize the awarding to Conserve Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$6,343.00 for the Electric Service to the Economy Borough Salt Storage Building Project #8341. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to authorize the Road Department to install approximately 250' ditch of 3" conduit @ \$4.00 per foot, and #4 electric line @ \$4.00 per foot, not to exceed \$2,500.00 in material costs. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Googins requested Mr. Kunkle provide all of Council a copy of the memo attached to the electric quotes.

2. Iron Mountain Agreement: Mr. Kunkle reported borough documents are purged periodically with Iron Mountain and they are asking for a signed agreement that Economy Borough would not place hazardous materials with their documents to be shredded.

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to enter into an agreement with Iron Mountain to send non hazardous old records periodically for shredding. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Grainger vs. Costco Prices: Mayor Poling reported he would have Kathy fax the comparison list she compiled last year.

4. Wind Turbine: Mr. Mutschler asked if the wind turbine is saving Economy Borough money. Mr. Kunkle reported the wind turbine is connected to the municipal building and there is a savings, but not a significant amount for a building this size. Mr. Rock reported DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty estimated a savings of \$7,200 per year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Mutschler read highlights from the Road Foreman's report of August activities.

ORDINANCE and RECREATION: No Report

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Googins reported the Ambridge Water Authority water tank on Conway Wallrose Road is still not on line; several problems.

PROPERTY and BUILDING: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Mutschler requested the letter from Rick Creese and Sam Orsini be tabled until the investigation is complete.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Raymer reported the bill for TOBRO not paid at the August 12th meeting is a request for a refund of a perk test paid for by the property owner and not performed.

MOTION by Mrs. Raymer, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to ratify paying the refund to TOBRO Partnership in the amount of \$560.00. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

No Report

ENGINEER:

No Report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse reported he has researched the issues surrounding the Ambridge Sportsman's Club request to initiate hunting operations on its property and the validity of our ordinance; currently the Ambridge Sportsman's Club is a non conforming use, it existed before the ordinance, therefore the ordinance does not apply to them; however, the ordinance should be amended to correct some inconsistencies. Mr. Fouse stated he would send the Ambridge Sportsman's Club a letter in writing as per their request.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the solicitor to create an amendment to the ordinance to correct an issue with regard to hunting, and the advertising of same. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Fouse reported he will have more information by the next meeting on Economy Borough becoming involved as an interested party in a court case involving a petition to open a private road off Pfaff Road.

Mr. Fouse requested an Executive Session to discuss 1) the Attorney Generals investigation and 2) the Northern Lights Shopping Center/Giant Eagle issue.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to enter into Executive Session to discuss 1) the Attorney Generals investigation and 2) the Northern Lights Shopping Center/Giant Eagle issue, with no votes to be taken tonight. Time: 7:55 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 8:26 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:26 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
August 29, 2008