

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** JANUARY 7, 2008

Mayor David N. Poling called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Community Room of the Economy Borough Community Building for the Re-organization of Council and to conduct business of general purposes.

District Justice Edward C. Howe conducted the swearing-in ceremonies for Jeffrey John Salopek as Economy Borough Assessor and Audrey Mutschler, Ronald R. Rock, and John C. Thomas as newly elected and re-elected members of Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Poling called for nominations for President of Council.

Mrs. Mutschler nominated Ronald R. Rock.

Mayor Poling called for any other nominations. None

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Being no other nominations Mayor Poling closed nominations for President of Council.

Mayor Poling advised of the unanimous vote for Ronald R. Rock, President of Council

Mayor Poling called for nominations for Vice President of Council.

Mr. Mutschler nominated Larry Googins.

Mrs. Mutschler nominated John C. Thomas

Roll Call Vote in the order that the nominations were made:

Larry Googins - Vice President

Mr. Mutschler – Yes

Mrs. Mutschler – No

Mrs. Raymer – Yes

Mr. Sivy – Yes

Mr. Thomas – No

Mr. Googins – Yes

Mr. Rock – Yes

Motion carried by a 5 Yes, 2 No Vote – Larry Googins, Vice President of Council

Mayor Poling vacates the chair and turns the gavel over to Ronald R. Rock, President of Council.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor David N. Poling, Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Scott A. Shoup, P.E., P.L.S., Earl Fitzgerald, Road Foreman, Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

Mr. Rock asked Mr. Kunkle to proceed with the appointment portion of his Manager's Report. Council discussed and decided to make one motion for the following employee appointments:

Bldg/Coe/Zoning Officer	Joe Luff
Asst Bldg/Code/Zoning Officer	Ray Tomaszewski
Custodian – Municipal	Mark Custer
Custodian – Main Police	Mary Sue Horton
Custodian – NLSC Substation	Vacant
Depository/Treasurer	First National Bank
Dog Law Enforcement Officer	Triangle Pet
Emergency Mgt Coordinator	John Thomas
Asst Emerg. Mgt Coordinator	Ernest Sotirake
Engineer	Shoup Engineering, Inc.
Fire Marshal	John Thomas
Manager	Randy Kunkle
Office Assistant	Vacant
Pension Trustees	Ronald R. Rock, Larry Googins
Photographer	Sgt. George Hartsell
Police Chief	Thomas Harrington
Road Foreman	Earl Fitzgerald
Secretary	Susan A Blum
Sewage Enforcement Officer	Daniel Baker Associates
Solicitor	Dale M. Fouse

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to make the above employee appointments for the next 2 years - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Rock advised Council would now proceed with the regular meeting agenda.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

No one wished to be heard.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Googins seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 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 December, 2007 and the 2007 Year End Report for the Police Department as prepared by Chief Harrington, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary's office.

Mayor Poling asked if PennDOT stop sign studies could be requested for Bock Lane and Conway Wallrose Road; SR 989 and Conway Wallrose Road; Short Cut and Bock Lane. Mr. Kunkle reported Short Cut and Bock Lane has been studied twice by PennDOT and does not meet PennDOT warrants for stop signs. Mr. Rock referred this to the Public Safety Committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Sale of 1995 Jeep Cherokee: Mr. Kunkle reported two bids were received; the high bidder is Roger's Auto Sales in the amount of \$760; recommendation is to sell the Jeep to Roger's in this amount.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to accept the \$760 bid from Roger's Auto Sales, 46300 Walnut St. Unit 3, P.O. Box 246, Rogers, Ohio 44455, for the 1995 Jeep Cherokee (VIN 1J4FJ68S5SL552069). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Office Assistant Position: Mr. Kunkle reported originally 3 residents applied, but one turns out to be from the Rose Street in Baden; 2 of the residents pulled their names; 1 resident interviewed was over qualified; recommends Carolyn Migliore for this position; she is currently working full time and is looking for part time work in a less stressful environment; position was advertised part time at \$8-\$10/hour for 15 hours/week. Mr. Thomas suggested re-advertising for Economy Borough residents. Mayor Poling asked if back ground checks are done.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to offer the part time office assistance position to Carolyn Migliore, starting at \$9.00/hour for 15 hour week, as soon as available. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Revisions: Mr. Kunkle reported the Economy Borough Planning Commission has approved and is recommending the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Revisions to Council; the next step would be review by Beaver County Planning Commission and a public hearing by Council.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the advertising for a public hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance Revisions for the Tuesday, February 26, 2008. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7:23 PM – Mr. Fouse exits the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mrs. Raymer reported the committee met last week and continues to work on the stop sign draft ordinance.

Mrs. Mutschler reported the Seven Springs Ski Trip will be January 25th.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Googins reported Ambridge Water Authority still has not replied to Councils letter requesting a meeting and suggested a second letter be sent. Mr. Rock reported Council will decided what course of action to take at the next meeting after Mr. Googins talks with Mr. Fouse about this issue.

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy reported he did a feasibility study on hiring someone for the Road Department to do mechanical work at \$10/hour for a 40 hour week (2080 hours/year) would be \$20,800 + approximately \$10,000 insurance

benefits divided by \$70/hr (Baierl shop hour rates suggested by resident) equals 440 man hours; current employees already do other maintenance, i.e., electrical, plumbing, cement work; would not be feasible to do this hiring.

Mr. Sivy reported the old 60' flag pole from the Ambridge High School is available; we would have to reduce the size and haul it to our site; they are requesting Shoup contact them; will contact Al Vennare, AASD.

Mr. Sivy asked Mr. Shoup to review the air conditioner proposals for the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Mutschler stated Mr. Fouse had information on the stop signs to be put into the minutes. Mr. Kunkle reported to the best of Public Safety's combined knowledge the stop signs at Park Hill and Fernwood were in existence prior to 1977, therefore they are legal to enforce; Mr. Fouse is to send a letter regarding this.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Mutschler confirmed the wind turbine is producing the electricity of approximately 1/10th of a household's monthly use.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Rock reported he was aware that the Road Department was out on the Sunday evening before Christmas; did a good job on the road, as always.

REPORTS:

ENGINEER:

Mr. Shoup reported he has issued a memo to the Road Committee with recommendations on the drainage issues for Mr. Gary Bucuren and Mr. Rich Mattern; after any feed back from the Road Committee he will notify both residents of the course of action to be taken in the Spring.

Mr. Shoup reported performing the dye testing using industrial dye for the Stanley Dulsky, 112 Gross Drive, issue; the dye did appear in the catch basin and not in Mr. Dulsky's front yard; based on the results of the testing there does not appear that Economy Borough did anything to cause his issue. Mr. Kunkle will contact Mr. Dulsky with the results of the testing, that this is not an Economy Borough caused problem and taxpayers money can not be used to solve his issue.

Mr. Shoup reported they have completed the speed limit evaluation with information gathered for Woodcroft and Park Hill Roads; PennDOT and the legislature statutory have established that there are four base line speed limits; in residential districts on local highways you can default without engineering studies to a 25 MPH speed limit; in urban districts you can default without an engineering study to a 35 MPH speed limit; on interstate highways, the department has indicated that 65 MPH can be safely utilized as a default speed; the fourth default

speed is all other situations, 55 MPH; lacking an engineering study; the engineering evaluation that PennDOT has established for local highways is what the public is traveling; they give large weight to the fact that what the public is traveling is the safe speed; PennDOT tapped the speed limits to no lower (in most cases) than 5 MPH below what is known as the 85th percentile speed; the 85th percentile speed is that speed of which 85% of the motoring public is going at or below; we now have the 85th percentile speed of Woodcroft (35 MPH) and Park Hill (37 MPH); there are some instances where PennDOT will allow you to go up to 10 MPH below the 85th percentile speed based on accident analysis, safe stopping sight distance and a few other minor criteria; the problem you run into where you have the 85th percentile speeds given, even if you could meet those criteria, PennDOT would only allow you (by regulation) to go down to 25 MPH, which they are both currently posted at; the end result of the study is that you can not go lower than the 25 MPH which is the current posting, by default; the 5 MPH lower than the 85th percentile speed which more realistically for these 2 streets is 30 MPH; you do not have to go with the 30 MPH because you have a statutory default speed limit for residential districts which is 25 MPH; will put this information in a report and fill with Council; FYI-the vehicle traffic on Woodcroft is approximately 800 vehicles per day in both directions and on Park Hill Road is approximately 900 vehicles per day in both directions.

SOLICITOR:

No Report

SECRETARY:

No Report

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:59 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
January 11, 2008