

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* OCTOBER 14, 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, Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Scott Shoup, P. E., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager,

**HEAR THE PUBLIC:**

Cynthia Jones, 314 Park Hill Road, came before Council, regarding the 24/7 noise coming from Mailing Services of Pittsburgh (MSP) in New Sewickley Township (NST); has been working with Joe Luff and has met with the owner of MSP; so far they have been very accommodating; the noise level has been reduced; concerned about the noise increasing when the leaves fall and her potential property value. Mr. Kunkle reported Joe spoke to him about this and MSP is to have equipment in place by October 20<sup>th</sup> to further reduce the noise. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Fouse if Economy Borough could write a letter to NST to further enforce their ordinance. Mr. Fouse stated he can't answer this yet; would like to see this resolved through cooperation; the Municipal Planning Code encourages intergovernmental cooperation with ordinance enforcement. Mr. Rock asked Mrs. Jones to keep Economy Borough informed and Mr. Fouse will look into the situation as to Economy Borough writing a letter to NST. Mrs. Jones is writing a letter to NST Supervisors and CEO and will copy Economy Borough Council. Mr. Rock suggested the neighbors also sign the letter.

Butch Thompson, 115 First Street, asked if there will be a report on the Heitzenrater/Attorney General investigation; he has questions about how much it cost and where the money went. Mr. Fouse advised he has been told orally that the investigation is over; sometimes there is a written report and sometimes not.

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2008, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Poling read the Mayor's Report for the Police Department for the month of September as prepared by Chief Harrington, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary's office.

Mayor Poling reported he has received emails from Jeff Lehn, Golden Grove Road, about a drainage issue. Mr. Kunkle advised he, Mr. Shoup, Mr. Luff and Mr. Fitzgerald are working on this and Mr. Lehn may be willing to work with them.

Mayor Poling asked about the Public Safety Building Capital Construction Fund account on the Treasurers Report. Mr. Kunkle advised this fund is what remains of the bond issue to build the police building; probably can be used to help pay back the debt for the building or construction on the building; this debt was rolled back into the last bond issue; would need to talk to Bond Counsel or get a legal opinion. Mr. Kunkle will check on this.

Mr. Rock read a letter from Polly A Perunko, Beaver Road, Ambridge, expressing her appreciation for the courtesy and professionalism of Chief Harrington and the Economy Borough Police Department officers and employees during a recent encounter.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. Resolution No. 420 – PennDOT Agreement:** Mr. Kunkle reported for a number of years the annual form municipalities file with PennDOT, MS 965 Liquid Fuels Tax Report, has been done online; next year PennDOT is upgrading the online process and as a result required each municipality to enter into an agreement; this resolution gives Council President the authority to sign the agreement.

*MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Thomas – to authorize Council President to sign an agreement to authorize electronic access to PennDOT systems. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**2. Ray Tomaszewski:** Mr. Kunkle reported Ray Tomaszewski fell at home; has had surgery; is doing well; will start physical therapy next week.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Mutschler reported receiving Rick Creeses activation orders for January 5, 2009 to October 31, 2009; Sam Orsini is already gone.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Kunkle reported not all the employees who wanted a flu shot was able to get the shot due to the long wait in line at Med Fast; he is working on a plan to give the employees who did not receive the shots the opportunity to get the shot.

Mayor Poling verified that the bill in the amount of \$1,170.00 to Beaver County Dept. of Waste Management was for delivery of brush to the Beaver County compost site. Mr. Kunkle advised Economy Borough will get credit on the tonnage on the annual report; has been a learning experience with growing pains; the site will be opened on Saturdays only with an attendant for 2008; looking into alternatives for 2009.

Mr. Sivy verified that the bill for light sticks is for Halloween.

Mr. Sivy asked that if Ford parts are needed for vehicles to contact him to get the parts.

*MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to authorize payment of all bills listed and properly signed off and approved by the appropriate supervisor of that department. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Mrs. Raymer advised Council has a draft of the 2009 Budget and asked that it be looked over for the next meeting. Chad Lively advised Chief Harrington asked him to talk to Council about the police overtime in the draft budget; feels this line item includes contractually guaranteed holiday pay and has requested for the last 2 years for it to be a separate line item. Mr. Googins requested Mr. Lively submit his concerns in writing. Mr. Rock asked that any questions or concerns be given to Mrs. Raymer as soon as possible; do not wait until September 28<sup>th</sup> to contact her. Mayor Poling asked if the amount listed was accurate for the real estate collections. Mr. Kunkle explained the formula used to calculate this amount.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Mutschler reported seal coating has been postponed until next year; repairs are being done on Truck #5; started drainage and curb improvements on Mary Reed Road; collected yard waste Saturday, had 14 drop offs, most of which was grass.

Mr. Mutschler reported going to Peters Township to look at a used chipper they will be selling upon receipt of their new chipper. Mr. Googins reported this is a 1991 Woodchuck Limb Chipper (disc type) in good condition; does not work on wet leaves or grass; suggested price is \$2,800; this would get us through this season as a stop gap measure; if another way is decided can sell it. Mrs. Mutschler thought next year a grant application would be submitted for a new chipper; verified money for the used chipper would come from a road department line item. Mr. Thomas suggested buying it and using it until it died. Mr. Sivy reported rental on a chipper is \$250/day. \*\*10/28/2008\*\* Correction: Add: Mrs. Mutschler questioned where the money was coming from

***MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to purchase a 1991 Woodchuck Limb Chipper from Peters Township in the amount of \$2,800.00 from a Road Department line item. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Rock read a letter dated September 28, 2008, from Gregory T. Trecha, Director, Western Pennsylvania Soap Box Derby Association, thanking Council for their support of their race Saturday, September 27, 2008.

### **ORDINANCE and RECREATION:**

No Report

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Mr. Googins reported emailing Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) for a status on the Conway Wallrose Road Water Tank; no response from AWA.

### **PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy reported he will continue to work with Mr. Thomas to have more outlets hooked up to the back up generator in the police building for the conference room command center.

Mr. Sivy reported Bevilacqua Remodeling has proposed \$1,000 per door plus \$100 for panic bars if the old ones can not be reused to replace 2 rusted out doors in the road department and the door up the ramp of the Community Building; money is available due to the air conditioner coming in cheap.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Thomas – to authorize replacement of 3 doors by Bevilacqua Remodeling/Construction Co. in the amount of \$3,000.00 plus \$300 for panic bars if needed for closers; approximately \$4,000 or less. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Sivy reported the upstairs furnace in the Community Building was not working; it was repaired by Beaver Valley Sheet Metal Co for \$128.95.

Mr. Sivy provided before and after pictures of the PennDOT salt storage shed that was damaged by Ike.

**REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** No Report

**ENGINEER:**

Mr. Shoup reported Duquesne Light has not hooked up the electric to the salt shed as yet.

Mr. Shoup will talk with Mr. Fouse about the catch basin on Conway Wallrose Road near the entrance to Sunset Hills.

**SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Fouse reported Ambridge Water Authority has yet to file an answer on the complaint; he will file a 10 day notice.

Mr. Fouse reported Giant Eagle did file an appeal with Commonwealth Court; our next move would be to file a Motion to Quash.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC II:**

Sal Boboth, 105 Timber Ridge Road, advised Council half a tree on the right-of-way came down on his property during Ike; he paid to have it cut up; branches are to the curb; he is a disabled veteran and would like them removed by Economy Borough; feels if the other half of the tree has weakened and comes down, it will pull wires out and possibly hit the neighbors home or crush a car. Mr. Fouse advised Economy Borough is not responsible for the tree; we are now on notice of a dangerous condition in the right-of-way and Economy Borough is responsible if notified of a potential of hazardous condition on the roadway. Mr. Rock directed Mr. Kunkle to take care of the tree and that the brush is not our problem.

Butch Thompson, 115 First Street, requested a copy of the draft budget. Mr. Rock advised when the formal proposed budget is presented he can get a copy as there will be a public 15 day review period.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:34 PM  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
October 17, 2008