

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** JULY 14, 2009

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., Norman C. Shoup, P.E., P.L.S., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager, Earl Fitzgerald, Road Foreman

Michael P. Kohlman, CPE, IFAS, Chief County Assessor, attended the meeting at the request of Economy Borough Council and Mayor Poling and explained how assessments are determined on new construction, the need for required building permits and the free appeals process; for questions his direct phone number is 724-770-4480 or his secretary JoAnn 724-770-4471.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Meagan Trimbur, 3225 Ridge Road Ext., thanked Mr. Thomas for his assistance with the burning next door; asked to see the report from Beaver County Rodent Control that Mr. Googins stated to her, her family and Mr. Moronne existed. Mr. Googins said he does not have that report he was told by the borough manager as a verbal report to him. Mrs. Trimbur stated that as of June 24, 2009, there is no report; spoke to the Beaver County Rodent Control; they did not see anything, but that does not mean it is not there; said that place is a mess and more than likely it is there; said Mr. Googins is a true politician, he is a liar and tells the people what they want to hear; passed out and discussed an article written in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review dated Tuesday, July 14, 2009; stated three weeks ago her innocent 2 year old child had to pay the price of this situation with severe respiratory problems with the air quality at her house and the reason being caused by a bunch of self seeking selfish adults known as Economy Borough Council and two Economy Borough employees; reminded Council that government is for, by and of the people and not just a select few; suggested and recommended Council replace Mr. Luff with a qualified person with no ties to Council, employees or residents. Mr. Rock reported a citation has been issued and a hearing date set for August 5, 2009. Mr. Fouse cautioned Council to be careful of what Council may say regarding this issue. Mrs. Trumber reported Mr. Luff was rude and screamed at her; he is not doing his job; tired of being mistreated by this Economy Borough employee.

Elizabeth Burns, 100 Stange Road; discussed the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review article; feels the structure needs demolished; Mr. Luff not doing his job; borough manager should step down/be replaced for not overseeing; feels there is favoritism; noticed taunting from the audience last meeting; all adults here; don't do it again.

R. J. Burns, 112 Almond Way, suggested Council terminate Joe Luff; felt Gail Nagie was forced out; Mr. Rock is a liar.

Ruth Helsel, 119 Gross Drive, asked the status of properties that were reported abandoned with high weeds; has one by her. Mr. Rock reported these properties were taken care of by a lawn service; give the name and address to Mr. Kunkle to check out who owns it.

Boyd Piatt, 240 Amsler Road, wished to make Council aware at the last meeting while Mechelle Poling had the floor, George Fitzgerald was harassing her; feels this should not happen to any resident while they have the floor; feels Mr. Fitzgerald should make a public apology to Mayor Poling, Mrs. Poling and Economy Borough Council. Mr. Rock stated if there is an aggressive situation Council would have the police remove the person.

George Fitzgerald, 189 Wallrose Hgts. Rd., stated he did not taunt her; the police officer was sitting behind him; will not apologize for something he did not do.

Jo Ann Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, stated she sat next to Mechelle Poling when it happened.

Matteo Morrone, 208 Foxglove Drive, asked Mr. Rock what's going on? Mr. Rock reported Economy Borough has several complaints at the Magistrates; 1 issued on July 13th; 1 hearing scheduled for August 5th; 3 separate criminal complaints being drafted for review by Mr. Fouse before being delivered to the Magistrates office; the MSP noise issue is ongoing. Mr. Morrone suggested the residents call the New Sewickley Township police department regarding the noise issue to get it solved right then; part time police officers make under \$13/hour and Joe Luff makes \$22/hr; new guns are taken out of pay checks; they put their lives on the line to protect the people.

R. J. Burns, 112 Almond Way, asked Mr. Rock if he is protecting Joe Luff because he is his cousin.

Corona Cardinale, 7 Ann Street, reported she was not notified when road department employees cut the pine branches back off the street in front of their house last Fall. Demetrio Cardinale stated the workers were working on Merriman Road a few years ago; took time off work and came on his street and broke his tree branches with the truck; this last Fall they came back and cut the branches killing the trees; talked with the workers and told them that they killed the trees, why don't they remove them altogether; was told by the worker that they didn't kill the trees and don't remove them. Mr. Googins stated he would look at the trees. Mr. Rock did not feel it was done on purpose. Mr. Kunkle stated it has been put in the newsletter to keep trees cut back or Economy Borough will cut them back. Mr. Mutschler reported they were in the borough right of way. Mr. Thomas felt if something like this is going to be done the resident should be notified to trim the trees or Economy Borough will do it. Mr. Rock asked the Road Department to look into this; Mr. Kunkle will look into this. Mr. Sivy asked if Mr. Cardinale remembers which worker he spoke with; no.

Meagan Trimbur, 3225 Ridge Road Ext., stated at the June 23rd meeting it was brought to Council's attention about Mr. Maker's property at 199 Maker Lane; what is being done about it? Mr. Rock stated he reviewed the blow up that Council was given and Mr. Luff was blamed for as part of his job; inquired how long this has been going on; 10,15,20,25 years; how many code enforcement officers, Council members and law enforcement officers have we had and no one did anything; everyone should be held responsible for that property. Mrs. Trimbur stated she witnessed him taking the stuff from one property to the Makers Lane property. Mrs. Burns stated she witnessed him pulling on Kruest Drive and going back Maker's Lane with a trailer with a junk car, plus barrels; Council needs fired because they are all in bed together; what type of mental person lives in a junk yard like this; has to be something mentally wrong with them. Mr. Rock reported you can't make accusations about a person. Mrs. Trimbur asked if a formal complaint is needed because she would sign one with several residents here from Economy Borough; he does not have a junk yard permit; should not have to file a complaint as it has been brought to Council's attention; something should be done. Mrs. Burns said Mr. Googins did not help her; told her at the last Council meeting that he did not see a newspaper article, when in fact in the executive session the newspaper article was shown to him; not receiving any help; is Maker's property a favorite hunting ground?

R. J. Burns, 112 Almond Way, asked Mr. Rock why he does not send the code enforcement officer to Maker's property; feels Mr. Rock hasn't done nothing in the 10 years he has been on Council. Mr. Fouse reported there has to be a complaint.

Unidentified resident, stated she has been to meetings the last few months; not sure how the meetings are to work; a discussion between adults; thanked the road crew for putting lines on her road; feels the residents coming with problems are getting smart comments coming back to them; technically Council works for the people; feels the meeting is crazy, nuts; why can't they get the answers they want to hear; why can't we respond back in a mature way; not adults here; a zoo; feels her 2 year old has a maturity level higher than a lot of the stuff going on both ways.

Gary Bucuren, 3480 Conway Wallrose Road, asked why \$1,500.00 was spent to remove the tree in front of the building when Economy Borough owns a chain saw, a chipper, hi lifts and the equipment to remove that tree; the liability is putting the tree on the ground and he knows someone who would have put it on the ground of \$200; have the road crew clean it up and save \$1,300; feels it is wrong that the taxpayers are paying for foolish mistakes; feels it's Council's job to save money; feels items like this should be brought up a meeting before the vote for additional input; a lot of things could be done in house to save money. Mr. Rock reported due to the size of the tree, Mr. Vidovich was hired because he is bonded, has the proper equipment and has done jobs in the past for Economy Borough. Mr. Fitzgerald stated the road crew does not have the ability to take the tree down. Mr. Bucuren reported where he works they take trees down everyday that size. Mr. Sivy reported there was a limb over the road and power wires involved; Mr. Vidovich used a climber and roped it.

R. J. Burns, 112 Almond Way, felt the tree could have been taken down in house with the wheel loader/backhoe; waste of money; they should have notched the tree and cabled it. Mr. Googins reported it was Council's decision to have Dean Vidovich take the tree down based on the recommendation of Council in coordination with Mr. Kunkle and Mr. Fitzgerald; it was not in the ability or safety of Economy Borough workers to take that tree down; the Economy Borough chipper takes up to, but will not accept a 6" log; the chain saws that we have will not cut the size of that tree; the biggest problem was the safety of the workers.

Ruth Helsel, 119 Gross Drive, stated she also felt it is like a zoo at this meeting; her parents would be appalled; prior zoning officers were nothing like this; lived next to Maker's for years; there was always grass; there was always junk; the issue never came up, because people did not do it then; her dad shot rats that came over from there; that's how they lived and that's how it is now; embarrassed that she sold that property to Trimbur's; this is a bad situation; makes her feel bad it was her property at one time. Mr. Rock reported it is at the magistrates office now; bottom line is Council does not want to immediately issue citations; Council wants neighbors to work with each other; Council does not want any code enforcement officer to go out and issue citations for just anything; a very difficult job; don't want to issue citations unless we have to; costs Economy Borough money; want the people to work together; have to wait for Mr. Howe to make his decision and Council will abide by it. Mrs. Helsel stated there is something wrong with the difference between the part time police officers hourly pay and the code enforcement officer; someone could go up to the police and shoot them; Joe Luff too, with the way things are going; the police are in her store a lot and she appreciates it. Mr. Rock reported Council did a study and the Economy Borough part time officers are competitive to all officers in the surrounding communities.

Elizabeth Burns, 100 Stange Road, asked if it was true that Joe Luff, CEO has to represent her daughter. Mr. Rock stated he represents Economy Borough. Mr. Fouse stated it is Economy Borough vs. Mr. Maker; Mrs. Trimbur would be a witness, along with others. Mrs. Burns reported in the time that has passed the neighbor has been more diligent in cleaning up the property than he has; his heart is not in it; thinks he thinks it's a joke; not cleaning up her daughters side of the property.

Meagan Trimbur, 3225 Ridge Road Ext., reported she found out about the hearing herself by calling the magistrates office; said Mr. Luff screamed and yelled at her when she asked him; does not want Mr. Luff to represent her; knows she does not have a choice; Mr. Luff yelled at her when she offered pictures from 2007 to 2009 showing the accumulated junk; upset because once again our code enforcer is not working with her;

questioned why we pay a code enforcement officer \$22-\$24 per hour if residents are expected to work it out; feels Mr. Luff is not doing his job; would like to confront him; upset and would like to question him in front of the audience. Mr. Rock reported as a last resort we will issue citations; want neighbors to try to work it out; if not, we will issue a citation and take it to court; will not put Mr. Luff in front of the audience.

MINUTES:

Mrs. Mutschler requested the following changes to the minutes of June 23, 2009: Page 95...Mrs. Mutschler requested Council also be given dates and certifications that Mr. Luff had when hired and dates certifications were obtained; Page 96 – Mrs. Mutschler requested Charles J. O’Donnell’s statement be included in the minutes in its entirety for the public record and that she requested a copy of the statement. Mrs. Mutschler also requested to be added, “Mayor Poling stated he never met the gentlemen and requested a meeting with Mr. O’Donnell for about 1 hour to show in black and white and Mr. O’Donnell indicated yes several times.”

Minutes for June 23, 2009, are tabled for corrections.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Poling read the Mayor’s Report for the Police Department for the month of June, 2009 as prepared by Chief Harrington, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary’s office.

Mayor Poling asked Mr. Fouse what could be done with Giant Eagle as they are holding up a major development off the center property. Mr. Fouse stated the lease is a private lease; Economy Borough has no jurisdiction; Giant Eagle has legal options; Giant Eagle has petitioned to re-argument in front of the Commonwealth Court; if this is denied, they then have the option to petition the Superior Court. Mayor Poling stated this has been a 3 year process and it is frustrating.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. Mr. Kwiatanowski Light Shade Request: Mr. Kunkle reported Mr. Kwiatanowski lives at 2153 Ridge Road Ext. and is requesting a shade be put on the street light to diminish the light that shines directly on his side porch; Duquesne Light Company will put shades on street lights if requested by a municipality and if the municipality is willing to assume any liability that may arise from the shade; recommendation is to avoid the liability and suggest his porch be shaded instead. Mr. Fouse advised from a legal perspective; do not put a shade on the light.

2. Matschner/Wetter Plan of Subdivision: Mr. Kunkle reported originally a deck was added and the set backs were not met; the size of the lot was not adequate; this second subdivision solves the problem; Planning Commission has reviewed and recommends approval.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Thomas – to approve the Matschner/Wetter Plan of Subdivision. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Beaver County Act 167 Storm Water Plan: Mr. Kunkle reported Beaver County is asking for a representative and alternate from each municipality for input for Act 167 Storm Water Plan; Mr. Kunkle would be the representative and recommends either Earl Fitzgerald or Joe Luff for the alternate as they both have experience with it.

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Thomas – to appoint Mr. Kunkle the representative to the Beaver County Storm Management CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Sunset Hills Yard Sale: Mr. Kunkle reported the Sunset Hills Yard Sale is August 1st; parking is an issue every year with regards to getting emergency vehicles in and out of the plan; Chief Harrington, part time officer Ron Hannah and Earl Fitzgerald are recommending signs on posts to cover the plan and revisit the cost of the permit when the fee schedule is reviewed.

MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the purchase of 120 signs and 60 posts, necessary nuts and bolts for approximately \$1,100 with the cost split between the Road Department and Public Safety. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mr. Thomas reported the Summer Camps have exceeded expected participation; volleyball was extended to an additional week.

Mr. Thomas reported the dedication of Jeffrey B. Meddock Recreation Park was Saturday, July 11, 2009; approximately 60 people attended.

Mr. Fouse presented the draft ordinance to establish the use of firearms and regulations for use in Economy Borough.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the advertising for adoption at the July 28th meeting, the ordinance to regulate the discharge of fire arms in Economy Borough. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Thomas provided the 2Q2009 Recreation Financial Report to Mrs. Raymer.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Googins reported Ray Tomaszewski met on Monday with Ambridge Water Authority Engineer, Frank Lemon; the tank was partly filled, chlorinated and the pumps activated; they are moving along; need EPA approval; not sure if Verizon issue is resolved.

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy reported the tree has been removed and the stump ground out at a cost of \$1,500 by Dean Vidovich.

Mr. Sivy reported the police A/C unit was repaired the next day at a cost of \$192.

Mr. Sivy reported Mr. Bevelacqua repaired the rear curtain wall in back of the Municipal Building for \$100; had estimates of up to \$3,200; requested a personal letter from Council to Mr. Bevelacqua as he is an asset to Economy Borough.

Mr. Sivy reported looking for ideas for an Eagle Scout project; perhaps paint the picnic tables or beautification around the pavilion; Mr. Fitzgerald will review the pavilion for needed work. Mr. Thomas suggested a drinking fountain instead of just a spigot.

Mr. Sivy reported the yard waste dumpster needs to be monitored somehow; the new 48X30 sign is not working. Mrs. Mutschler asked if this was mandatory. Mr. Kunkle reported we have to provide for yard waste. Mr. Googins reported the state law doesn't require that we provide for grass clippings yet; however our landfill will not take grass; costs Economy Borough \$180 per dumpster of grass; can't expect the police to check on trash. Mayor Poling suggested a camera. Mr. Sivy will look at the cost of cameras.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Thomas – to authorize the police secretary to get in touch with the solicitor to prepare a new employment agreement. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Mutschler read the following statement:

“At this time I would like to respond to the comments (regarding scrap metal monies) that were directed to council by Economy Borough resident Charlie O’Donnell at our last council meeting on June 23, 2009. I would like my comments directly quoted in to the meeting minutes. And....I can, if need be, provide a copy of my comments to anyone requesting.

During our last council meeting, Mr. O’Donnell mentioned that he executed his 1st Amendment rights by speaking his mind. I would like to remind him that I am executing my job as a council woman within the “representative republic” of the United States of America; as I have been elected by our citizens, to represent them and to make decision that are for the good of all of the residents in our borough. I am in NO WAY “trying to public grandstand in an effort to divert attention away from claims that I cannot substantiate” as Mr. O’Donnell claimed. I am not up for re-election and have no motive for my actions or comments other than to notify Economy residents of information that I have collected, and then make appropriate decisions (based upon my findings) that are for the good of the residents; nothing more, nothing less.

Mr. O’Donnell stated that he “practices his right-to-know by reading public documentation” of past council meeting minutes and suggested that this council “heed (our) own advice” and read the past minutes as well.....and not to waste “the public’s time on irrelevant chatter” and “fabricated accusations” during a public forum such as a council meeting. Mr. O’Donnell stated that by reading the past council meeting minutes he could prove that there is “ no evidence” to substantiate claims that Earl Fitzgerald (Working Foreman of the Economy Borough Public Works Department) misused money that was collected when scrap metal was cashed in. I would like to tell you that I have read minutes of past council meetings as well. I would like to assure Mr. O’Donnell that because of this, I can, in fact, substantiate all of my past and present accusations in regards to the misuse of scrap metal money, and that I am no wasting anyone’s time, especially if it is dealing with misappropriations of Borough funds. I would like to make Mr. O’Donnell (and all of the residents in our Borough) aware that I did substantiate these same claims to the Pennsylvania State Attorney General’s Office in the fall of 2007.

It was reported in the June 10, 2008 council meeting minutes that both the Pennsylvania Attorney Generals’ Office and our Borough Solicitor agreed that monies collected from scrap metal were to be deposited in to Borough Funds and NOT to the Road Department’s Coffee Fund. (I’d like to note, however, that this decision has NEVER been enforced by Council.)

During his speech, Mr. O'Donnell cited specific dates of past council meetings that he felt PROVED that Earl Fitzgerald "did what he was told to do" which were "consistent with council's directives." I will cite some of these specific dates of the meeting minutes and address them accordingly.

- 6/10/97 minutes state - \$102 scrap metal money was deposited in to the Borough's General Funds, as permission was denied by council to place this money in the Road Department's Coffee Fund.
- 8/11/98 minutes state - \$160 scrap metal was kept by the Road Department for incidentals at the borough garage only after the Road Department specifically asked for and was given permission to do so by Council. At this time Mr. Yagercik noted that the Borough Road Department had only kept scrap metal money on ONE other occasion in the past.
- 2/2/99 minutes state – Mr. Yagercik reported that the Road Department deposited \$75 scrap metal money in to their Coffee Fund stated they did this "as it had been done in the past". **To my understanding, as I read previous meeting minutes as Mr. O'Donnell did, scrap metal money had been placed in to the Road Department's Coffee Fund on just TWO previous occasions, and this was only after the Road Department had explicit permission from council to do so. So why is it, at this point in time, in February of 1999, that depositing scrap metal money in to the Road Department's Coffee Fund has become a common practice? No one asked for and was given permission at ANY TIME to do so, as all of the scrap metal money belongs to the Borough and should ALWAYS be deposited in to the General Fund.
- 5/13/08 minutes state – That I specifically questioned as to what had been done with scrap metal money five years previous. ** On 5/28/08, in response to my questioning at that meeting, Council received a very vague report from the Borough Manager that described purchases that were made in the year 2008 by the Road Department Foreman with scrap metal money. Very few receipts of purchase were submitted with this generic report, and the previous four years of 2004-2007 were not reported on as I had requested. (I must add that I have obtained copies of invoices from Neville Metals of Pittsburgh showing scrap metals were sold to them by Economy Borough's Road Department. The monies collected at these times were never reported or accounted for by the Road Department to this council, nor were they deposited in to the General Fund.)

At this time I would like to encourage Mr. O'Donnell to re-read those specific minutes that he had cited during the last council Meeting on June 23rd. By doing so he should realize that what I have been saying for well over a year stands true to date.....THAT ECONOMY BOROUGH'S ROAD DEPARTMENT FOREMAN WAS NEVER GIVEN PERMISSION BY MOTION, VIA COUNCIL, TO DEPOSIT COLLECTED SCRAP METAL MONIES IN TO THE ROAD DEPARTMENT'S COFFEE FUND. FROM THE YEARS 2000 THROUGH 2008 THE ROAD DEPARTMENT FOREMAN NEVER REPORTED ON SCRAP METAL MONIES COLLECTED, KEPT AND USED THAT MONEY WITHOUT COUNCIL PERMISSION, AND, TO DATE, HAS NEVER PROVIDED COUNCIL COMPLETE AND ACCURATE WRITTEN DETAILS AS TO WHERE AND HOW THE SCRAP METAL MONIES WERE UTILIZED.

I HAVE, ONCE AGAIN PROVED, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THAT MONIES COLLECTED FROM THE ROAD DEPARTMENT'S SELLING OF SCRAP METAL HAS BEEN MISUSED REPEATEDLY AND NOT DEPOSITED IN TO THE BOROUGH'S GENERAL FUND AS INSTRUCTED. I HAVE CONSISTANTLY TIRED TO BOTH ADDRESS AND CORRECT THIS PROBLEM OVER THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF DISPIE OPPOSITION, RESISTANCE, AND DOWNRIGHT EVASION BY SOME MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL.

THE RESIDENTS OF ECONOMY BOROUGH HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHERE THEIR MONEY IS GOING AND WHAT IT IS BEING USED FOR, AND IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS SEE THAT IT IS DONE!

Lastly, I would like to briefly address Mr. O'Donnell's final comment on June 23rd in which he stated that Economy Borough's Working Foreman, Earl Fitzgerald, has "saved (Economy Borough) thousand of dollars" because Mr. Fitzgerald's own wealth of knowledge and information. That Earl Fitzgerald "spends countless hours maintaining roads" and "clearing roads with the salt truck". My sole response to Mr. O'Donnell is this: It is Earl Fitzgerald's job to do all of this, AND I would like to remind Mr. O'Donnell that it is his and all of the taxpayers' money that pays Earl Fitzgerald's salary of time and a half and double and a half time wages to perform these said tasks. Because of this, Mr. O'Donnell and all of the residents of Economy Borough should demand that our Working Foreman does his job correctly, is honest, and is able to account for all of his actions and the actions of all of the employees in the Road Department at all times.

Thank you very much!"

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Mrs. Raymer reported the Finance Committee had their second quarter meeting yesterday; revenues are down; trying to keep tight reigns on this; Centax has been contacted for an explanation why EIT is down. Mr. Rock asked every department to continue to be careful on expenditures for the second half of the year; don't spend money we don't have so we can end the year even.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

No Report

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

No Report

ENGINEER:

Mr. Shoup provided a cost estimate of \$30,000 to do Laurel Road to include milling, binder, wearing and curbs. Mr. Googins reported Harmony Township paved their section 2 years ago. Mr. Sivy asked if this could be done in house. Mr. Shoup and Mr. Googins stated it is too wide at 27'. Mr. Googins reported it would be the only contracted paving this year and recommends taking care of Laurel Road. Mr. Fitzgerald reported this is the worst road.

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to authorize Shoup Engineering to advertise specifications and plans to pave that portion of Laurel Road with bid opening for the August 11th meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SOLICITOR:

No Report

HEAR THE PUBLIC II:

Jo Ann Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, suggested a shuttle service from the Jr. High with 1-2 bus stops within the Sunset Hills Plan for the annual yard sale. Mr. Rock reported this was talked about last year and the school district was not receptive to the idea.

R. J. Burns, 112 Almond Way, asked why the paving can not be done in house; the paver will go 13'; 3 passes at 9' the screen will stay hot; pay someone to mill the road or dig out the road with a back hoe; this is a waste of money. Mr. Burns stated Mr. Sivy wants to prosecute people for putting branches in the dumpster but won't do anything about a junk yard; where are the priorities?

Meagan Trimbur, 3225 Ridge Road Ext., presented a complaint and asked if members of Council, Earl Fitzgerald or George Fitzgerald or anyone at the meeting would sign it to support the residents; will make copies before submitting it.

Gary Bucuren, 3480 Conway Wallrose Road, reported where he works has an area the size of the room that the residents dump brush; once filled up; they go in with the boom mower chop up the stuff, condense it down; and push it back, put dirt over it; suggested Economy could condense it down in the dumpster before it is hauled out to save some money. Mr. Fitzgerald stated Economy Borough's has to be hauled out; DEP would not allow us to dump it over a hill; does not have an area to condense it down.

Ray Mattern, 2906 Conway Wallrose Road, suggested using the locked tennis court as the yard waste site; put the stuff in there, chop it up and haul it out; or have 2 areas, one for branches and one for yard waste. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Fitzgerald if this was possible. Mr. Fitzgerald said anything is possible; would still cost money; would do whatever Council says. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Kunkle to look into this.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Rock read the following submitted by George Foltz for the record:

1. He would like to see an article in the Economy Connection on Doug Carney; something about his years of service to the Game Commission and years of service as a part time police officer for Economy Borough; a good family man and a brother in Christ.
2. Said he had a problem and wanted to thank the zoning officers for taking care of the complaint he had; the complaint has been solved and the grass is cut, everything has been removed and all of the problem that occurred last year has been solved; thanked Joe Luff and all of Economy Borough Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 10:00 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
July 24, 2009