

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* OCTOBER 13, 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., Scott A. Shoup, P.E., P.L.S., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

**HEAR THE PUBLIC:**

Sal Boboth, 105 Timber Ridge Road, reported regarding all the bad mouthing Joe Luff has been getting; had dealings with him twice and was outstanding what he did for him. Mr. Rock reported Mr. Boboth worked as code enforcement and knows what a difficult job it is.

Ray Kenny, 195 Sylvester Street, reported he sent a letter to everybody and would like an answer in writing sent to his address. Mr. Rock reported from his point of view, Mr. Kenny has made seven points; Council has answered the ones they could answer; some, to him, are pejorative and border on being depreciative and would not consider giving them an answer or dignify an answer; if other members of Council on their own wish to write something and sign it, that is up to them; as President of Council he has heard on their behalf on this previously; going through code and then going through zoning had various steps to follow and basically he made his decisions; as to put something in writing as President of Council, will not do this as long as he is President. Mr. Kenny said he said enough, it's in the minutes. Mr. Rock reported if other members of Council wish to put something in writing he can't stop them.

Butch Thompson, First Street, asked how the revenues from last year compare with this year at this time; same, lower; this has been discussed a few times, but really hasn't got an answer. Mr. Rock reported the Finance Committee met recently and will meet again; asked Mrs. Raymer to report on the revenues. Mrs. Raymer reported the revenues are lower this year than last year; has not heard from Centax yet. Mr. Kunkle reported they are putting more effort into delinquent payers; it took them longer this year to receive from the school district the state tax list that they use to try to track delinquent payers; the other major item that is lower is real estate transfer tax; revenues are behind, not a huge percentage, but behind. Mrs. Raymer reported the Finance Committee is still working on that. Mr. Thompson asked how much lower. Mrs. Raymer reported she does not have it with her tonight; the Finance Committee will be having another meeting and she will know exactly what it will be. Mr. Rock reported Council will have that for the next meeting.

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy seconded by Mr. Thomas – to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2009, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Poling reported someone stopped at his shop today around 3:30 PM to tell him the yard waste bin was over full; some of the older people are having trouble getting their bags up over the sides. Mr. Kunkle reported it was emptied last Monday; fills up about a week at a time; do try to make sure it is as full as possible; cost is \$180 each time it is hauled out; try to monitor it leading up to the week end trying to see if we can get through the week end or if it needs picked up before the week end arrives; yes, there are times it will be up to the edge; judgment call, want it to be full when hauled out; goes to a site in Brighton Township; recent pattern is if he calls on Wednesday, it is picked up on Thursday; last time it was at its fullest as it went over a week end; will check it again this week. Mayor Poling reported some of the older people are having trouble getting the bags over the sides; perhaps they have a bin that opens in the front. Mr. Kunkle is not sure about that; they do try to monitor it so it doesn't get to full as it has to be tarped; up until now have timed it well. Mayor Poling suggested it be looked at in the morning.

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

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. Proposed Ordinances:** Mr. Kunkle reported two ordinances are ready to be advertised for; the Nuisance Ordinance which reinstates the junk vehicles portion of the zoning ordinance that was eliminated last year is ready for advertisement; after talking with Mr. Thomas yesterday, the Firearms/Shooting Ordinance is also ready for advertisement; each of those ordinances requires advertising one time; the Wind Turbine Ordinance is a zoning ordinance change which requires two advertisements plus Beaver County Planning Commission review; it is at Beaver County now; not sure how much would be saved in advertising costs to hold up the first two ordinances for the zoning ordinances; since the firearms/shooting ordinance has garnered the amount of attention it has, has talked with Mr. Fouse on how it should be advertised; allowed to advertise ordinances as a general summary and made the ordinance available or spell out what the ordinance is in the advertisement itself; leaning toward spelling it out since it has the attention that it does; the junk vehicle ordinance can be the general summary and made available; both would be available; looking for the authorization to advertise the two ordinances. Mr. Fouse reported the motion to advertise can be for both ordinances, but the advertisements will be separate.

***MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to authorize the advertising separately, of the Nuisance Ordinance and the Firearms Ordinance. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Question on the Motion: Mr. Googins asked what changes were made to the proposed draft that was given to Council at the last meeting. Mr. Thomas reported nothing was changed; he met with Chief Harrington about it for his input and he feels people are reading too much into this ordinance; this is a safety ordinance; we are not violating any Game Commission or Game Codes; if you are a hunter, you follow the hunters laws; Chief Harrington recommendation to Mr. Thomas is to leave it like it is; after reading it, he concurs with that. Mr. Googins reported under Section 5 Paragraph (G) Exceptions – Posting of Signs; does not appear to be an exception, but rather just a statement. Mr. Fouse reported this is a typographical error and will appear in the newspaper and be presented to Council correctly. Mr. Rock reported the motion carried unanimously and the ordinances will be advertised for adoption.

**2. Street Naming Policy:** Mr. Kunkle reported this came from the Planning Commission; over time Economy Borough has acquired individual street names for houses built on roads that can't necessarily be seen from the

road that they are built on (i.e. Niemen Lane, Four Wheel Drive, Zutter Lane, etc.); they are attempting to request identity; the Planning Commission who is charged with numbering house have suggested this street naming policy; basically states Economy Borough is going to stop doing that; if your driveway fronts on Conway Wallrose Road or Hoenig Road, etc., you will get a street number based on that street itself; there is a further requirement that if your house or structure can't be seen from the road that you identify it at the road to direct emergency services to your location; the Planning Commission is recommending this policy with no change to existing addresses. Mr. Thomas reported there are quite a few private roads in Economy Borough. Mrs. Mutschler reported people were naming their driveways.

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, second by Mr. Googins, to adopt the Street Names and Street Name Signs Policy. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Googins asked where residents would get the information on this policy. Mrs. Mutschler reported from Myron Kowolski of the Planning Commission when they come in for a new number.

**3. E. Reid Powell Contract:** Mr. Kunkle reported under the contract with Reid Powell, there is a rate increase scheduled to take affect January 1<sup>st</sup>; \$1.00 per month or \$3.00 per quarter; this will be the beginning of the final two years of his agreement; he is willing to forego the dollar increase in the contract if Economy Borough is willing to extend his contract by three years. Mr. Thomas reported this is a no brainer; the residents would save \$36,000 per year; feels he is one of the best haulers; put anything out and he takes it. Mrs. Mutschler suggested it be done now. Mayor Poling reported they are like clockwork. Mr. Rock reported he had a group over Labor Day Sunday; trash was out for his Monday pick up and they were surprised they picked up on a holiday. Mr. Thomas feels Economy Borough should stay with him to save the residents some money; let him sign up for three, four years. Mr. Fouse reported Economy Borough has had this issue before; Economy Borough has debated the question of advertising for bids; does not recall what was done last time. Mr. Kunkle reported in 2008 it was extended a year by Council to the year 2011. Mr. Fouse reported the original contract had an extension period. Mr. Kunkle reported the original contract was from 2006 to 2010; last year Council extended it at Reid's request to 2011. Mr. Fouse asked if it was ever put out for bid. Mr. Shoup reported it's been a while, but it was put out for bid at least once. Mr. Fouse reported it makes perfect sense; over the years he has talked with Mr. Kunkle about these extensions; some might feel obligated to put it out for bid; not suggesting that this is something that has to be done; before making a move on this would like to have a chance to review the contract. Mr. Rock agreed this would close all loop holes so no one could come back at Council; it's obvious what Council wants to do; can wait one more meeting. Mr. Sivy asked if the cost would stay at the same price. Mr. Kunkle reported this was discussed; in the current contract there is a fuel escalation clause; if fuel costs spiked enough, increases could take effect; that did occur one time during this contract; his suggestion, if we go forward with this is to take that out of there; his costs have stabilized; we won't need to continue to look at that; he said if after two or three years he feels the cost increase would be warranted he would come and approach Council about it; the current contract provided for either automatic increases or fuel increases that would eliminate the subsequent automatic increase. Mr. Sivy asked if this did happen would the cost be the same for the next three years. Mr. Kunkle reported as it stands it would be right where it is at right now; if Reid felt something was warranted due to business climate, he would come back to Council. Mr. Thomas reported he has done that in the past; when he has felt there is a problem or had a concern; has presented his case to Council. Mr. Rock asked that this be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**4. Cable Franchise Public Hearing:** Mr. Kunkle reported Economy Borough is among several COG members who are moving ahead with renewing Cable Franchise Agreements with Comcast with assistance from the Cohen Law Firm; the next step for us is to hold a public hearing to put input regarding Comcast's past performance and future cable needs; recommending this be advertised for the beginning of the next Council meeting. Mr. Thomas asked if Economy Borough is looking into another cable company. Mr. Kunkle reported

there is no one else. Mr. Rock reported Verizon FiOS is in twelve areas of Pittsburgh; matter of time before they start spreading out. Mr. Fouse reported potentially there are some important features that need to be considered in this negotiation. Mr. Googins reported the next meeting of the group with COG is the day before our next Council meeting; Mr. Kunkle may have more information about the potential agreement; it would be more powerful if another company comes in to have a solid agreement to be competed against that; required to invite the cable operator to the hearing; Comcast will be invited.

***MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins, to authorize a Public Hearing under the Federal Communications Act preceding the renewal of the cable franchise to gather public input regarding Comcast previous service and future cable needed in Economy Borough at the beginning of the next Council meeting and advertise such. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**5. Traffic Calming Park Hill Road:** Mr. Kunkle reported the Traffic Committee recommends Economy Borough proceed with a traffic calming study; the committee believes the only practical calming measure that can occur on this particular road are speed humps; the committee will still have to meet with the residents committee to consider their input but would also like to see the advertisement for the appropriate ordinance be authorized, if possible; the mailer results are in and the Traffic Committee is recommending the traffic calming study be conducted or followed through with; most of the study work has already been done; have the traffic counts, the speeds and the volumes; the next step would be to meet with residents from the road to see what their input is; have already concluded that speed humps are going to be the traffic calming measures that they can choose from; speed humps are the most likely result; do need to meet with residents; in order for this to occur this year must keep moving on this as quickly as possible; and ordinance is required and will have to be advertised; asked Mr. Fouse when the ordinance can be advertised for this. Mr. Fouse reported the Economy Borough policy provided that Economy Borough would adopt an ordinance based upon the Traffic Committees recommendation for each project or street talked about; the law authorizes various forms of traffic calming devices; the specific reference to speed humps is recognized as a traffic calming device; understands the committee has concluded based upon it's study that there is increases in volume and speed on Park Hill. Mr. Kunkle reported it meets the warrants. Mr. Fouse reported under those circumstances, if Council is going to implement a traffic calming device you need to adopt an ordinance. Mr. Rock asked how soon Council can do that. Mr. Fouse reported it would be advertised one time. Mr. Rock reported he would like to move ahead with this; would like to give the speed platforms to Park Hill this year; Mr. Kunkle told him the asphalt plants close down at Thanksgiving; we do not have a big window of opportunity; this is a concern. Mr. Fouse reported he could advertise this and have the ordinance ready for the next meeting. Mr. Rock asked if Council was ready to move on with this. Mr. Sivy verified that Mr. Kunkle send out the post cards to the residents. Mr. Thomas read the post card return numbers from the manager's report. Mr. Kunkle reported we were one short of the exact 70%. Mr. Rock reported if he did not turn his card back in, it is the same as saying yes. Mr. Kunkle reported in the Economy Borough policy it is the same as saying no. Mr. Mecchia reported he felt having someone not respond as an automatic no leaves creditability as to who got cards and who didn't get cards; Mr. Kunkle reported earlier three people on the street never received cards; if he would not have been aware and talked to people, it would have been a no vote. Mr. Sivy asked if there was a way to follow up personally and call them on the cards. Mr. Kunkle reported he attempted to do that late in the day last Tuesday, however the mailman was later than he was; the return cards are as per the policy, unidentifiable, so they would vote how they felt; what the committee has learned through this first time process is that the process did not work perfectly; that is why the committee is recommending the way they are recommending; it is not perfect; there were only three definitively no votes; 22 definitive yes votes; a handful of questionable responses or non responses; benefit of the doubt should go towards the majority. Mr. Googins felt the percentage of returns meets the criteria. Mr. Kunkle agreed; the committee felt if there was an error, erroring in this direction was the correct way to go. Mr. Fouse reported Council has complete discretion to implement traffic calming devices or not to; Council has a policy that makes sense; should try to adhere to it; Council has complete discretion.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Googins – to go ahead with the traffic calming on Park Hill Road.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Question on the motion: Mr. Kunkle asked if the ordinance has to specify the calming device. Mr. Fouse responded yes. Mr. Rock asked if the word platform should be used instead of hump. Mr. Kunkle reported checking on this; Economy Borough intends on installing a traffic hump; a platform has a flat surface in the middle. Mr. Rock reported the hump is on Sharon Road in Moon Township. Mayor Poling asked how it will be determined where it will be located. Mr. Kunkle reported there are PennDOT guidelines; you can not be within so many feet of an intersection, curve, certain angles of hills, etc.; the intersection of Park Hill Road are probably the main obstacles that we will have to steer clear of; the guidelines from PennDOT will help. Mr. Shoup reported the committee along with the citizens group will come to Council with a recommendation; Council will know where it will be before you act on it. Mr. Kunkle reported in Findley Township they use 500 or 600 feet as an ideal distance between them; you have to take into account the intersections, curves, and hills that might interfere with the location accounted for. Mayor Poling reported that solves the problem on Park Hill Road.

**6. Mueller Drainage Request:** Mr. Kunkle reported on the Mueller drainage request, Council should have received a report from Shoup Engineering dated October 9, 2009. Mr. Shoup reported two or three weeks ago he met with Randy, Earl and Mr. Robert Mueller; Mr. Mueller's request is that a small stream on his property, the first one hundred feet of it nearest to the intersection of Roberts and Rose, be piped; Mr. Mueller provided information that he did contact the DEP; did communicate with the DEP representative and indeed DEP did issue a general permit to the Mueller's to pipe the stream; from the permitting standpoint it is already permitted; in the past Economy Borough has cleaned out/dredged part of the stream so the built up sediment did not interfere with the discharge pipes at the intersection; recently Economy Borough brush hogged along the stream; looked at the Richard Mueller deed and found there is really no easement for the stream that is obviously there; the Frederick Plan No. 3 creating the lot shows the stream on it again and no easements; this is really a policy decision on the part of Economy Borough; does Council want the Road Committee to meet and consult on this; or talk about it here tonight. Mr. Rock asked if the Road Committee wanted to meet. Mr. Mutschler asked for Mr. Shoups recommendation. Mr. Shoup reported the issue of public involvement should be considered; is this a public, borough or private issue; Economy Borough has struggled with this in the past; obviously the portion of stream closest to the intersection of the two streets does have an issue; does not know if the issue has been a problem in the past; the further away from the intersection the issue lessens; Mr. Mueller's primary concern is his elderly father mowing the grass and his tractor ending up in the stream; feels it is a legitimate concern; in the past Council or the Road Committee made these decisions; struggles personally with the public improvement portion of the project other than it is nearest the intersection; makes the property a better situation; with no easement doesn't know who would maintain the pipe; if Economy Borough is going to get involved in this, it would require an easement. Mr. Rock is not sure if Economy Borough wants to get involved. Mr. Googins reported we are talking about pipe plus filling it in four or five feet deep. Mr. Tomas asked how long the run would be. Mr. Shoup reported the DEP permit is for 100'. Mayor Poling asked if the water is coming from the catch basin in the road and if it would put some obligation on Economy Borough. Mr. Shoup reported it is literally the beginning of the stream; across the road there is no stream. Mayor Poling reported there were issues with water running down the valley coming over top of the road and running. Mr. Shoup reported they recently curbed the Mueller side of the street; thinks controlling the erosion is going to be the curb; getting the right curb there. Mr. Sivy verified the location. Mr. Googins reported it should be looked at before a yes or no is given. Mr. Mutschler agreed. Mr. Googins suggested there are many similar situations throughout Economy Borough where catch basins or run offs flow into streams that run beside peoples private property; there are a couple occurring where he lives and many of the same situations in Economy Borough that borders property. Mr. Shoup reported there may be a number of them. Mr. Rock reported that is why Council has to be proactive on how Council would get involved here. Mr. Thomas suggested letting the Road

Committee look at the problem and come back to Council with a recommendation or additional information for Council. Mr. Rock reported he would like more information and the Road Committee to look into it. Mr. Googins reported he understands the problem and understands the concern. Mr. Rock reported the Road Committee will look into this and come back at the next meeting with a report. Mr. Googins reported they would get with the engineer and Mr. Fitzgerald for the background.

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

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Mutschler reported received a letter dated October 9, 2009, from Officer Creese requesting the additional 15 days military days as per Senate Bill No. 1266; not sure if everyone is aware of what transpired in the past about Senate Bill No. 1266; will give copies for review. Mr. Rock reported it has been a while. Mr. Thomas requested Mrs. Mutschler give everyone copies so they can review it for the next meeting. Mrs. Mutschler reported this is coming back to light with regards to what was paid to Officer Heitzenrater; will give copies for questions; has a lot of paper regarding the investigation; asked Mr. Creese if he had any questions. Mr. Creese reported he would wait for Council to make their decision. Mr. Googins asked Mr. Fouse to provide Council with the decision that reversed. Mrs. Mutschler reported there was no decision to reverse. Mr. Googins stated the decision that redefined what Senate Bill No. 1266 was saying in opposition to what Reed Smith reported. Mrs. Mutschler reported that was only a meeting, Council never got a letter stating a reversal; a meeting that they were going to have telling you could have went to and they would have told you what the Senate Bill was about; will give copies of everything she has there. Mr. Fouse reported he is only aware of a letter from Reed Smith; not aware of anything else in writing besides what the AG provided.

Mrs. Mutschler requested an Executive Session regarding the contract negotiations with no vote. Mr. Fouse reported this would be in regard to language issues which would be appropriate in Executive Session. Mrs. Mutschler reported this would be for all contracts.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Mrs. Raymer asked for any questions on the list of bills. Mrs. Mutschler reported Council said they would supply electricity to the Veterans Memorial; the bill was first sent to the police department and now the bill is listed under recreation. The secretary reported it is a new line item. Mrs. Mutschler questioned if it would come out of the General Fund. Mr. Kunkle reported it has to come out of an account line item, in the General Fund. Mayor Poling asked if they are getting a bill already. Mrs. Mutschler reported it is the initial bill; asked if the bill will always be a line item in recreation. Mr. Kunkle reported it has to be budgeted for somewhere. Mrs. Mutschler asked if the Recreation Budget would be increased for this. Mayor Poling reported he does not think it is fair to come out of recreation. Mr. Rock reported it is under Culture/Recreation and the Memorial would come under Culture. Mr. Thomas reported Mrs. Mutschler is asking that if in the future this is in the Recreation Budget they should be compensated somehow for that. Mr. Kunkle reported it needs to be accounted for. Mrs. Mutschler reported she knows they are working on the budget now, but thought it should come out of the General Fund. Mayor Poling asked how the electric is paid for the municipal building and could the Memorial be added to it. Mr. Kunkle reported there is a meter on this building; the Memorial has a separate meter. Mr. Sivy verified with Mayor Poling that there is a separate meter for the Memorial fed from the back pole at the basketball court.

***MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Googins - 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 is working on the 2010 Budget; met on Oct. 6; the budget process is difficult; trying to get through it; for the rest of 2009 will be trying to hold off on any unnecessary spending; try to keep spending low. Mr. Rock reported the committee will be meeting again on Oct. 20; has met several times and is looking at all areas.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Mutschler reported Andres Drive paving is completed; Laurel has been milled and will be paved next. Mr. Thomas reported he was at Andres Drive today observing the paving; the Road Department did a very nice job; Earl showed him how the equipment worked; they are trying to learn; it takes time to know where everything is at on it; was there an hour observing; they put the top coat on today; was very impressed with the job they did. Mr. Mutschler reported Economy Borough has a good road department crew.

### **ORDINANCE and RECREATION:**

No Report

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Mr. Googins reported on the Duquesne Light Service Line newsletter included in the bill; they make the statement that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is requiring that light companies reduced their energy consumption demand in Pennsylvania 1% in 2011, 3% in 2014, etc.; the idea is to reduce the consumption of any kind of power services; Duquesne Light reported they are excited about the range of programs and they plan to offer all customers segments; they stated the PUC is expected to act on Duquesne Lights plan no later than November; the plan is intended to help local residences and businesses save money and energy; the last sentence reports that the program costs will be recovered through a customer charge on the monthly bill; Act 129 tasks the cost of no more than 2% of Duquesne Lights 2006 revenues; this is where the PUC has required the State of Pennsylvania to reduce their energy consumption throughout the state; then they allow them to add 2% back on the bill for the program; thought it was interesting, the State authorizes a reduction in service and authorizes at the same time that the power company can add 2% on the bill for the programs.

Mayor Poling reported Rich Lubic, 130 Neiman Lane, has a malfunctioning well and is looking to get tapped into Ambridge Water line; verified with Mr. Kunkle that Mr. Lubic did not call him; apparently to run the line down Neiman Lane everyone would have to agree to tap in; not sure how that works; Mr. Lubic said there is a utility easement that would be shorter and bring it out on Amsler Road. Mr. Kunkle reported he would have to check into what type of easement it is, whose easement it is, etc. Mayor Poling reported it may be sewer or electric; amazing that in 2009 there are areas of Economy Borough that do not have water. Mr. Rock reported when he was utilities chairman, Mr. Stubbins was the head of Ambridge Water Authority; he was more than happy to put water in different areas of Economy Borough; had petitions from residents on several streets; needed was half the residents on a road to tap in and the line would be put in; got back 10 out of 80; residents wanted to tap in when they were ready; they felt their wells were fine. Mayor Poling reported at that time the tap in fee was locked in at \$1,400 until the resident decided to tap in. Mr. Rock reported Ambridge Water Authority wanted their money up front to put the pipe in; there were several areas that now have problems with their wells; Ambridge Water Authority is not easy to deal with. Mayor Poling asked that somebody check into this for Mr. Lubic. Mr. Googins reported if Economy Borough would put a water line in there, the current tap

in fee is \$6,000; that is what the litigation is about. Mayor Poling reported they are out of their minds. Mr. Fouse reported that is why Economy Borough filed suit. Mr. Googins reported he would look at this.

### **PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy reported the furnace at the Community Building is not working; someone is coming to look at it tomorrow morning.

Mr. Sivy passed out an estimate for replacement of the end hallway doors of the municipal building; this is a security issue; the current doors are 60" X 84"; these were special order doors; contractor is recommending 60" X 80" metal energy efficient doors mounted on wood frames covered with aluminum; doors are reinforced metal (light commercial) with half glass and internal blinds; embossed 2 panel on metal below glass at a cost of \$2,200.00; Harmony Twp. Fire Department just installed these and like them enough that they are replacing all their doors with this door; recommending this be done with the 60" X 80" doors. Mr. Thomas asked where the funds would come from. Mr. Kunkle reported the budget has a line item for maintenance on this building.

***MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize replacement of the end hallway doors in the municipal building as proposed by F. Bevilacqua Remodeling and Construction in the amount of \$2,200 including new panic hardware and closers. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Sivy asked Mr. Kunkle to contact Mr. Bevilacqua.

Mr. Sivy reported the estimate on a replacement sign includes excavation of a 2' X 10' area 36" deep; install 8" footer; build sign base and columns with split face block; install 96" X 40" sign; double sided with interior mounted florescent lights; custom Economy Borough head banner on top of sign; also included are 150 letters; wind shield for letters; build hip roof over sign; 30" at base with 18" rise to peak; provide electric supply from nearby parking lot light pole; restore grounds to original condition; total of Labor and Material would be \$3,500; same sign installed on 6X6 posts that are covered in vinyl; total Labor and Material would be \$2,500; the funds would come from one of several line items; General Building Expenses; Economy Borough Municipal Building Repairs; Street Signs, etc; has no question on this estimate; feels it is a very fair estimate; can't image finding it cheaper. Mrs. Mutschler asked if the windshield would be locking. Mr. Sivy would find out; thinks Mr. Bevilacqua is going to try to match the municipal building brick color; style will be like the fire department sign. Mr. Thomas reported that is a face block finish.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to authorize and contract F. Bevilacqua Remodeling and Construction to construct the block sign at a cost of labor and materials for \$3,500.00. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Rock asked how soon he would be starting; would it be before Winter. Mr. Sivy would think by the end of the year; Mr. Bevilacqua is very busy this year; will find out. Mayor Poling suggested weather permitting.

### **REPORTS:**

### **SECRETARY:**

No Report

## **ENGINEER:**

Mr. Shoup reported in the Miscellaneous Issues Report to bring to the Road Committee attention, there is a drainage complaint on Green Forest Drive that probably needs looked at as well; that property owner is owed a response sometime within the next month; has outlined it; need to see the property to understand what is going on.

Mr. Shoup reported regarding the Chinchilla property on Droz Avenue; met with Randy and some Council Members at the site a few months ago; the issue that Chinchilla has been complaining quite some time about is sediment or dirt in his city water from Ambridge Water Authority; at that meeting he had the aerator from his faucet; there was obviously something there; it felt like slime; had a concern at the time there might be some bacterial growth in the water line itself; did take a water sample to an independent lab from Rob Sacco's home, next door to the Chinchilla home and last home on the street; came back positive with plenty of chlorine in the water; no indication of any bacteria or coli form of any type in the water; must be just accumulated sediment; The Chinchilla home sets down the lowest on the street; may be the reason he is getting the problem and the others (Mr. Sacco) are not getting any problem; recommendation is to ask Jeff Allen to put the hydrant in as he originally planned and increase the frequency of flushing; will contact Mr. Chinchilla and let him know of the plan; if no objection he will follow through with this. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Shoup to proceed.

## **SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Fouse reported Economy Boroughs contract with CENTAX is due to expire at the end of the year; the contract itself provides to terminate the contract you have to tell them that within 90 days from when the contract is over; otherwise the contract would continue for another three year time period; Act 32 is suppose to come in effect in 2012, which means Earned Income Tax would be collected countywide; a letter was sent to CENTAX putting them on notice that Economy Borough did not want the three year extension and suggested a year to year extension of our current contract; CENTAX came back with a new contract with a two year term; contacted them that this is not what we asked for; talked back and forth; at this juncture it would be appropriate for Council to go into Executive Session to talk about these things considering the fact that the next two years everything changes; don't think we need a vote tonight; probably by next meeting or before the end of the year will be voting on extending some sort of contractual arrangement with CENTAX; when Act 32 comes into play our contract may go away; would like to talk about it in Executive Session.

Mr. Rock reported a resident of Park Hill Road contacted him concerning MSP; faxed the information to Mr. Fouse that was sent to Mr. Rock; Mr. Kunkle has in his notes that Mr. Fouse may address this situation for Council tonight; the letter states residents would like to meet with Council and Mr. Fouse after a Council meeting sometime to provide advise; his personal opinion is he does not know what Council can do at this time; would like to get Mr. Fouse's opinion. Mr. Fouse reported he does not think Economy Borough has standing to initiate any kind of action against this company or against New Sewickley Township; Council does not control land use in any place other than Economy Borough; did review a letter in the packet from the New Sewickley Township solicitor; he was suggesting in the letter that a private cause of action would be appropriate. Mr. Rock also read that this is a private issue. Mr. Fouse reported the residents themselves would have standing; people who allege that there is a private nuisance that is affecting their lives, have standing, this borough does not; not under those terms. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Kunkle to draft a letter to the resident with what Mr. Fouse has said; it is a terrible situation. Mr. Sivy asked if there could be legalities if Economy Borough got involved with this situation. Mr. Rock reported Mr. Fouse is saying Economy Borough can't get involved. Mr. Fouse reported if Economy Borough got involved in that action in any way, shape or form; we don't have standing and a judge would tell us that and we would be out.

## **HEAR THE PUBLIC II:**

Jo Ann Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, reported the Street Names and Street Name Signs Policy was passed by motion tonight; question is if there is a private lane that has acreage around it and it is subdivided, what would happen down the road. Mr. Kunkle reported the policy reads: "Street addresses assigned by the Planning Commission and the USPS in accordance with Chapter 58 of the Borough Code for newly constructed properties shall utilize the street names dedicate on a subdivision plant approved by the Borough and recorded in the Beaver County Recorder of Deeds Office."

Mrs. Borato reported Mr. Kunkle brought up that the Comcast contract expired a few years ago and asked if Economy Borough is still getting the Franchise Fee. Mr. Kunkle reported Economy Borough has been getting the Franchise Fee just as if the franchise was in place as other municipalities have as well.

Mrs. Borato asked regarding the drainage issue; if there is erosion on the road and it is possibly from an Economy Borough catch basin does that not put the onus back on Economy Borough to fix their portion of the problem and maybe pipe that portion instead of having constant erosion or putting up curbs that are not much affect; thinking out loud and giving Council other questions to ask yourselves. Mr. Rock reported he is very concerned about that; what is Economy Borough's liability there, legally; if it has been caused by our catch basin; if that is the problem, of course probably Economy Borough will have to be more involved there; that is why the Road Committee will be looking at that.

Mrs. Borato asked if there is a dollar amount that would be spent on a project before it goes out to public bid and what is that amount. Mr. Kunkle reported over \$4,000, three quotes are required; over \$10,000 must be publically bid out. Mrs. Borato asked if Council is circumventing the system by have two separate quotes, one for the doors and one for the sign and both of them being under \$4,000 and both involve the municipal building. Mr. Sivy reported no because they are two separate issues.

Mrs. Borato reported she just met Mr. Creese tonight and wanted to thank him for his service to America and for his service to Economy Borough, it is appreciated; does not know what has gone on before; would like to think of herself as being fiscally responsible and hoping that Council does look after the taxpayers money responsibility; it has been spent questionably in her mind; regardless of what has gone on before with other officers would like Council to take a long hard look at both officers situations; stop hum bugging them about 15 days; give them those days and give them their vacation time as a term of positive thank you for risking your life for us. Mr. Thomas reported there is a lot of things that she does not know about that goes in to his situation; will not get passed; will not give him that; reasons maybe that Council is not allowed to do that. Mrs. Borato asked that if it is not done, make it know to the public. Mr. Thomas just wants to let it be known that there is more to that than what is being put out here; something that he can not say at this time. Mrs. Borato reported regardless if a precedence has been set for whatever reason, hopes that if it goes through or if it does not, that Council lets the people know; the people would like to know; have been misdirected in some past situations; total transparency of what will transpire with these gentlemen would actually put taxpayers minds at ease.

Mrs. Borato reported Joe Luff came to her house Monday for a situation of a garage that she had erected on her property; Joe called and made an appointment; the appointment time was set up; he showed up at the correct time; went through the building; she had papers from past inspections, he had his papers; everything matched; he was in, out, polite, respectful, courteous, after everything was done, asked to speak with him candidly; had a 40 minute conversation; all in all a good meeting; her experience with Joe Luff was positive; will tell Council when it is bad and will tell Council when it is good; this was a positive experience.

Bob Mecchia, 211 Fernwood, asked if Economy Borough has to take the yard waste to the Beaver County site or could it be taken to the Reid Powell site. Mr. Kunkle reported it has to be taken to an approved site; Reid Powell is not approved for that material. Mr. Mecchia reported he thinks his garbage is a lot worse than dumping grass in a landfill. Mr. Kunkle reported garbage is allowed to go into a regular landfill; the landfill will not accept yard waste. Mr. Mecchia suggested composting it on Economy Borough property to save money. Mr. Kunkle reported Economy Borough would have to become an approved site; this would be a DEP provided process; the one Beaver County site is approved by DEP at Brighton Township. Mr. Mecchia asked if it would be a benefit to do that to save \$180; feels if this takes off and it is filled up on a regular basis, suggested looking at this. Mr. Kunkle reported it is an experiment; we are looking at and trying different things; does not know the cost for Beaver County to operate it's site; sure the grinder they have to process the compost is an expensive piece of machinery; continuing to assess that since it is a new program; have changed some things from last year to this year; will continue to evaluate the site.

Mr. Mecchia commented that Economy Borough should look at the future and try to get an ordinance in place that reduces the amount of noise to our residents, our taxpayers properties, even though the business is in New Sewickley Township; asked Mr. Fouse if the Economy Borough ordinance is set at 50 decibels here, does it really matter if the noise is coming from New Sewickley Township. Mr. Fouse reported Economy Borough can't control land use in New Sewickley Township; Economy Borough can not control land use in another municipality; Economy Borough can only control land use in Economy Borough; no place else. Mr. Mecchia stated we are at the mercy of New Sewickley Township. Mr. Fouse reported the Municipalities Planning Code encourages local municipalities to enjoin one another and cooperate in terms of that sort of matter; at the end of the day, purely legal level, you can't control what they do in that community. Mr. Mecchia reported it is a shame; he knows what those residents are putting up with; it is terrible. Mr. Fouse reported the lawyer from New Sewickley Township (in the packet he received) indicated that they had potential private claims. Mr. Mecchia reported he was at the meeting when the lawyer told the residents that; thinks that is what the residents are going to do; thinks they have already contacted an attorney to look into it; it's the cost that the residents would have to put out to get something like that established; most attorneys don't want to take that, because you are dealing with thirty or forty people screaming at a meeting; if there is any way Economy Borough can protect ourselves in the future somehow on the growth that is going to occur; Cranberry is not going to get bigger; New Sewickley Township will get more industrial; and Economy Borough will have the repercussions and no tax base. Mayor Poling reported someone said the elevation of the vacuum system should have been higher and that is probably why the noise is happening. Mr. Sivy reported it was suppose to be in the front of the building. Mr. Mecchia reported the stack was suppose to be higher on the building; New Sewickley Township didn't let them build it higher because it was above their ordinance for the fire department in case of a fire; the thing was suppose to be in front of the building; they did not want it in front of the building to make it look pretty so they put it in the back of the building; just like he told Mayor Poling, it is all the way the wind blows. Mr. Thomas reported two years ago people cleaned out the property by the lake; that took all the big trees out; it was like a buffer zone; that didn't help. Mr. Mecchia reported sometimes he can't hear it from his house, but when he walks over to Brookside by Hillside; it is loud there, but at his house you can't hear it; the way the wind blows; it is terrible for the residents that live there; is asking Council if there is any way to protect ourselves from any future problem like this; now is the time to do it; New Sewickley Township noise ordinance is 80 decibels; MSP is coming in at 50 decibels; they are restricted from where they can take their readings from it; has to be so many feet from the machine itself; that doesn't prove anything because the noise is there, it is coming out the stack; they are not allowed to measure at the stack, they have to measure it at the ground.

Tomas Lynch, 101 Walnut Drive, reported hypothetically, if he is spraying chemicals on his property and the wind blows the spray on to the neighbors property; this is considered chemical trespassing; he could be sued for this even if it was from Ohio Township, it makes no difference; he is still trespassing with his chemicals; trees coming over to someone else's property is trespassing; not sure about noise. Mr. Fouse reported this is two different private issues; a private cause of action versus a municipal cause of action; the people suffering from

that noise have a private cause of action against that company and potentially New Sewickley Township; Economy Borough does not have standing because our only power or authority over land use is in Economy Borough and no place else; the Municipalities Planning Code encourages us to cooperate with adjoining communities.

Meagan Trimbur, 3225 Ridge Road Extension, asked the status of the forensic audit; prime example tonight is a borough resident asked Mrs. Raymer for information about revenue money and it could not be provided. Mr. Rock reported the request doesn't have anything to do with a forensic audit; Mrs. Raymer doesn't have the information with her; talked about at the last meeting; the cost and the reason; for a forensic audit you have to have a reason, fraud, embezzlement or something you feel there is a necessity to spend all this money like they have done in certain places; one municipality had a secretary who over several years took over \$250,000; they had a forensic audit. Mrs. Trimbur stated residents are asking for answers and Council is not giving them. Mr. Rock reported if the residents want answers Council has them; the auditor, Mr. Turnley, puts out all the information; residents are happy with our financial situation; have not raised taxes in 8 years; 28 new house are being built; we are in no position or have a position that we need to have a forensic audit; we do have an audit every year and it is available to the residents to look through; money is spent on that audit; if we had a good reason, our auditor would probably tell us to bring in an independent auditor; to do one and spent from \$6,000 to \$20,000 of Economy Borough money to find out that our finances are fine. Mrs. Trimbur stated she would rather spend the money on a forensic audit; feels anyone new coming on Council should want that to protect themselves to see what has gone on in the past; wasted money for a paver, but can't spend six grand for a forensic audit. Mr. Rock reported Council did not waste money on a paver; it was explained by Council; it is doing its job already; asked if Mrs. Trimbur felt that every time a new Council Member came in a forensic audit be done. Mrs. Trimbur reported not every time, but if she was coming in as a Council Member she would want to find out what is going on. Mr. Rock reported she would be able to, all the books would be opened to her and had the audit reports open to her; it is her right to run for office; when he ran for office he never had that idea; thought Council was on the up and up; been with these people for ten years, four years minimum; will trust every one of them with his paycheck; has faith in these people; they do fantastic work.

Patricia Kosarych, 1240 Tevebaugh Road, reported they get a lot of run off from the Junior High; when the track was first put in some kind of white stuff came down and contaminated the creek; years and years ago; wanted Council to be aware there is a run off that runs behind the Railroad Supervisors Club from the Junior High. Ms. Kosarych commented on the speeding traffic on Tevebaugh Road; it has been on going for years, but has gotten worse lately; people are driving like they are insane; a short cut especially in the winter when people can't get up Conway hill; noticed a lot of traffic; reported it years ago and a 25 MPH sign was put up; when they go from bend to bend they pick up speed; people have landed in the creek; wanted Council to be aware how bad it is. Mr. Rock reported he was not aware of the speeding; hasn't driven Tevebaugh in years; last time he did drive it wasn't the greatest road to drive, stays away from it; realizes coming from Baden and turning by the treatment plant is a nice short cut; the road is not that great to drive on; asked Mayor Poling to talk to Chief Harrington put something down there.

Ruth Helsel, Gross Drive, reported she owns Economy Superette and the signs she has are junk; asked Mr. Sivy what kind of letters will be on the new sign and if there will be a covering over the letters. Mr. Sivy reported it is called a wind cover; assumes it is plastic; can find out; does not think it is a screen. Mrs. Helsel reported they get brittle over the winter; asked if digital was mentioned and how much more it would cost for a digital sign; wishes hers were digital; the letters and colors are horrible. Mr. Sivy reported a digital sign was approximately \$30,000. Mayor Poling asked if Mrs. Helsels letters were flexible. Mrs. Helsel reported they are flexible, but in winter the letters get brittle. Mayor Poling reported he thinks the letters are the heavy thick plastic. Mrs. Helsel reported that is what is on the Exxon sign and in the winter they are brittle that they lose a lot; has

trouble getting replacements; they don't last long, they discolor; make sure it is checked before the money is spent.

Jason Hufnagel, 364 Golden Grove Road, asked how far away the sign will be away from the municipal building. Mr. Sivy reported it will be in the grassy area out by the road. Mr. Hufnagel suggested tapping the sign into the municipal building panel to save money in the future. Mr. Sivy reported the electric for the sign will be coming from one of the parking lot lights which are on the building meter. Mr. Hufnagel suggested going with a larger yard waste receptacle or have a yard waste trough type receptacle like at Bud's (where the stone are kept) for dump off for older residents or residents like himself who might have children in the car; they could unload into the trough and later the road department could scoop up the yard waste with a back hoe; this would make it easier on the residents who are participating in the program. Mr. Googins reported that is what the program started with; a trough built with Jersey barriers/large blocks. Mr. Hufnagel reported he found out about it last year and just started using it today; he is from Kennedy originally and Robinson Township has the large blocks, 5/6 blocks high; their yard waste pile is enormous; Robinson Township does everything in house; they do have a large piece of equipment that is probably very pricy; they have a tax base with Robinson Towne Center, the Mall and large corporations in that area; it is easier for residents to off load; Economy Borough does have the equipment to scoop it up and put it in the dumpster as opposed to residents lifting yard waste into the bin. Mayor Poling reported he is asking for the trough in addition to the dumpster. Mr. Hufnagel suggested Brighton Township may have a vehicle they could send down to load up instead of having a yard box sit on the Economy Borough site and paying a fee while it sits here. Mr. Kunkle reported Economy Borough does not pay a fee to have the box at the site. Mayor Poling reported he likes the idea of having a bin in addition to the container in case it over fills or for residents who can't lift up over the side of the container. Mr. Googins reported they tried that the first time and it is easier for residents to dump, but to get rid of it there has to be a piece of equipment and an employee or two to go there and load it in our own vehicles and drive it to Brighton Township to dump it; the cost to doing that, the manpower, the time and the equipment it took, exceeded having Mr. Powell putting a container out there; he comes and removes it. Mayor Poling reported Mr. Hufnagel is saying in addition to the dumpster. Mr. Googins reported we would still have the same problem unless they are talking about taking it out of it and putting it in the dumpster. Mayor Poling reported for the people who can't get it into the dumpster; i.e. if it is 3/4 full and it is time for pick up; they can unload the bin, fill the dumpster, it's picked up and hauled away; or if there is a situation where the dumpster is over filled, the over fill can go into the bin. Mr. Hufnagel reported even if the people don't use the trash receptacle provided by the municipal waste facility we are using they tend to dump it into the bin because it will be easier to shove off the back of a truck instead of unloading bags; then use road department equipment to scoop it up, clean it out and into the bin. Mr. Googins reported we could do as much as we want; we can look at what Mayor Poling and Mr. Hufnagel are saying; everything comes to labor and money. Mr. Hufnagel reported there would be labor up front to set up the block area; the only maintenance after the block is set up would be on a weekly basis. Mr. Kunkle reported depending on the weather it is removed once or twice a week. Mr. Googins reported we are still trying to work it out the best way, most convenient and most cost effective way to do it; will look at trying to do something additional.

Mr. Hufnagel asked if the trash pick up is extended by three years, the price would be held two more years or five years total; is that a new three year contract extended and hold the price to two years and after the two years are up have a chance to renegotiate it. Mr. Kunkle reported going into an extension the price would stay where it is at; there would be no escalator clause or fuel increases and no guaranteed price increases like in the current contract; if Reid felt during the five year period his position warranted an increase he would approach Council and ask for one. Mr. Googins asked Mr. Fouse that when this is written could Council stipulate the fact if we are approached with a price increase we may not have to stay with that contract. Mr. Fouse reported once in negotiation anything is reasonable; what is he willing to do for a long term contract is the question. Mr. Googins asked if a five year contract was given and he came back and raised the price \$5 per month; what are the options. Mr. Fouse reported Council can say no. Mr. Hufnagel questioned putting the contract out for bid

and finding other competitive bids that might be lower; regardless of how good he is; picking up on holidays, etc.; if another municipal waste facility that picks up on a lesser rate would be a benefit to everyone in the township. Mr. Thomas reported we probably won't find someone at a lesser rate; he is a borough resident; he picks up everything no matter what you put out; he is not going to come in here to raise the rates just to raise the rates; has know him for thirty years. Mr. Hufnagle reported he is not talking about he knows everybody; this is a business; approach him on a business aspect, not a friendship or as a buddy; look for the best competitive price; the service might not be the best from the lowest, but from the notes he has read from the past meetings, it seems that Council, in regrettable fashion has gone with the lowest bids on some instances; i.e. roofing instances, where a roof deteriorated after a short amount of time; read in the minutes back in May; instead of always going with the lowest bid, because you know the guy or he's your friend, approach it on a business aspect, instead a friendship.

Mr. Hufnagle requested speed control devices on Golden Grove Road; he travels Golden Grove Road every day; with young children coming into the community now, sees residents walking with their children all the time; the speed limit on Golden Grove Road is 35 MPH; has spoken to a representative from Pennsylvania Representative Jaret Gibbons office about getting a study done on the road; question is: if they do, do a study to enforce stop signs of any type to calm the speed down, it would be up to Economy Borough to act on it; is this something Economy Borough would be willing to act on or is he wasting his time speaking to the state representative. Mr. Rock verified Mr. Hufnagle wanted stop signs on Golden Grove. Mr. Hufnagle reported yes, to slow the speed down. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Fouse what the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation rule on slowing down speed with the use of stop signs. Mr. Hufnagle reported calming down. Mr. Fouse reported you are not allowed to do that; verified that Golden Grove Road is a state road. Mayor Poling asked if it would have to be done through the state. Mr. Fouse reported the question is can you use stop signs to slow traffic. Mr. Hufnagle reported to calm traffic. Mr. Fouse reported he does not speak for the state; doesn't know what they do; knows what Economy Borough does; Economy Borough passed upon and do traffic study's to determine the enforceability of stop signs; when this is done we identify where to place stop signs. Mr. Rock reported Golden Grove Road is his pet peeve; people came to meetings in the past, several years ago Golden Grove Road was falling apart; Council went to Mr. LaGratta every year; when Mr. Gibbons was running talked to him, supported him; he got in office and within six months the road was paved; before it was paved the residents complained it was like Ho Chi Minh Trail; neighbors who are Vietnam veterans said Ho Chi Minh Trail wasn't that bad when they were in Vietnam; Council got it paved and now people are driving too fast; damned if you do, damned if you don't. Mr. Hufnagle reported, we can't regress to where we were, we can only proceed from where we are at; he, his wife and son live on Golden Grove Road; transitioning from Winterset to Green Forest he almost got run over. Mr. Rock reported he understands because he walks with his wife and dog. Mr. Hufnagle reported since it is a state road there is nothing Economy Borough can do to implement the stop signs; is there something Economy Borough can do to help persuade the state. Mayor Poling reported if there is anything Mr. Hufnagle could do, God Bless him; because Economy Borough has tried; the requests always come back a big no; you have to have so many deaths, traffic accidents, etc.; he is welcome to try and call Senator Vogel's office and Representative Gibbon's office. Mr. Hufnagle reported he understands that Economy Borough's motto is "We Love Our Children"; concerned for the children; if his son gets smashed, he would be heartbroken, he would be ready to do something; before that happens, why can't Economy Borough pressure someone no matter what it takes. Mayor Poling reported to get in contact with Senator Vogel; he has tried different areas. Mr. Hufnagle asked why it is so hard. Mr. Rock felt it is because they don't want to get involved; it works for them; like Mayor Poling said it's always after the fact; after someone dies or after a terrible accident happens, then they make the change; that happened in Beaver Falls with high school students, a terrible accident on the road, the state comes in and says we will put up stop signs now. Mr. Hufnagle reported when he was in high school, the same thing happened in McKee's Rocks. Mr. Rock reported it is always after the fact and he agrees with him 100%; Council has talked about that road many times; will have the police presence there; they sit in Mr. Harrington's driveway. Mr. Hufnagle reported he has offered his driveway; because his driveway is sunk down; not looking to create revenue for Economy Borough; Economy Borough gets approximately \$12 from a ticket. Mayor Poling reported it costs more because of the

overtime to go to the hearing. Mr. Hufnagel reported he has spoken to the gentleman who is in charge of the lines and he said it's too much of the liability to sit in peoples driveways, even if you offer it up; offered to sign a waiver; whatever is needed to slow people down; seeing the police presence on that road; when he spoke to the gentlemen about painting the lines he was told they were thinking of putting some lines on Golden Grove Road; hasn't seen a line on that road; that was the beginning of this year; we are two months away from snow. Mr. Rock verified with Mayor Poling, we can give him the lines and get the police there.

Mr. Hufnagel reported regarding Economy Borough finances, suggested increasing building permit fees; we are not competitive with other boroughs. Mr. Rock reported at one time we were not competitive with anyone and we have raised our fees. Mr. Hufnagel reported Economy Borough is not competitive with what third party agency's charge. Mr. Rock reported that is because they are a third party. Mr. Hufnagel reported if they charge borough residents in Shippingport per square foot and Economy Borough is charging fifty cents less and we have an in house guy we are paying and they aren't paying a building inspector, why aren't we. Mr. Kunkle reported the resolution will be looked at again before the year is over.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, , seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract language, contract negotiations and the CENTAX agreement, no vote to be taken tonight. Time: 9:15 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Googins – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 9:58 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Googins– to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:58 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

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October 23, 2009