

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** NOVEMBER 10, 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:

John Campbell, 123 Gross Drive, reported dedication of the Veterans Memorial will be Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 9:00 AM; thanked Jake Thomas, the Economy Volunteer Fire Department, Earl Fitzgerald, road department employees, Jim, Rich, Mike and Chris for all the last minute work done on the Memorial; invited all Council and residents to the dedication. Mr. Rock thanked Mr. Campbell for all his efforts.

JoAnn Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, reported extensive research she has done and urged Council to grant the request of Officers Creese and Orsini for the additional 15 Military Days and consideration of vacation in 2010.

Buddy Heilig, 1230 Tevebaugh Hollow Road, reported the property behind his has been surveyed; what is going to be put there. Mr. Rock reported the property was subdivided and West View Water Authority (WVWA) purchased a portion. Mayor Poling reported WVWA purchased 20 acres for a proposed treatment plant. Mr. Heilig reported the workers dump the recycle bin into the recycle truck breaking the glass. Mr. Kunkle reported this is taken to the site on Duss Avenue and sorted by hand, the unbroken glass is recycled.

Matt Morrone, 208 Foxglove, asked Mr. Fouse if Joe Luff called between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM to his office. Mr. Fouse reported he may have as he receives lots of calls. Mr. Morrone asked how he could inspect sewers inside a home when he just passed the test on October 27th. Mr. Rock reported this will be looked into.

Cliff Roffner, 113 Hamilton Court, reported his concern that putting the speed humps on Park Hill Road will now cause us to have less money to buy salt and put increased traffic on other roads such as Woodcroft.

Greg Trecha, 111 Hamilton Court, reported his concern with the speed humps that people with cars lower to the ground will have damage to their vehicles; feels this was a waste of time, energy and money; should go after the offenders.

John Campbell suggested the road be posted local traffic only, no thru traffic.

James Sas, 116 Hamilton Court, reported his concern with the policy of permitting speed humps is that it is not fiscally responsible of Council; other groups may now come with other issues they think are more important. Mr. Rock reported issues are handled on a case by case basis.

Bob Mecchia, 211 Fernwood Drive, gave a history of his three year efforts to have something done to provide traffic calming to Park Hill Road for the safety of the residents.

Adam Klimkowski, 960 Conway Wallrose Road, feels Economy Borough is used as a thruway to Cranberry; the police department roof was replaced for \$40,000; should worry about the roofs on all the other buildings; the sewage department needs to be audited. Mr. Rock reported Council has nothing to do with the Municipal Authority, they meet the third Thursday of each month if he has an issue.

Dave Parks, 209 Silverdale Drive, reported he is a civil engineer and site distance is a concern for public safety and should be addressed. Mayor Poling reported the police will notify the homeowner to cut back the tree/shrubs.

John Campbell asked why a safety violation has to wait for a resident to file a complaint before it is acted on. Mr. Rock advised citizens seeing a violation should contact Mr. Kunkle or Chief Harrington.

Ruth Helsel, Gross Drive, reported she had to call Abitibi four times last week to get the paper box emptied at her store; papers were blowing all over the parking lot and the neighborhood. Mr. Rock reported there are four boxes at the Economy Elementary School, two boxes at the Jr. High for use, possibly she could have the box at the Economy Superette removed if the problem persists.

MINUTES:

Mrs. Mutschler corrected the spelling of Mr. Milnik's name on page 185 and requested a sentence at the bottom of Page 191 be removed.

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2009, Regular Session of Council, as corrected. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling thanked Matt Morrone for working at the Veteran's Memorial; thanked John Campbell for all the dedicated personal hours he has put in for the Veteran's Memorial.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Ordinance – Proposed Firearms: Mr. Kunkle reported this is tabled until the committee meets but will remain on the agenda.

2. Ordinance No. 422 – Nuisance – Junk Vehicles: Mr. Kunkle reported this was tabled from the last meeting due to the concern that thirty days was not reasonable to resolve an issue. Mr. Sivy asked Mr. Fouse what other municipalities with a similar ordinance use. Mr. Fouse reported thirty days. Mr. Sivy is fine with the thirty days as long as Mr. Fouse is.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to enact Ordinance No. 422 amending Chapter 125 of the Borough Code entitled "Nuisances" to (1) add the definition for Junked Vehicles or parts thereof; and (2) add regulations regarding junked vehicles or parts thereof. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Benefits Request Officers Creese and Orsini: Mr. Fouse reported he would like to talk to Council in Executive Session at the end of the meeting regarding this, the police secretary contract, benefits for the borough manager and borough secretary and the Giant Eagle condemnation litigation matter; may be a vote.

4. E. Reid Powell Contract Extension: Mr. Fouse reported he has reviewed past ordinances and it is his opinion that Economy Borough has the authority to renew the contract for a period of five years without putting it out for bid.

MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize Mr. Fouse and Mr. Kunkle to sit down with E. Reid Powell and develop a contract for a five year term. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Lilly/D’Amato Subdivision: Mr. Kunkle reported this is a simple subdivision with lots situate mostly in Bell Acres Borough and a small portion in Economy Borough; both Planning Commission’s recommend approval with typical caveats.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Lilly/D’Amato Subdivision conditioned upon the following: comply with the BCPC review comments of October 21, 2009 , comply with the Planning Consultants recommendations of October 29, 2009, Shoup Engineer’s recommendations of August 3, 2009 and comply with all borough ordinances and regulations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Slappo Zoning Amendment Request: Mr. Kunkle reported petition has been received requesting to amend the zoning of parcels at the end of Cooney Hollow Road from R-2 to R-A; the Planning Commission has reviewed the request and recommends to Economy Borough to authorize advertising for a public hearing.

MOITON by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to authorize the advertising for the Slappo Zoning Amendment Request Public Hearing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Wind Energy Zoning Amendment: Mr. Kunkle reported the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance incorporating personal wind energy systems in all zoning district as Special Exceptions is ready to be advertised for a public hearing.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to authorize the advertising for the Personal Wind Energy Systems Zoning Amendment Public Hearing for November 24, 2009. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. 2010 Proposed Budget: Mr. Kunkle provided the proposed 2010 Budget to Council; would need advertised for public review period. Council requested time to review before making a motion.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Thomas – to advertise for a Special Meeting, Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 7:00 PM specifically for the Proposed 2010 Budget. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy reported one of the furnaces in the Community Building was repaired; it is still operating; shows signs of the heat exchanger cracking; but would like to keep money in the 2010 Budget in case it needs repairs/replaced; reported a new business opened on Sewickley Creek Road; reported there would be a wind guard on the proposed new municipal building sign.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Mutschler reported the police would like to meet with the Public Safety Committee to iron out a few remaining details in the contract negotiations

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Thomas asked what the W. Pa. Teamsters and Welfare bill in the amount of \$983.00 on page 1 and page 3 is for. Mrs. Raymer reported this is the health care premium for the borough manager and the borough secretary.

Mr. Sivy asked if the \$500 deductible on the Ford Crown Victoria will be reimbursed to Economy Borough. Mayor Poling reported the \$500 deductible will be made part of the restitution for the incident.

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

Mrs. Mutschler asked that the list of bills be given the Friday before the meeting with the agenda.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Mutschler reported the road crew continues to work on the speed humps on Park Hill Road.

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mr. Thomas reported he would follow up with another meeting on the proposed firearms ordinance.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Googins reported Ambridge Water Tank was inspected; there is an issue with the chlorination system; may be on line by Friday.

Mr. Googins reported there are two Newly Elected Official Training Courses (PSAB & Local Government Academy); very valuable; \$450/person. Mr. Rock reported new members have gone in the past and it would be fair to offer this to the new members. Mr. Kunkle reported there is money in training for the registration.

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize the new elected officials to attend the Local Government Academy Newly Elected Official Course at a cost of \$450/person, if they wish to attend. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

ENGINEER:

Mr. Shoup reported regarding the Mueller issue, that several of the Road Committee are reviewing the issue but are not ready to make a recommendation.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse reported he would like to talk to Council in Executive Session regarding the military leave benefit issue, the police secretary contract, borough manager and borough secretary benefits and the Giant Eagle condemnation litigation matter; may be a vote.

HEAR THE PUBLIC II:

President Rock opened the floor back up for questions about what was discussed during the business portion of the meeting.

JoAnn Borato asked if the public could ask questions at next Tuesday's special budget meeting. Mr. Fouse advised questions can be asked during the public review period.

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to enter into Executive Session to discuss the military leave benefit issue, the police secretary contract, borough manager and borough secretary benefits and the Giant Eagle condemnation litigation matter; may be a vote.
Time: 9:20 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to return to the regular order of business.
Time: 10:45 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Fouse advised discussed during Executive Session was the military leave benefit issue, the police secretary contract, borough manager and borough secretary benefits and the Giant Eagle condemnation litigation matter; no votes will be taken tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 10:45 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
November 19, 2009