

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** JULY 13, 2010

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: Gary Bucuren, Audrey Mutschler, Donald Sivy, Michelle Sovich-Lapinski, John C. Thomas, Ronald R. Rock

ABSENT: Larry Googins

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor David N. Poling, Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Norman Shoup, P.E., P.L.S., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Rock opened the meeting to the public; give name and address for the record; restricted to borough business; try to be 3-5 minutes; speaking one time, trying to get everything in that one time.

Kathy Cruise, 91 Firethorn Road, thanked Council for the proposal to amend the burning ordinance; they presented information over the past several months about the pollutants that is caused; encouraging Council to vote in favor of the amendment; if there is a resident who complains they could educate them regarding the health issues and alternative methods such as composting; if Economy Borough would start a composting awareness program, would be happy to participate and help with that; if there are any grants they could pursue regarding composting or anything else would be happy to research and participate in that as well; thanked Council for their attention to this matter. Mr. Rock reported he believed the Post-Gazette in the last week or two had a big article on composting and how easy it is anymore; don't need lots of property; there are all types of containers that can hold literally millions of leaves and other things to compost; was an extensive article; knows the other 49 states are very into the environment and going green; it is one of the few things that both of the political parties agree on, the importance of the environment today; after the BP oil spill it has made it more significant for our environment.

Andy Melnick, 416 Friel Road, reported he is hoping Council is going to come to a vote on the gun ordinance tonight; hopes that everyone realizes that it is not a complete ban of gun shooting and we are trying to just get the muzzle away from the house so that it is not directly next to your window; of course there is a safety concern; hoping that is where we are going to go with tonight; two years have passed. Mr. Rock reported Mr. Googins is not here this evening, the COG had a group big on Second Amendments rights look at our proposed ordinance; they thought that this was the type of ordinance that they felt would be very workable; they felt they saw no problems with it; they were not the NRA, but were associated with the NRA; they were educating municipalities on gun rights and Second Amendments rights; they felt nothing was being violated here. Mr. Melnick reported the Second Amendment says the right to keep and bear arms; does not specify where and when to shoot; just a matter of getting the muzzle away from the house for safety reasons.

Sal Boboth, 105 Timber Ridge Road, reported he has 3 acres of ground; lived here 38 years; has been burning for all 38 years; is 70 years old and is still kicking; does not see any reason to amend the burning ordinance.

Debbie Jeanette, 89 Firethorn Road, reported she appreciates that people who have burned over the years and maintain their houses; unfortunately the environment has changed; that is what we are in trouble with now; more pollutants, more toxins; we hope everybody else will have as much health as people did 80 years ago.

Elizabeth Burns, 100 Stange Road, reported she is for the burning ordinance for the leaves; her daughter had asthma growing up; she has some type of breathing problems; her husband definitely has a breathing problem; the other night when it was cool (9:30-10:00) put the fan in the window; could not breath, could not have the window open because some idiot was burning and letting it smolder all night; which threw her and her husband into respiratory problems; those are the problem they had whenever her daughter was growing up; had to rush her to the hospital because some idiot was burning late at night; if it was up to her, there would be no burning in Economy Borough; people who say they are 70 and healthy, all well and good for them; there are people with lung problems, asthma, and pneumonia; people dying of cancer, living on oxygen and can't breath while some idiot is burning; no respect for their life; if you have problems breathing, it is not a happy place; in the hospital has listened to somebody just screaming for help as they can't breath; it is not a fun thing to listen to or to go through; applaud them for bring up the no burning. Mr. Thomas reported if there are people burning after dark, call him. Mrs. Burns reported they are so sneaky in her area, you don't now where it is. Mr. Thomas reported to just call him and let him know the area she is at. Mrs. Burns reported she would love to, but they are sneaky; it is garbage and you don't know where it is coming from. Mr. Thomas reported all she has to do is call, let him know the area she is in and he will find it. Mr. Sivy reported he has also had complaints from people around her area; probably two or three; give a phone call.

Ray McClellan, 196 Shaffer Road, reported his wife has been composting for 40 years; reported he has a big mess on his property from storm drainage; Randy has been there to see the mess; does not know if Mr. Shoup was there or not; would like it cleaned up and would like it stopped. Mr. Rock reported Council has had quite a few complaints because of the weather problems; he is one of many; Council is putting together a master plan to attack all this; instead of doing it piece meal; getting a master plan so that Council can go throughout Economy Borough and solve all these problems, not just single ones out there; verified that Mr. Kunkle is aware of Mr. McClellan's problem. Mr. Kunkle reported Earl, Larry, Scott Shoup met for a second time on Friday to start to put together a plan; this problem is reminiscent of some of the other problems, each one is unique; in this particular case his property and probably the next property down stream are the worst affected; they have called before as well; this is a case where development occurred in the 1950's or 1960's; at that point in time, drainage was not addressed the way we do now; if you look across the street with the new development you will find retention and detention ponds; everyone of the residents who purchase a home there helps to pay for the facilities; 40 years ago, the requirements were not the same, yet we have the problems; that is what we are seeing here, drainage that probably should have been dealt with before is causing problems now; it does not get cheaper as time goes on. Mr. Rock asked if he sees a solution for Mr. McClellan's problem. Mr. Kunkle reported the first step which doesn't completely solve the problem is similar to what we did on Mary Reed Road where we had a similar type problem, is to install rip/rap below our outfall pipe which is up in the Miller Plan; the purpose of that is to try to help slow the water down; dissipate the energy to slow the water down; if you are able to do that sufficiently you lessen the chance of the problem right now; the problem right now though in his yard is a significant mess; a lot of sediment; not sure how to address that. Mr. Rock reported we are still looking at it; hopefully will develop a plan for his property along with the others. Mr. Kunkle reported the problem with trying to address it with our forces is time; plus you want to try to do it when it is dry; right now we are not able to commit to that; at least today we are not; trying to come up with a plan; it is another one of these if it was easy to solve, we would solve it; it is not. Mayor Poling asked about the clean up. Mr. Kunkle

reported we have typically not gone on to private property and cleaned it; if we make that leap, we would have to be willing to make it in a lot of places; would only want to do that with the engineer's and solicitor's advise. Mr. Sivy reported he is not familiar with the property right now; is there a possibility that Economy Borough could look in to a small lot that someone would sell to make a retaining pond. Mr. Kunkle reported the quick answer to that is, probably yes; there is a lot of hurdles to get to that point; would have to involve the engineer to find a suitable location; would have to find a willing property owner to sell; would have to have the money to do the project; retro fitting proper drainage; anything can be done; just a matter of where you can do it and how much money you have to spend; in this particular case, hard, did not see when it was pouring down rain, the 30" pipe was shooting water out of it at near capacity over a hill; we don't allow that to happen today; like the environment we are talking about, it just eats everything away; we try to prevent that; that is what is happening when we get these very strong storms like we have seen; has heard it from more than just Mr. McClellan one of these storms we had recently was worse than Hurricane Ivan; we are starting to see this on a regular basis it seems. Mayor Poling asked where the water originates from. Mr. Kunkle reported from the Miller Plan, Woodside, Lynn Street; Mr. McClellan is in the log cabin where Zehnder cuts up into the woods; it is tons and tons of debris; tends to shift the creek bed too; the creek fills up with sediment then find another place to go; the next lowest place; it is something we will have to continue to deal with. Mr. Rock reported that is probably not the answer Mr. McClellan wants to hear. Mr. McClellan reported it will continue to get worse; retention pond, put it in, we are more than welcome on his property; has enough property to put one in; had an engineer on his own say that is what should be in there; maybe two of them possibly; to stop this 30" coming down, the trench is now 14 feet deep; the last big storm it took 2 feet out of the bottom of that and put it in his field; higher than he can reach; wanted to go take pictures, but it is too dangerous, blowing down the hill that bad. Mr. Rock reported Mr. McClellan is allowing Economy Borough to use his property; maybe this is something we could look into with Mr. Shoup to get an idea of what this would cost. Mr. Kunkle reported the engineer would be able to produce that for Council. Mr. Shoup reported they can look at it; knows Scott was there with Randy and Earl; Mr. Fouse would have to be involved. Mr. Rock reported yes, the legal ramification to Economy Borough. Mr. McClellan asked in what way. Mr. Fouse reported he is not aware of this circumstance; asked if there is evidence that this is caused by Economy Borough. Mr. Kunkle reported the drainage does come from borough streets; the percentage would be very high; guessing 90/10 or so, coming off a borough street, collected in a borough pipe. Mr. Fouse asked if these were developments that created this. Mr. Kunkle reported more than likely. Mr. Rock reported they go back to the 1950's. Mr. Fouse reported in addition there are liability issues with regards to a storm retention pond; there are a lot of legal issues to grapple with. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Fouse to check this out for Council and do research on that to see where Council stands. Mr. Fouse reported we have stormwater retention ponds, does not know if we own or control any. Mr. Thomas asked if we put it in would we have to maintain it. Mr. Fouse reported he is aware of other municipalities that actually own and control; that is not always the best thing to do; is not recommending that; that is a question he would pose. Mr. McClellan reported he talked to an engineer who said you could rip/rap the whole bottom of it too; that will slow it down, stop it, probably the rest of his life; after that he doesn't really care; that has been the attitude of the Miller Plan for the 40 years he has lived there; and Economy Borough, they don't care; he has finally brought it to light here some more; brought it here before; this is not this room with gravel in it; it is a mess; right now no storm water stays in the ditch where it belongs; it comes down; he goes back with a hoe after it stops and tries to make a ditch to get the field dried out; places it is steep and deeper; it's not pretty and his wife likes to keep it pretty back there. Mr. Rock reported Council would look in to this further to see what can be done for him.

John Hrinko, 222 Park Hill Road, suggested singling out the people that don't burn responsibly; let their fires smolders; burn when they are not suppose to burn; and not penalize the people that do burn responsibly; what happens to the debris after the wind storms and rain storms; don't penalize the people that do burn responsibly. Mr. Sivy reported this is not a burning ban; it is an amendment; mainly for leaf burning. Mr. Thomas reported basically green leaves. Mr. Sivy reported it is not banning burning. Mayor Poling reported it prevents people from raking their leaves in a big pile and burning them.

Tony Dippolito, 2900 Conway Wallrose Road, has 4 or 5 big maple trees in his yard; if he can't burn leaves he would have to bag the leaves; he's 82; would take him till he is 100; suggests Economy Borough buy a leaf vac truck and come along like the other boroughs and pick up the leaves. Mr. Rock suggested composting. Mr. Dippolito reported he does compost; has 2 6X4 composts; how many leaves can you put in a compost; just kidding yourself what is in the ordinance; composted for 50 years; BS what he says; if somebody has a little lot, but people in the Bradford Plan have nothing but trees; what are those people going to do with all those leaves. Mr. Rock reported composting. Mr. Dippolito reported he is just talking out of sense; you can't compost that many trees; impossible; Economy Borough has to get a truck and do like the other boroughs; people could put the leaves close to the road, we would come along and suck them up; what do other boroughs do with the leaves. Mr. Bucuren reported he agrees; it comes back to what he said the last couple meetings and talked about; agrees that Economy Borough needs to come up with something to take care of these leaves; if Council is going to stop people from burning they need to come up with some type of money to where Council can turn around and take care of this for the residents; said before and will say again, thinks this should be done free of charge; same with the limbs. Mr. Dippolito reported someone said to him to cut some of his trees down; he is not going to cut his trees down; in Sewickley if you want to cut a tree on your property you have to get a permit; but they are willing to pick up the leaves. Mr. Rock reported he asked for ideas, he gave composting as an idea; Mr. Dippolito already does compost. Mr. Dippolito reported that is the only other solution; asked who burns green leaves; does not understand that. Mr. Rock reported his neighbor about a week ago when it was 90-95 degrees his wife was closing the back windows because a neighbor whose lot goes way behind him decided to burn leaves. Mr. Dippolito reported he has been burning for 50 years; burns when the leaves are dry and burns them in his garden; does not make big piles, spreads it out; to put a ban on burning everything is ridiculous. Mr. Rock reported it is not on everything. Mr. Dippolito reported that is what somebody in this crowd wants to do to burning; stop it altogether; that's ridiculous.

Adam Klimkowski, 960 Conway Wallrose Road, suggested if Council does adopt this ordinance and until Council would get a vac truck or something like that, make it instead of 5 days a week to burn, 1 day a month to burn the leaves to appease some of the people; also need to look at the flip side of the cost; to go get a vac truck is approximately \$100,000; might want to consider making people happy by putting the leaf burning ban in, but thinks one day a month is fair; if it rains reschedule; or make it that you get special permits; he personally is against any ban on burning, just trying to think of some solutions if Council does adopt it to make it easier; either get a permit to burn the leaves certain days you would be allowed to do it; just his suggestion; also wanted to mention with regards to storm water run off; that residents problem seems particularly bad, but that storm that we had on Friday and some people and the weather bureau disagrees with him, they said we got about an inch of rain; he had twenty empty bone dry buckets spread out on his property, after the storm they all had over three inches of water; thinks we got way more rain than anybody else surrounding us; other areas had flash flooding, but we were just way overloaded with rain; over three inches; a lot of rain; not sure if everybody would agree or disagree with that; the weather service vastly underestimated the rain we got. Mrs. Mutschler asked if the ordinance is adopted the way it is written and then allow burning two times a month; can it be posted in the paper and say we are now having leaf burning on particular days. Mr. Fouse reported it is not very practical; does not work very effectively; makes the ordinance now challengeable; the idea is a good idea, but it is really a question of enforcement; then you get challenged for being selectively enforcing; you almost have to write it in to the ordinance; specific date and time. Mr. Klimkowski reported the current burning law/ordinance is Tuesday to Saturday; Council already has the ordinance that Sunday and Monday you can't; so if you adopt the ordinance, like trash is, second and third Tuesday. Mrs. Mutschler reported can't do that; people won't remember. Mr. Klimkowski suggested the 15th or the first of every month; knows there is a way it can be done because Council already has an ordinance already for five days a week out of seven; it's just writing the ordinance so that it is enforceable.

Patricia Kosarych, 1240 Tevebaugh Road, reported she has been to Council complaining about the speeders; was here October 13, 2009, and talked about how heavy the traffic was getting and how people were speeding; quoted the minutes "Mayor Poling to talk to Chief Harrington to put something down there."; does not know

what that meant; has not seen any action that people could discern; there are two bends and her house is in the middle; shortly after she made that complaint a car was going up the road, missed the bend at the bridge by the RR Supervisors Club and plowed into a tree; the neighbor in the 1300 block has had their mailbox taken out three times this year; came back after the long winter on March 9, 2010, with the same complaint about the traffic; quoted the minutes "Mayor Poling reported when the weather clears up they can start setting up vascar again."; has not had anything down there yet; on June 14th a car sped into the creek trying to make that same bend by the bridge; they had to be towed out; on July 11th somebody speeding down from the bend, straight stretch, they pick up speed; went around towards Baden, crashed and took out a telephone pole in Baden about 500' off the Economy Borough section across the bridge; understands that is a Baden accident, but it took out the Economy Borough residents electricity for two hours; thinks Council needs to be aware that the residents have kids and adults walking on Tevebaugh; kids from the Jr. High that have a gymnastic/track program that come down there; they have wildlife; a lot of turkeys; also have deer which seem to be the primary excuse everybody uses; a deer jumped out in front of them; everybody that lives there knows that is not where the deer run and their deer aren't that stupid to make a run through those bends; something needs done; have a neighbor who just moved in last year here who has a hard time getting out of the driveway because she is right on that bend; she had a hard time getting out of the driveway to come to tonight's meeting as a car was zooming down; something needs to be done because it is getting crazy out there. Mr. Rock verified that the speed monitoring device is on Tevebaugh. Mrs. Kosarych reported it is fun to watch; it will slow some people down, but some people speed up to see how high the numbers go; saw a car go by and it registered 40 MPH. Mayor Poling asked what the speed limit is on Tevebaugh. Mrs. Kosarych reported 25 MPH; when she complained about this years ago, they put signs up; told them when to run a traffic detail down there; Friday to Monday morning; that is the heaviest traffic; they did it on a Tuesday and put a 25 MPH speed limit sign up the road and one between her house and the bend towards Baden and somebody knocked it out; they are drafting almost like in NASCAR; 3,4,5 cars in a row; passing each other; it is out of control; a few months ago there was a fire and all the traffic was diverted from Conway Wallrose Road down Tevebaugh; it was horrendous; something needs to be done; somebody is going to get killed down there and does not want to see that happen. Mr. Rock asked Mayor Poling to encourage Chief Harrington maybe to put someone on the week ends; somebody on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mayor Poling verified with Mrs. Kosarych from 3:00 Friday until 9:00 AM Monday. Mr. Thomas reported Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday night. Mrs. Kosarych reported they haven't seen much police down there until the last accident on July 11th; sees them now go up and down the road. Mr. Rock reported they need more presence by the police from Friday nights to Monday morning.

Charles Heilig, 1230 Tevebaugh Road, reported the u boat commander that drove into the creek said he was not going too fast, that he had crappy tires on his car and three deer came out, so he had to avoid hitting the deer; asked what happened to his brakes; why didn't he stop; reported he likes burning the way it is; firearms ordinance, does not blame them, does not want somebody shooting at his windows at all hours of the day or what the ordinance might be; does not have a problem; asked when they will get water on Tevebaugh; has been a while since he has been there and was told it was in a lawsuit; he let it go, came back 6, 8 months later; eventually a lawsuit has got to end somewhere, somehow, someway. Mr. Rock reported this is being dragged out by one party; not Economy Borough. Mr. Thomas reported if the residents want water there, they have to get the residents who live there to sign a petition requesting that they need water; bad wells, etc.; bring that petition to Council and Council will pursue it from there with Ambridge Water Authority (AWA). Mr. Rock reported when he was Public Utility chair, the water authority wanted enough people to sign up so that their cost would be covered when they put in pipes; i.e. if there are 40 residents there, get 20 people to sign up with the tap in fee at their rates; basically that would cover AWA putting in the pipes; was told AWA is not a charity, they are a business; all they wanted was enough residents to sign up to cover the cost of AWA laying the basic pipes. Mr. Heilig reported he thought that was done when they put the sewer in. Mr. Rock reported no, that was completely different. Mr. Heilig reported the resident with the 14' hole (Ray McClellan) does not want that; unless he likes Canadian geese, he may want to think twice about a retention pond; because it will draw geese, will draw mosquitoes and everything else that flies; don't have enough Chinese people in Beaver County. Mr. Thomas reported if he wants water he has to try to get the residents who live there to sign a petition on

paper; need at least half of them so Council can pursue this; if you get only 2, 3, or 4 people; knows there are no 40 homes; if there are 20 homes and he gets 10 signatures that is probably enough for Council to pursue; Council will pursue it, just get some signatures stating that the residents there need water and Council will pursue it.

Valarie Poulos, 213 Park Hill Road, reported she is a second generation in Economy Borough; is very opposed to Council banning the leaf burning; they own three acres of property; they compost; too many leaves; to keep up and maintain the property they need to be able to burn; hopes that Council might consider looking at residents property sizes; if she had a house next to someone else's house, she would not want her neighbor to burn; her neighbors don't see her, she does not see them; wishes Council would take into consideration property size; it is hard to believe that leaf burning is the major pollution in our air; has the air been assessed to determine it. Mr. Rock reported she could talk to a lot of her neighbors, especially in Bradford Park; he lives in Bradford Park; the joke for years is that they are the leaf burning capital of the world; has had residents tell him who have been burning for years and years; when he got on Council in 2000, first thing residents asked him was to ban leaves; did talk about it; ten years ago it was decided it was something Council was not going to get in to because at that time Economy Borough was starting a major sewer project and put it on the back burner; had quite a few resident calls were to ban leaf burning in Bradford Park; even with a ban on week ends, you will see people burning on week ends; if he had three acres of land would push the leaves to the back somewhere and compost on their own. Ms. Poulos reported she has one area, but it is hard to keep up with three acres of leaves; hard to belief the biggest pollutants; we get wind from Industry; heard people complaining when J&L was blowing smoke. Mr. Rock reported we probably don't get wind from industry and J&L was 30-40 years ago; that was people earning their wage, their jobs, their livelihoods. Ms. Poulos asked if she was a leaf burner for a living it is ok.

Tony Dippolito, 2900 Conway Wallrose Road, responded to Mr. Klimkowski's suggestion of putting a certain day of the month, is ridiculous; thinks he should know that. Mr. Rock reported Mr. Klimkowski was just giving an alternative. Mr. Dippolito reported that maybe the day that the burning is on is raining or either he is not feeling good; at 82 years old he can't maybe do it that day and wants to do it next week; Council bans, bans, bans; asked Mr. Rock if his position is against all burning. Mr. Rock responded yes; there is no need to burn; if it is a safety situation, a tree fallen over, the wood must be burned, things like that; if it is not a safety situation, strictly to burn, he is right. Mr. Dippolito reported he got the feeling Mr. Rock is against all burning whatsoever; feels he should not show that to people at the meeting that he is at that way; definitely is he bias. Mr. Rock reported he is allowed to have his opinion; Mr. Klimkowski was simply giving an alternative, whether we like it or not. Mr. Dippolito reported the suggestion of one day a month is ridiculous; we have enough laws, bylaws and other kinds of laws; back to communist country or something.

Sal Boboth, 105 Timber Ridge Road, reported some residents are worried about the smoke from burning; has it ever been considered to find out how much radiation we get from the atomic power plant; Council ought to because we are getting it, but it is within government guidelines; we are getting it.

Adam Klimkowski, 960 Conway Wallrose Road, reported he wouldn't burn seven days a week; was just trying to make it easier on the residents if the ordinance does pass; trying to give alternatives; has been wanting to address about the water; not sure exactly what the lawsuit is with AWA; from his experience there is low water pressure in Economy Borough; is that part of the lawsuit; thinks they need a water tower somewhere in the area of this building; compared to Baden, Harmony, Ambridge, Economy Borough water pressure is drastically lower; not sure if other people experience that. Mr. Rock reported Mayor Poling has had that problem and there is a new water tower next to the other one on Conway Wallrose Road that is a lot higher and suppose to solve all our problems; asked Mayor Poling how is water pressure is now. Mayor Poling reported it did not help at all. Mr. Klimkowski reported AWA needs a 200' tall tower; by the time it gets to the top of the hill there is no pressure. Mayor Poling reported it is the same elevation. Mr. Rock reported Council has had many complaints about water pressure. Mr. Klimkowski asked if that was in the lawsuit. Mr. Fouse reported it is because part of

the lawsuit is the fact that they built this tower to in part enhance our pressure but it was also going to effect other communities pressure; in their rate structure they are only charging us for this construction and no other community; to that extent it is part of the lawsuit; he is not certain that the tower is in service. Mr. Klimkowski does not think it is because the water pressure has been terrible here for years. Mr. Fouse asked if Economy Borough has any evidence that there is water in the tank. Mr. Kunkle reported AWA said there is; quite a while ago. Mr. Rock reported several months ago; we can check it out. Mr. Fouse reported that does not really answer his question, except to say that it is part of the lawsuit because their rate structure is forcing Economy Borough while maybe benefiting other communities. Mr. Klimkowski reported Economy Borough already pays much higher water rates than Harmony Township, Baden Borough and Ambridge Borough. Mr. Fouse reported that is another part of the lawsuit. Mr. Klimkowski reported that's discrimination.

Meagan Trimbur, 3225 Ridge Road Ext., reported at the last meeting she asked Mr. Thomas (Fire Marshall) for inspection to be done of the property next to her; asked for a follow up and never heard anything. Mr. Thomas reported he did not get back to her as he was out of town for two weeks; working 10 hours a day right now; did do an inspection last week; has a report that he did of that property. Mrs. Trimbur asked if he did the inside or just the outside. Mr. Thomas reported both; he just did a walk thru; did not really examine everything; she is saying that there is no utility in there; she is wrong on that; there is and has been electricity there. Mrs. Trimbur reported when she called Duquesne Light Co. and gave them the address they told her there was no power on. Mr. Thomas questioned how Duquesne Light Co. could give her the information; felt it was a violation of privacy. Mrs. Trimbur reported she was curious when it got turned on. Mr. Thomas reported there is and has been power there; runs the pump for his well; that is the only utility on; there is no gas or oil; it is an oil furnace; can not say that it is a fire hazard, because none of the door ways are blocked; none of the exits going in and out of there; the home is completely secured and locked; if she is telling him somebody could break in because it is along the highway, all our homes are along highways; anyone can break into anyone's home; saying it is abandoned because no one is living there; supposed to be working on the home; not his jurisdiction; did a fire inspection on it; checked all the utilities; there is electricity there; being truthful, can not see anything that is a fire hazard in that house. Mrs. Trimbur requested a copy of the report. Mr. Thomas reported he would give her a copy of the report. Mrs. Trimbur reported on Wednesday, July 7th the code enforcement officer, Joe Luff, was spotted in Coraopolis with the Economy Borough car; wondering what he is doing in Coraopolis with the Economy Borough car. Mr. Kunkle verified with Mrs. Trimbur it was the same day her mother called. Mrs. Trimbur asked what borough business he had in Coraopolis. Mr. Kunkle reported he was at a meeting with other municipal building code officials in Moon Township, which he has gone to before; he is always know about it ahead of time.

Adam Klimkowski, 960 Conway Wallrose Road, wished to make a note on the Maker property; thinks it is a safety problem because it does not have shingles on the roof; it has had felt paper on it for over a year and felt paper is only meant to be exposed for a few days, a week or two at most; it can not handle a heavy storm; when it is raining it has to be leaking like a sieve and has to be leaking water everywhere in there; feels it is breeding mosquitoes and that type of stuff; asked if there was water damage in the attic and was there plaster falling down. Mr. Thomas reported he did not crawl up in the attic and there was no plaster falling down. Mr. Thomas reported it is not something he would want to live in; it is a work in progress.

Meagan Trimbur, 3225 Ridge Road Ext., reported at the last meeting Mr. Thomas said it would be considered to be a fire hazard if there was electric on in that house and if it was abandoned and vacant. Mr. Thomas reported he is saying this is not a fire hazard; no more of a fire hazard than the home on the other side of it; has been in a lot of homes in Economy Borough doing inspections, etc., has walked into home in Economy Borough where he could not get in the front door and walk through the house due to hoarding of newspapers piled to the ceiling for twenty or thirty years; tell him that's not a fire hazard; there is a fire hazard. Mrs. Trimbur asked how long you have for repairs; has been coming to Council for a year now; he is supposedly cleaning up the place; now

starting to see junk accumulate; suppose to be working on the house; it's been a year; Council has driven by and seen the roof; has he been working on it; has Council seen him up on the roof working; no; it's been a year; would not have an issue if he maintained the property and was a respectful neighbor; he is not a respectful neighbor; he does not maintain the property bringing her property value down; she works hard every day for what she has; asked again how long you have for repairs. Mr. Rock reported he does not believe there are any time limits if it is an ongoing process; does not know if anybody has set a timetable. Mrs. Trimbur reported she understands at a hearing previously this or last week that the Economy Borough code enforcement office said with a building permit you have six months; has a copy of Maker's building permit and it was dated 9/21/09 and she also has another paper that says on 8/03/09 that he had a building permit when he didn't; if he has six months for a building permit to fix that house up, we are out of compliance; once again this is another issue with the Economy Borough code enforcement office not doing their jobs properly. Mr. Kunkle does not think six months is a right number; thinks it is six months to start. Mrs. Trimbur reported the Economy Borough code enforcement office said it at the hearing. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported it took eighteen months to build their house. Mr. Sivy reported he believes it can be extended. Mrs. Trimbur reported her point is the building permit is dated 06/21/09; where is the new building permit; has been almost a year, no progress on that property; there is some controversy as she has a paper from the code enforcement office saying 8/3/09 saying that he has a building permit; has a copy of the building permit and it is dated 9/21/09; she has documents she can show Council; would like something done. Mr. Rock reported it is an ongoing process; there is a house being built on Ridge Road Ext. that's being built now for three or four years; the basic structure is up, but there are no walls inside; the individuals live across the street with their parents; it is probably the third or fourth year of this house being built; extensions were given. Mrs. Trimbur reported that is a house being built; this is a house that nobody is living in, it is abandoned, it is vacant, nobody is taking care of it. Mr. Rock reported no one is living in the Ridge Road Ext. house either. Mr. Thomas reported it is a brand new home. Mrs. Trimbur reported this is selective enforcement; it is a borough employee; feels that because he is a borough employee that nothing is being done. Mr. Thomas reported that is not the case with him when he went to do the fire report; if he thought it was a fire hazard there he would have stated it on the report. Mrs. Trimbur reported Mr. Thomas contradicted himself, last meeting he said if there is electric there it is a hazard. Mr. Thomas reported he did not say that; if there is electric going to any home it is considered a fire hazard; anything can happen in any home; the home she lives in; his home; has seen it happen; millions of times, some of the strangest things; if there were open connections there, open boxes, etc., that is different; if you have open boxes with electric, that is considered a fire hazard to him. Mrs. Trimbur asked if there was junk from the floor to the ceiling. Mr. Thomas said there is junk in there. Mrs. Trimbur reported she understands there is one way in and one way out, just a path. Mr. Thomas reported there is more than one way in and out because he was in there; would not want to live there. Mrs. Trimbur asked what is Council going to do with Mr. Wonderful, Joe Luff. Mr. Rock reported this is a topic that the group has an attorney and Mr. Fouse will deal with the attorney; this entire conversation should have been stopped because your attorney will be getting in contact with Mr. Fouse; the attorney was here several meetings ago; Mr. Fouse has been trying to get in contact with him; anything that is said should be said to your attorney to Mr. Fouse.

Joe Perri, 117 Lovi Road; reported he has had a years worth of ongoing court dates that had been postponed for ordinance violations brought on by his neighbors about some construction equipment and fencing that he put up on his property; it finally went to court on Thursday; Joe Luff was not there; he was expected to be there by all parties involved, including the judge; his response to that after the court date was that he passed it all off to Ray because at that time he felt it was a zoning issues; however he is the one who wrote all the citations; his opinion is that as a code enforcement officer, a lot of the laws are gray areas and it is an opinionated points to be made if you ask questions if something can be done; he gave him misinformation several times; he did several things exactly the way he told him to do and then after he had completed them he told him they were wrong and wrote him citations for it; as it stands now, Ray came out on Monday and now he is in complete compliance with all the violations and all it took was one court date; this has been going on for a year; would think that they would want to work with the residents of Economy Borough and would want to resolve this matter without ever going

to court; it only took three days to solve it after the judge said to take care of it out of court; let him know two weeks if it is resolved and as of Monday everything is dropped; his complaint is he did not show up; he told him when he came up for a permit after the court date and he asked him where he was that he had dropped it all in Rays lap. Mr. Rock reported Ray takes care of the zoning; Ray was off sick for about a year and Joe picked up a lot of what Ray did; when Ray came back Ray re picked up that job. Mr. Perri reported those issues may be true, but this has been going on since May of last year; had spoken and met with Joe at least five or six occasions prior to any citations; he was dealing with the issues prior to that; the neighbors that were complaining continued to complain about him; was doing what he was telling him to come in compliance; then he got citations; at that point he just wanted to go to court; did not know what to do; could not believe what he was telling him to do because he was getting citations; just here to complain about Joe Luff; would like to be a part of whatever is going on.

MINUTES:

June 22, 2010 – Tabled until next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling read the Mayor's Report for the Police Department for the month of June, 2010 as prepared by Chief Harrington, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary's office.

Mayor Poling apologized for what is going on Tevebaugh Road; seems to be going on all over Economy Borough, Sunset, Conway Wallrose Road, Ridge Road Extension, etc.; it is everywhere and they will do everything they can.

Mayor Poling reported whoever weed wacked the tennis court did a good job, looks great. Mr. Kunkle reported it was Jim Musgrave.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kunkle reminded Council and the people in the audience that once an ordinance has been advertised, any significant changed (the solicitor would determine what a significant change is) would require re advertisement; knows there were different thoughts spoken about tonight; just a reminder. Mrs. Mutschler verified that only the amendment to the burning ordinance was advertised. Mr. Kunkle reported that is right; Council would be limited to those changes without re advertising; the gun ordinance was advertised in its entirety so it would have to stay substantially the same in its entirety at tonight's vote.

1. Ordinance No. 428 Firearms: Mr. Kunkle reported this is the firearms ordinance; it has been properly advertised and Council has had public input; it is ready for adoption. Mr. Rock called for any questions of Council. Mr. Sivy reported at one of the meetings it was brought to Councils attention that the ranges of 75 yards, 25 yards were questioned; believed it was told to Council that unless the person had special permission from the dwelling owner that there would be an exception to that. Mr. Bucuren asked if Mr. Sivy is saying if they have permission from the neighbor they can shoot; yes if they have permission from the neighbor they can shoot. Mr. Thomas reported that is not in the ordinance. Mr. Sivy reported that was his understanding, but it is not listed in the ordinance; would want that in writing; there are people who would shoot groundhogs or varmints. Mr. Kunkle reported that part is covered in the ordinance. Mrs. Mutschler reported you would shoot a varmint one time and you are done; it's the rapid fire shooting. Mr. Sivy reported according to the ordinance

this can not be done. Mr. Kunkle asked if Mr. Sivy was specifically talking about varmints. Mr. Sivy reported specifically the permission. Mr. Kunkle reported the animals are an exception in the ordinance, but he is talking about a different thing. Mr. Sivy reported it was his impression that they were to have permission from the property owner; that is his only concern he has. Mrs. Mutschler reported Council would have to re advertise the ordinance. Mr. Fouse reported the least expensive would be to adopt the ordinance and then put in an exception advertised for the next meeting; there are several exceptions, this would be another one. Mr. Rock reported exception H permission of the homeowner. Mr. Fouse reported it would have to be more specific. Mr. Rock reported permission of contiguous homeowners; this could be adopted and then add Exception H, permission of contiguous homeowners. Mr. Fouse reported he would draft an amendment and Council then vote on it. Mr. Kunkle reported Council would authorize permission to advertise. Mrs. Mutschler questioned the permission by the owner. Mr. Fouse reported it would be all contiguous homeowners; i.e. you have neighbors on all four sides; if one of them gives you permission, but the other three don't; does not think you have permission; contiguous is all, unanimous; can't think of any other way to do it.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to adopt Ordinance No. 428 Regulating the Use of Firearms within the Borough of Economy, with the understanding of the advertising of Exception H would be permission of all contiguous homeowners

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Bucuren – Yes

Mr. Googins – Absent

Mrs. Mutschler – Yes

Mr. Sivy – Yes

Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – Yes

Mr. Thomas – Yes

Mr. Rock – Yes

Motion carried – 6 Yes, 1 Absent

Mrs. Mutschler asked if the permission (as with the quads) will be filed at the borough office. Mr. Fouse reported he doesn't know if this is something that Council has to put in to the ordinance; the question of enforcement for police; they are obligated to make sure that all neighbors have agreed; the best way to evidence that would be to get it in writing; do not need to necessarily put that in the ordinance.

2. Proposed Burning Ordinance: Mr. Kunkle reported this is the burning ordinance. Mr. Thomas reported he feels he has to agree with Mr. Bucuren; feels Council should have something else in place for this; not against or for anything; gets calls on people burning leaves; probably 70% of his calls are on people burning leaves; feels it is divided here with people wanting leaf burning banned and not wanting leaf burning banned; feels for the residents of Economy Borough should probably look into something else to try to take care of the needs of the residents for the leaves; would like to put this off; requests to table this for tonight; does not want to put this on the back burner and forget about it; wants something done about it soon; this is something to be looked into. Mrs. Mutschler suggested a back up plan. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported if one of the options were to buy a leaf vac truck, Council spending possibly \$100,000 on a truck that in essence all the residents would be paying for; none of this is going to be free; no matter whether you charge \$25 or \$5 or \$1 a bag, if you buy a truck every single resident is paying for it; it is not free no matter how you look at it it is not free it is costing revenue; the decision is if it is going to cost a portion of the residents who want this service; it just needs to be further defined; not saving anybody money; the service is not free; that is the bottom line. Mr. Thomas reported he is not saying it is going to be free; feels something should be looked into. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported Council should look into other options. Mr. Bucuren reported he feels the same; would like to table it to look into other areas; as far as the leaf vac truck would say he would never go that route; it would be

expensive; thinking Council needs to look into other areas where Council is wasting money on some of the yard waste issues, dumpsters going in and out; thinks Council needs to look into other areas where money can be saved and possibly would like to do this as something free for the residents as far as pick up maybe once a week have the trucks pick the leaves up; thinks there are other ways to look at this. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski asked Mr. Bucuren if he is willing to come up with a plan to present to Council and maybe everybody could filter in their ideas; come up with a basis in writing then all Council could have their input and maybe come up with something reasonable for everybody. Mr. Thomas agrees, feels Council should have some other options for the residents of Economy Borough. Mr. Bucuren reported he would look in to some different areas, yes. Mr. Thomas would like to move on this; does not want to put it off for six months; will help Mr. Bucuren anyway he can; feels Council has to do something, come up with another option. Mr. Bucuren reported he would like to have help; it is not going to be easy as far as looking at different areas on ways to save money to possibly come about this; will need a few people on this; would appreciate any help. Mr. Rock reported the best answer is one is going to cost \$100,000; Council does not have that money. Mr. Thomas reported another option would be to partner with other municipalities in Beaver County that have the leaf vac machines; may be a viable option would be to find out who has the machines; hire their services or shared services; this might be another option to take care of the leaves. Mr. Sivy reported he understands this is coming from the burning ordinance; going down Bock Lane sometimes you can't see 50' in front of you; it is an issue in his opinion; something needs to be done, but yet on same path with Mr. Thomas. Mr. Bucuren reported the bigger housing plans can rake the leaves on the street; where he works they pick them up; the residents bag them; the residents buy the paper bags, put the leaves in, they pick them up; sure it will be said it is not a free service, but they do pick it up as a free type of service; they are paying for it through their taxes and other ways; in Economy Borough we are adding an extra dollar; they have to buy an extra dollar sticker to put on every bag; if you have thirty bags. Mr. Thomas verified with Mr. Bucuren where they work the residents have to buy disposable bags for thirty, forty cents each from Home Depot, etc.; they are regular bags taken to the dump sites; they do not have to put a sticker on them; in Economy Borough we have to put a dollar sticker on every bag put out; go around pick the bags up and take them to a recycle area. Mr. Rock reported he is hearing that the majority of this Council wishes to table the proposed burning ordinance amendment. Mr. Thomas reported that would be his recommendation at this time. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Bucuren (as head of the Ordinance Committee) to try to come up with something; keep him informed on exactly where Council is headed. Mr. Fouse advised a formal motion is in order.

MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to table the proposed burning ordinance amendment at this time.

Yes – Mr. Bucuren, Mrs. Mutschler, Mr. Sivy, Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, Mr. Thomas

No – Mr. Rock

Absent – Mr. Googins

3. Milling Contract: Mr. Kunkle reported a paving program is being put together for the summer; involves three streets that need milling; First Street, Freedom Road and a section on Tevebaugh; would have to be put out for bid; Mr. Shoup can explain more about the milling process. Mr. Shoup reported milling is what it says, it chews up and gets rid of the old asphalt; has to be disposed of somehow; met with Earl and the Road Committee; the three streets are First Street, Freedom Road and a section of Tevebaugh; need to get that done right away because you can't open the bids now until next month; have to get it scheduled to get it done in order to get the paving done this year. Mr. Rock reported the Road Committee is recommending Shoup Engineering advertise for the milling bids. Mayor Poling asked Mr. Shoup if First Street section was to the Jr. High School. Mr. Shoup advised First Street from Conway Wallrose Road to Freedom Road; Tevebaugh from Conway Wallrose Road to Freedom Road; all of Freedom Road.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Thomas – to authorize Shoup Engineering to advertise for bids for milling of First Street from Conway Wallrose Road to Freedom Road; Tevebaugh from Conway Wallrose Road to Freedom Road; all of Freedom Road. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Hendrickson Plan of Subdivision (Parcel # 60-008-0600): Mr. Kunkle reported the Economy Borough Planning Commission met last night and is recommending approval of the Hendrickson Subdivision; this property is located off Wassum Road; next door to Stanley's, near Ridge Road Ext; 17 ½ acres being subdivided into 3 acres and 14 ½ acres; so that another house can be added to the larger parcel; recommended for approval based on complying with Beaver County Planning Commission comments, Shoup Engineering comments and listing the sewage easement that goes through the property; that portion was taken care of today.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to approve the Hendrickson Plan of Subdivision conditioned upon the following: comply with the BCPC review comments of June 4, 2010 , comply with the Planning Consultants recommendations of June 1, 2010, Shoup Engineer's recommendations of July 6, 2010 and comply with all borough ordinances and regulations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Mutschler reported on the list of bills is the bill for Gross Drive to cut the grass; what was the three truck loads of garbage. Mr. Kunkle reported he mentioned empty cases of beer, microwave, coffee pot, junk from the house thrown out in the yard. Mrs. Mutschler reported she has a problem with that; the bill was \$1,600; when do we start cleaning up peoples yards; now we are looking at one on Ridge Road Ext.; now we have had two cuttings on Orchard for \$450, Clearview Drive for \$540, the Gross clean up was \$1,600 and then look at Ridge Road; there has to be another plan here; who owns that house; there has to be someone that owns it; is there a bank that owns that house. Mr. Kunkle reported there will be a lien placed on the property. Mrs. Mutschler reported Council might not get the money back; we need to come up with another plan or come over and cut her grass. Mr. Thomas reported Council can't just continuously clean up people's property. Mr. Kunkle reported what we are doing by doing that is enforcing our ordinance; if Council wants to change the ordinance or how we do this. Mrs. Mutschler asked what is determined now as an abandoned house that has trash. Mr. Fouse reported he talked to Randy about this; Economy Borough is not the only municipality facing these circumstances; feels there is an increase in the number of these properties; the \$1,600 bill is coming from a property identified as a nuisance. Mr. Kunkle reported when the neighbors complained. Mr. Fouse reported we have for years filed liens; often they just sit there and you don't collect on them until the property sells on sheriff sale; there is a more aggressive tactic and that would be to file a lawsuit to collect the money; again as Randy put it, we are simply enforcing the ordinance; no other way to go. Mayor Poling asked if it is known who owns the property. Mr. Fouse reported to do a title search and find out who has money; whether or not we can get the money and file a lawsuit and get a judgment. Mrs. Mutschler reported that was a big mess; last year we did the same property; the grass is only from the winter time; feels Council could get someone other than a landscaper; we have an employee who works part time; has to be covered under liability insurance here if he is working for Economy Borough; maybe he would want to make extra money to do this maintenance work; clean it up, cut and trim yard for \$540; that is a lot of money for doing this. Mr. Thomas agrees, Council has to come up with a different way of doing this. Mrs. Mutschler reported she knows Economy Borough is enforcing the ordinance; all you have to do is have a couple neighbors come and say the house is abandoned come and clean it up; could go down the Ridge and find several; we are going to have a problem. Mr. Rock asked if the properties in question are all to the point that they are basically clean up and simply need maintenance, grass cut every two weeks. Mr. Kunkle reported there are some out there that have not been cut yet this year; the ones on the list have all been cut at least once; we have an itemized bill on the last one; it took four guys three days to take care of it; there were rats involved. Mr. Rock reported once it is to a maintenance point possibly the gentlemen who works for Economy Borough (he would be on his own) if he would want lots to cut; Economy Borough would pay him our going rate. Mrs. Mutschler reported this is a big problem; Council better be scouting around looking to see these before they get to this big problem. Mr. Kunkle reported we looked at

sending the employee out last year; the problem we had was getting the person and equipment there; once he was there he was on his own; we could get a radio for him. Mr. Thomas asked why he has to be on his own; don't both maintenance workers cut grass; why not go with him to assist him; there would be two people out there in case something would happen to one of them. Mrs. Mutschler reported she does not know if these are big lots needing riding lawn mowers or push mowers; we don't need to be trimming and edging. Mr. Kunkle reported in the maintenance of these lots they are not going to that extent; they are just keeping them cut. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Kunkle to look into that. Mr. Kunkle reported currently we have three that we are taking care of; there is the potential for more; the one on Conway Wallrose Road, Sproat, on the Ridge; bound to be half dozen or more. Mrs. Mutschler reported this could be substantial. Mr. Rock reported the idea is if there are several that is taking them away from Economy Borough property; that would be less time they would be able to spend here. Mr. Thomas reported if we are paying \$500, \$600 for each piece of property; understands we have an ordinance to up hold; there has to be a cheaper way to doing things; just his opinion. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Kunkle to look into organizing their schedule so they can get out every two weeks possibly, as the weather is now possibly; once we hit July and August we will not be cutting every week; they could possibly organize the schedule that they could get to these properties every ten days or so. Mayor Poling asked if it could be put out for bid. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported they would need liability insurance. Mrs. Mutschler reported at this price they could buy liability insurance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT: No Report

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mr. Bucuren reported on the Bounce U session is July 22nd; was slow to start; but they have over 20 sign ups for it; the golf outing on Harmony Ridge is September 11th; possibility of a residents day in August or October with discounted prices for golfing.

Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski asked if there were enough letters and numbers to be one both sides of the board. Mr. Kunkle and Mr. Sivy reported they are ordered.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Thomas reported Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) didn't like his comments a few meetings ago about the hydrants not being maintained properly; finally got a call last week from one of the board members plus their superintendent asking what the problems are; explained what he felt needed done that they are not doing; they assured him that they would take care of the problems; got a call from the water supervisor; he wants to meet with him for him to actually go out with him and show him areas that are not being maintained properly; he is going to do this. Mr. Rock asked if Mr. Thomas to find out if the tank is on line; believes it is suppose to be. Mr. Thomas reported AWA told Council it was; that is not saying it is. Mr. Sivy asked Mr. Thomas to ask if the tank is full; it might be on line, but is there water in it.

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy asked the status of the lighting project. Mr. Kunkle reported the consultant, Mazza, is working on finishing up the bid documents; should be out to bid by the end of this week. Mr. Sivy reported he has a consideration for next years budget he would like to bring up now; the blue building on Ridge Road Ext. that the Public Works took over from the fire department; it is unsightly, trees growing out of the gutters; any ideas on who or how to handle it; knows it needs painted; would like to get at the least estimates on that building; it is

rusty and unsightly. Mr. Rock asked if painting would be sufficient, if it is rust. Mr. Sivy reported that is why he would like to get someone to look at it; would not know exactly how to handle it; there may be a process to do it. Mr. Kunkle reported we would have to locate somebody that does this. Mr. Thomas reported he has the name of someone who is looking at the outside of the banquet hall; is giving a bid on painting it; will provide the name. Mr. Sivy reported that building roof is also metal; assuming it will be a substantial bill; asked Mr. Kunkle to call Bevilacqua to see if he had any ideas. Mrs. Mutschler suggested for the dirt in the gutter to get a ladder and dig it out. Mr. Sivy reported there are wires next to the gutter; asking Mr. Kunkle to look into this. Mayor Poling suggested getting prices on that building and the community building; some type of improvement plan; would like to see some money put in to that building too; that is all they have to use for the Scouts and different organizations; look around to see what needs fixed up. Mr. Sivy reported it definitely needs windows and doors; here and there. Mayor Poling suggested looking at getting it painted and cleaned up.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski called for any questions on the list of bills. Mr. Sivy asked who picked up the supplies from OfficeMax for the police department. The secretary advised the supplies are delivered. Mr. Sivy reported he brought that up not because of those two bills; Zee Medical; \$107 for eye drops and cough drops; is this something that OfficeMax carries. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported a supplier comes around to replenish the first aid kits.

MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to ratify the paying of all bills listed on the June 9 to July 13, 2010 list of bills and property signed off and approved by the appropriate supervisor of that department. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Rock reported the Finance Committee is in the process of setting up a committee meeting to look at the half year mark and other issues coming in; will be having a meeting; any input would be appreciated from other members of Council; if you see anything on the budget to June 30th standing out; let Finance know.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

ENGINEER: No Report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse reported he needs to discuss a matter with Council in Executive Session; some time ago Mr. Kunkle and a representative of the police bargaining unit asked him to look at the police contract language specific to their overtime rate calculation; has done so; compared it to other contracts; not talking about a great deal of money here; talking about the method of calculating their over time pay; personnel matter for Executive Session; with no vote tonight; on a future agenda.

Mr. Bucuren requested a short Executive Session on a personnel issue; with no vote.

HEAR THE PUBLIC II:

Mr. Rock reported he would open up the Hear the Public Park II at this time for any items discussed during the meeting.

Jo Ann Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, requested the man hours either bi-weekly or monthly for the police department; we always have residents complaining about speeding; recently on a news telecast, they mentioned that one of the most notorious roads in all of Beaver County where most tickets are written are on Freedom Road by New Sewickley Township police; to get to that road the majority of the people are using Economy Borough roads; we should be somewhere near close to the tickets they are writing on that road; if there is some way we know the man hours that are set up on speed patrols; maybe we are doing the wrong areas; thought for a road that basically borders Economy Borough and be so notorious to be the number one road in all of Beaver County that tickets are written; how do we compare; would like Mayor Poling or Chief Harrington to get that for her; requested Mayor Poling provide to her man hours on a bi-weekly basis or a monthly basis. Mrs. Mutschler reported certain officers do traffic; at times they can't do traffic if they get pulled off to do other duties; like the year we were missing the two officers that were overseas; two officers were pulled off to do other duties. Mrs. Borato asked if they were not replaced. Mrs. Mutschler reported at that time we were short handed. Mayor Poling reported he did it last year; he will get a report from Chief Harrington on the different roads; what they write; last year he was surprised that before the speed bumps were put in there were 240 citations in 8 months; could not believe it; Sunset goes across Golden Grove Road; we are a large borough; there are problems everywhere; like Walnut; the resident was upset about the speeding; they did a study and if it is 25 MPH they have to be going over 35 MPH to be legally pulled over; everyone was just under that allotment; does not have a problem with getting the report.

Butch Thompson, First Street, reported he heard another complaint against Joe Luff tonight; wondered if Mr. Rock by any chance saw any tiny problem in the CEO office yet; or does he still think it's great. Mr. Rock reported he is also involved with the group that has obtained a lawyer; that comment should be given to his attorney to refer to Mr. Fouse. Mr. Thompson reported all the complaints on speeding; knows there are two officers on each shift. Mayor Poling reported two full time officers per shift. Mr. Thompson asked if on day light (would not cost Economy Borough anything) could Chief Harrington give four hours a day to help cover patrolling and free up an officer every day for four hours to just be specifically for speed patrol; would not cost Economy Borough anything but another police car; actually give three cars on duty; part time during the day; could put an officer four hours a day five days a week who could do nothing but going to our neighborhoods where there are these problems and concentrate on speeding and it won't cost Economy Borough anything except an extra patrol car. Mayor Poling reported before Heitzenrater retired we had twelve full time officers; that gave Chief Harrington one just to do traffic. Mr. Thompson reported he is saying Chief Harrington himself comes out of the office for four hours a day and that frees up a man who could do nothing but for four hours a day for speed control. Mayor Poling reported Chief Harrington answers calls too. Mr. Thompson reported you very seldom see Chief Harrington. Mr. Thomas reported Chief Harrington does answer calls during the day because any time there is a wreck he responds. Mr. Thompson reported he is just saying if Chief Harrington would give Economy Borough four hours a day to help patrol; you could put one man four hours a day five days a week; could start in this housing plan, sit the man there four hours a day five days a week and do nothing but write tickets; next week you could put him someplace else for four hours a day; it really would not cost Economy Borough anything. Mayor Poling reported another problem is with seniority they get more vacation, more sick days; through the summer it is a juggling act to keep two officers per shift; then you can start using the part timers; whatever they can do. Mr. Thompson reported it seems like every meeting speeding is an issue; if we could just get four hours a day from Chief Harrington in the patrol car it would free up a man on daylight; four hours a day five days a week nothing but speed patrol; sit one officer on Tevebaugh Road four hours a day to do nothing but write tickets while you would still have Chief Harrington and another officer available for patrol and it would not cost Economy Borough anything; the manpower is already here; we would just be using it a little more; the only thing being used is a third patrol car; would be great; would add more visibility of

police presence; will not cost Economy Borough anything except for a little bit of gas in the third patrol car. Mayor Poling reported they would try whatever they can. Mr. Thompson reported that would be twenty hours a week for nothing but speed patrol; would not cost anything; might get a handle on the speeding. Mayor Poling reported we may never get a handle on it; has called Cranberry Township looking for solution for speeding. Mr. Thompson reported he thinks it would help if we dedicated twenty hours per week and it would not cost Economy Borough anything. Mayor Poling reported the Cranberry Township manager told him they do have an off street parking ordinance, but they don't enforce it; they let the people park on the streets to slow the traffic down; they are sixteen square miles; with a large area you have Shaffer Road and Sewickley Creek Road complaining. Mr. Thompson reported if Economy Borough did this, a man could sit over there for four hours a day. Mayor Poling reported they have another unmarked vehicle now; will see what they can do.

Sal Boboth, 105 Timber Ridge Road, reported he is retired and drives around Economy Borough; observes the speed limit; the chief of police does get out there because he has seen him out there; does not know if he is out there for four hours a day, but sees him out there.

Meagan Trimbur, 3225 Ridge Road Ext., inquired as to what the unmarked police vehicles are. Mrs. Mutschler reported they are unmarked. Mrs. Trimbur reported the reason she is asking is if you are out late at night; does not know if the cars are out at night; living in Economy Borough you hear some idiot pretending to be a cop and pulling you over; just asking for that reason. Mr. Thomas reported if you are out, drive right to the police station or a public place.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, with no vote to be taken tonight. Time: 8:50 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 9:00 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:00 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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Borough Secretary
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List of Bills attached to the Minute Book.