

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* JULY 26, 2011**

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, Larry Googins, Audrey Mutschler, Donald Sivy, Michelle Sovich-Lapinski, John C. Thomas, Ronald R. Rock

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mr. Rock asked for a moment of silence out of respect for former Councilperson, Blaine W. Hendrickson, Sr.; Blaine lived in Economy Borough most of his life; he was the co-founder and EMT with Economy Ambulance; part time police officer for over 16 years; served on Council for eight years from 1986 to 1993; was an active member and former fire chief with the Economy Volunteer Fire Department and held various offices there.

William Vescio, President, Vescio Asset Management, LLC gave an update and a market commentary of the Police Pension Fund and the Non Uniformed Pension Fund for the Second Quarter, 2011.

**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.

Adam Klimkowski, 960 Conway Wallrose Road, passed around for review only as he is speaking, statements from people who have known about his property, lived on the property back in the 1950's, 1960's, 1970's; they know the history a lot better than him or Economy Borough knows; they basically state that what Economy Borough thinks is wrong; Economy Borough is wrong with a lot of the zoning; knows of many houses in Economy Borough that are zoned R-2 or whatever it is zoned, basically that means that one family is allowed on the property; Conway Wallrose Road and SR 989 are zoned that; if anybody pays attention there are numerous duplexes on Conway Wallrose Road; especially at the end towards Big Sewickley Creek Road; a couple on SR 989 where Phillips Street comes up; and so on; all he is able to figure out is back in the 1970's or 1980's someone just decided to do zoning; previous to that there was no zoning; hence why Economy Borough has D & S Running Motors and all the other places where they are located; you could not do that; twenty, thirty years ago, somebody with one swell swoop zoned everything without finding out what the property was at the time; guesses that is where all the confusion in coming in; Economy Borough is wasting a lot of his time and his money; going to end up wasting Economy Borough time and money because he is right; knows how the property should be zoned; all the houses on his side of the street; one neighbors house is zoned the same; knows Council spoke to him, Steve Yurkovac, his house was a duplex for many, many years; Steve is zoned the same as he is. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Klimkowski if his house is a duplex. Mr. Klimkowski reported his house is not a duplex; at one point there was four or five buildings on his property; actually has two lots; his house and his

garage are on Lot #9; Lot #10 of the Hendrickson Plan had a duplex on it as well; that is also in the letter; knows somebody who lived there; knows people who live in other parts of Economy Borough; can't give his whole legal case, but suggests that Council do the proper research; Economy Borough has no way of proving (which the law requires) that this property was used prior to the zoning; has letters that state that it does; they are notarized and he has people that will testify in court to that; many people; suggests that Council drop their legal case or they will be gone after once he is proven to be correct for legal fees and other expenses that he has incurred, his time, etc.; this is just illegal at this point; there are many other properties in Economy Borough that have multiple families on them and are zoned R-2; somebody screwed up thirty years ago; suggest Council does not make that Economy Borough's problem and Council just drop the legal issues; asked Council if they had any questions; he would address them. Mr. Rock reported he did not have any questions. Mr. Googins reported he had no questions. Mr. Klimkowski reported he suggested Economy Borough drops their case as he has plenty of evidence to the contrary; trying to save Economy Borough money; if it goes to court it will be nasty.

Jo Ann Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, reported she was at the last meeting, but did not see the minutes; asked the part that Mr. Zokaites talks about what he did with the Economy Borough Municipal Authority (EBMA) be redacted from the minutes. Mr. Rock asked Mrs. Borato why she would ask for that. Mrs. Borato reported because it is not so. Mr. Rock asked what she means that it is not so; not true or what. Mrs. Borato reported yes. Mr. Rock acknowledged that Mrs. Borato is on the EBMA Board. Mrs. Borato reported she wanted to make sure before she said anything; she asked at the last EBMA meeting on Tuesday about the statements that were made. Mrs. Mutschler reported it is page 148 5 lines up from the end. Mrs. Borato reported she thinks it makes it look like there was interaction between Mr. Zokaites and the EBMA and that has not been the case. Mr. Sivy reported he said ten sewer taps were paid. Mrs. Borato reported the ten sewer taps transferred with the property; ABC Drive In had ten taps there; thinks he also stated he paid for half of the Anne St. Pump Station. Mr. Rock read from the minutes "Mr. Zokaites reported he believes the same thing that what Mr. Shoup said, they already own ten sewer taps because they paid for part of the pump station". Mrs. Borato reported she thinks he made it seem like he is the developer who paid for part of it; that is not true; paid for by the prior developer; the EBMA was not aware that the property transferred yet; thinks the whole thing should be redacted because there was been no interaction with the EBMA. Mr. Rock read from the minutes "Mr. Googins reported the capacity letter with Baden is just for their portion of Baden that the Economy Borough Municipal Authority (EBMA) contracts; serviced by EBMA through Baden"; verified with Mrs. Borato that, that is all true. Mr. Rock read from the minutes "the EBMA will be servicing the sewers through Baden; the pump station is just down the road"; this is true; "Mr. Googins asked if a capacity letter from EBMA is required and if they have it". Mr. Googins reported that is not correct; it should read a capacity letter from Ambridge Water Authority. Mrs. Borato reported she thinks people were thinking the ten taps were for water taps too when he was talking. Mr. Rock read from the minutes "Mr. Shoup reported original approval it had to have been. Mr. Zokaites reported he believes the same thing; they already own ten sewer taps because they paid for part of the pump station."; Mr. Rock reported they didn't pay for part of the pump station, the previous owner paid. Mrs. Borato reported that is true. Mr. Rock reported basically that sentence should be struck. Mrs. Borato agreed. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski asked what if he paid for that in his purchase price; he reimbursed the prior owner; there is an issue there. Mrs. Borato reported to leave it as is; EBMA is reaching out to him now; was just shocked at what he was saying; did not want to say anything until she knew everything. Mr. Fouse reported it would not be appropriate to redact it because, did he say it; maybe it is not true; but he did say it; make sure to get the comments our resident is making now in these minutes. Mr. Kunkle reported he could add that the EBMA solicitor contacted him for Mr. Zokaites' contact information; that is consistent with what Mrs. Borato is saying in that they did not have any contact with the current contractor. Mr. Rock reported like Mr. Fouse said, since Mr. Zokaites reported this, because it is part of the minutes, he said it. Mrs. Borato reported she just wanted to clarify it. Mr. Rock reported he appreciates that and it is important; Council should know that. Mrs. Borato reported hopefully the EBMA will get it all straightened out. Mr. Rock asked if the EBMA is working with Mr. Zokaites. Mrs. Borato reported the EBMA solicitor has reached out to him for information

and clarification and to know that the property has actually been transferred; that was her concern; thought it sounded misleading to her.

Steve White, 475 Amsler Ridge Road, reported it has been a few weeks since he has been here and wanted to comment on the dark cloud that is still coming with Marcellus Shale; flew over Washington County and Green County; one of the things he noticed on this flight was the amount of compression stations that are being built there; almost seems like there is as many compression stations as there are well sites; talked with a DEP rep about it; was told they don't do any permitting of these compression station; wanted to comment that if anybody or newer leasers are looking to lease land in Economy Borough to really pay attention to their lease when it comes to that; obviously these compression station are going to be staying here a lot longer than just one of the well pads; there already is 1,800 acres leased in Economy Borough; feels compression stations are going to be a big issue; just flying over it; where there is a well pad, there is a compression station; to cut through some of the propaganda you hear on the news and TV, since January 1, 2011 to April 19, 2011 there has been 1,751 violations from the drilling companies reported by the DEP; this is on the DEP website; to him this is a lot of violations; many are reporting discharges of waste on the site in unprotected areas; the major one in Leroy Township where the well blew out and waste blew on to farm land in Susquehanna; believes Maryland is suing that drilling company for the Chesapeake Bay, Susquehanna River; there is a blow out in Tioga County; erosion protection violations; hundreds of those; liner deficiencies; a lot of spills, leaks, dumping and overflowing of frack ponds; want to keep that in everybody's mind that this is not just a great neighbor that is taking care of things for this; spoke to the IUP director about the Beaver Run Reservoir because IUP got a contract to do the testing of the Beaver Run Reservoir; it was \$54,000.00 for quarterly testing for this year; the first quarter is due to be coming out with a report shortly; that was paid by the water authority; keep in mind when Ambridge Water Authority reservoir has drilling around it we can expect to have to consume that expense to test our water to protect us; asked what they were testing for; IUP has no ability to test for petroleum based products; he feels that is not really a complete study of what is going on; they are obviously using a lot of benzene and a lot of different petroleum products in this drilling; just having the two major blow outs in the last six months means it is very highly likely that if there is a well next to the reservoir in our water shed it could easily be contaminated. Mr. Sivy asked how much the drilling companies are reimbursing the property owners for the blow outs. Mr. White reported he is not sure; the one was \$1,100,000.00 in fines; does not know about the reimbursement of anything. Mr. Sivy reported he can't see them having blow outs on someone's property and the property owner not getting reimbursed; same with the testing, if there are results in the test, can't image them not paying for the test; just asking. Mr. White reported a lot of that is behind the scenes; you don't hear about what these guys get as settlements; they get the money and are not going to be speaking about it publically; whatever legal language; has dated all the leases in Beaver County since the beginning of the year until April; since then there are hundreds of more leases; mainly from Range Resources; if you look at the violations Range is very good at not reporting spills, leaks, etc.

Celia Janosik, 305 Hoenig Road, reported she will be doing a petition for the Ambridge Reservoir; gave everyone a pamphlet explaining why they are doing it; don't want any surface drilling in the Service Creek Watershed and don't want any water withdrawals from the gas drillers from the Service Creek Watershed; will be at the Big Knob Fair; hopes people will stop by and find out more about it; to her a very dangerous subject; some people are making a lot of money and other people are totally ruined and the air will be horrendous around here because of the low ozone caused by all the diesel trucks; thousands per well will create very bad air when it is humid; like here you can see the ozone in the town; when she came here in 1966 she lived near the Clairton Coke Works in Glassport, you could not see across the alley at noon; suggests that is where we are going to be again.

## **MINUTES:**

Mr. Googins requested Page 148, line 6 be corrected to read “Mr. Googins asked if a capacity letter from **Ambridge Water Authority** is required...” not EBMA.

*MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2011, Regular Session of Council, as corrected. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** No Report

## **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**1. Storm Damage:** Mr. Kunkle reported during last Monday’s storm the dug outs out back were damaged; the one much more severe than the other; the roof is gone and some of the support cinder blocks were actually detached from the rest of the structure; turned into the insurance company; will let Council know what they tell us. Mr. Googins reported the roof is behind where the salt shed yard is, down over the hill in the trees; took a flight; good thing there were no cars parked there in the parking lot. Mr. Kunkle reported if they can get to it over the winter. Mr. Googins reported it is in some rough terrain over the hill.

Mrs. Mutschler asked the status of DROP. Mr. Kunkle reported they will have a discussion Friday morning about that; should have. Mr. Rock reported the Finance Committee will meet on Friday about this.

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

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** No Report

## **ORDINANCE and RECREATION:**

Mr. Bucuren reported he has the second quarter finance statement from the Recreation Board.

Mr. Bucuren wished to give thanks to Donna Pfeiffer and her staff for the Volleyball Camp for doing a good job; Liz Giancola for the Tennis Camp and Joe Falletta for the Basketball Camp; had some good input; everybody said they had a good time; great set up on what they did.

Mr. Bucuren reported the following on Recreation:

- Sept. 10, 2011 – Golf Outing at Harmony Ridge; looking for a few more golfers.
- October 22, 2011 - Casino trip to Seneca Niagara
- December 3, 2011 – Breakfast with Santa

Mr. Bucuren asked Mr. Fouse regarding political campaigning; if there is anything Council can do to stop political campaigning at any of our activities and things they have in Economy Borough; can this be done through a motion or through an ordinance; is that something that they can stop. Mr. Fouse asked for clarification of the question. Mr. Bucuren reported there is campaigning being done; flyers being handed out;

getting residents with feed back on some stuff at the recreation events being put on. Mr. Fouse verified this is happening at the events that Economy Borough is sponsoring. Mr. Bucuren reported he is asking for a way that they can stop that. Mr. Fouse asked if it is on Economy Borough property. Mr. Bucuren reported some of it is not; there are different events that they are having. Mr. Fouse reported he is talking free speech; you would have to be able to make the case that it is somehow detracting or distracting from the event. Mr. Bucuren reported he has a flier on meet the candidate that Ms. Courtney Barthelemy is handing out; she has done this on numerous occasions on other events that they had. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski asked where she handed that out at. Mr. Bucuren reported he believes it was handed out at the Basketball Camp last week. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Bucuren where the Basketball Camp was held. Mr. Bucuren reported Meddock Park. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski asked if it is just borough or county level. Mr. Bucuren reported there are county commissioners on the flyer and borough Council on the flyer; this even happened before; it happened at their Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski asked what was handed out there. Mr. Bucuren reported there was candy and stuff handed out with names and things on them; said to vote for me; it did not say on there, but was being said at the time; thinks it is the wrong thing to do at your own events; there are plenty of places to do that; does not think it should be done at events. Mr. Rock asked if the Recreation Board could sit down and say basically when we have a function we do not go into the political aspects while these people are here. Mr. Bucuren reported he has always heard about free speech, etc.; that is why he is asking since these are functions they are putting on is there something we can do. Mr. Rock reported they can ask the person to cease and desist from doing this because the function is for i.e. basketball. Mrs. Mutschler reported it was in poor taste. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported there are a lot of things that happen that are in poor taste. Mr. Fouse asked if Council has gone to the Maple Syrup Festival; it is swimming with political advertising, balloons, etc.; this is a county function. Mr. Rock reported not this past school board election, but the one two or four years ago, the Economy Elementary PTA had a function going on; two gentlemen running for school board came to that function and were passing things out; members of the PTA asked them politely to cease and desist, don't do this; both men left; they did not cause a ruckus; it was in the school building. Mr. Fouse reported he can't imagine that a borough or a local municipality can adopt an ordinance to somehow control candidates; it may be in very poor taste, but does not think you can control free speech with an ordinance. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Fouse if like the PTA did, could members of the Recreation Board ask the person nicely that they prefer that they not do this and if they say no you are done. Mrs. Mutschler reported being part of the committee it is like they back that idea when you name is on there; you could have as many meet the candidates; could have them every week; it doesn't matter to her. Mr. Bucuren reported when you have residents handing this stuff saying it is in poor taste; he was not there. Mr. Rock reported they are there at a basketball situation; they are there at a party of some kind; he agrees it is in poor taste; again if someone would, like the PTA did, approached those gentlemen and said it was in poor taste; would you please leave and they did; does not know if anybody from their Board would want to do that; if he was on the Board he would have a problem with that himself; if they leave, fine; but as Mr. Fouse said we are talking First Amendment rights, freedom of speech. Mr. Bucuren reported it was just a thought. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported she was at a soccer game when she was running and she had an opponent hand her a flyer about him running; it is everywhere; unfortunately or fortunately; there are different levels.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** No Report

**PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy wished to personally thank Mr. Thomas; he waited for good weather and he borrowed a bucket truck to fix all the lights that were out on Kenneth Campbell Way going to the police department; thank you; saved Economy Borough money.

Mr. Sivy reported during the last storm the gremlins were back at the police department; got a call from Chad Lively last Monday; they had water pouring in one of the furnace pipes; contacted Fernando Bevilacqua; asked him to look at it the next day; he went to the police department that night when the rain let up; probably still raining when he went up there; saw what it was; went up the next day and put a baffle around the pipe; the shingles have stood up to the wind; from the flue pipe coming up from the furnace; actually going into the middle pipe; rain going sideways.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Mutschler reported regarding the Civil Service Commission testing; tonight they are giving two polygraph tests; tomorrow will be the third one; probably at the next meeting they will have a recommendation to hire; then based on Council hiring, conditioned in the past is psychological, physical and drug tests; if all goes well and he passes it; it takes about a week to get the results; has to be certified with the borough; has to be qualified with firearms; still a long process; should have a recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. Thomas asked how many people Council is hiring. Mr. Rock reported one; three candidates; hire one person. Mrs. Mutschler reported two would be good to think about because they are really strapped. Mr. Thomas reported he thought Council was considering two. Mr. Rock reported he does not remember anyone here saying that. Mrs. Mutschler reported it was one, but if you ever want to think about it; two would be good; it would ease up on all the overtime; throwing it out to Council.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported she has one question about the police department report that comes out monthly; how is it generated; it is automatically generated through a system when calls come in; it appears to be automatically generated, but she would like to know how it is generated. Mrs. Mutschler reported Kathy Anderson does that. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski asked about the totals for each specific item; does she log them in when they come in and then it goes directly to this report; is there a coding, etc.; would like to know; questions specifically is that she has noticed over the last several months; it appears that this is automatically generated through some sort of input or coding; but historically PSC (Public Service Calls) has always been hand typed in and not automatically generated which forces the hand typed total at the end; does not make sense to her; if this is an automatically generated document then nothing should be hand typed. Mrs. Mutschler reported Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski is saying the totals are hand written. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported hand typed; the fonts are different; went back and checked quite a few months as far as a year and every month it is like that. Mrs. Mutschler will check on this.

Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported she did attend the seminar last week; learned some valuable information as far as budgeting and some things to look out for; thought it was very helpful for her and will pass it on once the budgeting starts.

### **REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** No Report

**ENGINEER:** No Report

**SOLICITOR:** No Report

**HEAR THE PUBLIC II:**

Mr. Rock reported he would open up the Hear the Public Park II at this time for any items talked about on the agenda tonight; if there are questions about it:

Mike Lucia, 410 Golden Grove Road, reported out of public interest, if anybody is relying on Ambridge Water Authority to be the environmental watchdog for Marcellus drilling; they better look somewhere else; they sent him a bill for \$ 0.00; he called AWA and informed AWA that they sent him this bill; “gee, how could that be?”; he said that is why he was calling them; four people later, AWA decided that maybe somebody didn’t read the meter; a week later he got a bill; otop of the \$0.00 is little pieces of white tape where AWA wrote in \$45.00 and still no explanation of anything; just sent the money; does not know if AWA has environmental people that are better than the billing or service department. Mr. Rock reported to remember that they have 34,000 customers; they have a vested interest in this. Mr. Lucia reported he is sure; would be interested if they actually have somebody who is watchdogging this operation. Mr. Rock reported about two years ago on Clover Road most of the residents got late notices that they did not pay their bills; he got his; knows Mary Hrotic, General Manager, AWA, and was ready to call her when he got phone calls from his neighbors; they had received the same notice that they did not pay their last bill; knows it was paid; called Mary Hrotic; something was wrong with the system; just for Clover Road at that time. Mr. Lucia reported he has had water about a year and a half; never got a bill that was correctly illustrated. Mr. Rock congratulated him for his honesty. Mr. Sivy asked how he could have a bill for only \$45.00 per quarter.

Celia Janosik, 305 Hoenig Road, reported as far as the Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) and water quality, etc.; they have no say so in the leases with regards to drilling, etc.; they have no power; it is up to the people to demand power from their officials; in Beaver County, the Commissioners; the Planning Commission, etc.; the water quality really can’t do much of anything; power in numbers; like she said before, if you sit back you are going to get the shun.

Elizabeth Burns, 100 Stange Road, two things; on the campaigning at Recreation events; someone told her that Gary did approach this individual and was called a very crude name and was told to mind his own business that she would damn well do with her money what she wanted to do; just wanted to bring that up; thought that at the Easter bunny party was rather sickening; her handing out candy; there is a time and a place for that; not at a children’s party with your parents doing it. Mr. Rock reported absolutely. Mrs. Burns reported on the water bill; hopes that she read it right that Ambridge Water Authority said that they neglected to test our water for three or four months; aren’t they required to do this; got the brochure, skimmed it; thought that they said they neglected to test our water for four months; did not know if anybody else got that bill; knows that Mr. Thomas is been in talks with AWA; can go to the car and get her bill; is that true that they did not test our water. Mr. Thomas reported he did not see that. Mrs. Burns reported she does not want to drink the tap water any more; afraid to do it because of the neglectful way that they are managing things. Mr. Rock reported that Council has no input in the AWA; Mrs. Burns has been coming to meetings for a while now; mentioned a while back; he came on Council in 2000; Mr. States, Council President, put him on the Utilities Committee; Economy Borough was not even speaking to the AWA; we had no relations with them at all; being the new guy on the block, he was put on the Utilities Committee; went to AWA and tried to develop a relationship with Mr. Stubbins; did eventually come to some agreements to some of our problems; we have had our problems with the AWA, but the one thing is, we do not have representation there and do not have any say so with them at all; they will let us know that; they will listen to us sometimes; what they put out and what they say is not a reflection of anyone in

Economy Borough because we have no say so. Mr. Thomas reported Council approached AWA about ten years ago; had a meeting with them; approached them about someone from Economy Borough i.e. Council, to have a sitting seat on their Board; no way; they would not even consider that. Mrs. Burns asked how can they get away with no testing our water; thought Pennsylvania had strict rules on how often. Mr. Thomas reported there are rules; does not know what she is referring to; did not see that; will check into it. Mrs. Burns asked on the Recreation thing, if Council can make a rule that a Recreation Committee members should not be campaigning; the Recreation events should be their sole concern, not campaigning for a position in Economy Borough; thinks maybe that is what Gary is wanting for; if someone would just come in and campaign for that it is a wholly different thing when a Recreation Board member campaigns instead of participating in the event. Mr. Thomas reported in the Economy Volunteer Fire Department they have By-Laws; in the By-Laws it stated that there is no political fundraising at any of their functions that are held at their Social Hall; that is right in their By-Laws. Mrs. Burns reported this was in the Social Hall at the Easter bunny party; wholeheartedly thinks there should be no campaigning at a children's Easter party, Christmas party, etc.; it should be all of the Recreation Board members' wholehearted intention to function for that function. Mr. Bucuren reported he would like to correct something that she said at first; the words that were said weren't directed to him at the time when the words were said; they were direct to others; just wanted to clarify that; it was not directed to him. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski asked if it was heard directly or if it was hearsay. Mr. Bucuren reported he heard it directly, but it wasn't directed towards him; it was directed towards two others. Mrs. Burns reported a mother at pre-school sought her out to tell her about the Easter party. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski asked if she heard this first hand. Mrs. Burns reported no; the mother was very upset, as were other mothers. Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski reported to further her comments she thinks maybe a concern should be deepened as to if there is a true concern that any member of any committee should not be allowed to campaign for themselves or a relative. Mrs. Burns reported there has only been one person campaigning at the event; but yes should be not for the relative and if she is inferring to someone else's relatives there has been no campaigning to get the situation straight right now. Mr. Googins suggested letting the Recreation Board handle this. Mr. Rock reported the Recreation Board basically has to handle it; that is why Council appoints those people there; how they want to handle it, they have Councils blessing; not an easy situation.

Steve Borato, 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, reported at the last meeting he talked to Mr. Rock and Mr. Googins about the lights out front of the municipal building filled with dirt and bugs; walked in today and there are two new lights; where did they come from. Mr. Sivy reported we have had those; they were retrofitted by the Public Works Department; had some additional work that needed to be done and they just happened to be put up. Mr. Googins verified with Mr. Sivy that the electricians put the lights up; had to do with energy savings.

Dennis Biega, 98 Celestial Drive, reported with the water situation; they are required by DEP to do standard tests every month and to report; if they did not there is a fine; they can do certain things; they have to tell you if they did not; if they didn't do the tests; they are required by law to do them; Ambridge does not do the tests they are required. Mr. Biega asked regarding Marcellus Shale if we are allowed to stop them from coming here and drilling. Mrs. Mutschler reported no. Mr. Biega asked why we have no rights; does the property owner have the right to refuse drilling if they don't want to do it. Mr. Rock reported it is there property; if you read the paper, Governor Corbett has a Marcellus Shale Committee; they solved all the problems; they made all the recommendations; personally does not think we have any worries at all, because of Governor Corbett, who you voted for. Several not me's were voiced. Discussion between individual audience members not recognized by Council President. Mr. Biega asked if they could come in here and anybody that wants to do drilling can do drilling and we have no say so to it. Mr. Rock reported the property owner has the say so.

Michelle Dorothy, District Director for Congressman Jason Altmire, reported regarding the Marcellus Shale issue; it is largely a State issue; wanted to offer if the public have questions their office can certainly refer you to a lot of organizations locally that are doing work in this area; attorneys, Penn State Extension, etc.; there are a lot of entities that are here to help landowners; help people that are angry about it; their office can help you; their office is not going to direct people to pro shale or anti shale; just help people with the resourced that they need; the office is in Aliquippa; give her a call. Mr. Rock reported he did not introduce her because in her letter she said she just wanted to sit in the back and take notes; did not want to put her on the spot; thanked her for her input. Ms. Dorothy reported they have 146 towns in their Congressional District; they try to get to Council meetings; big district; try to be helpful; any time Council may want her to come and speak about any questions, fill free to fire away; that is her job; she would be happy to.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION by Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:00 PM  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
August 5, 2011