

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, Donald Sivy, Ronald R. Rock

ABSENT: Audrey Mutschler, Michelle Sovich-Lapinski, John C. Thomas

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.

Celia Janosik, 305 Hoenig Road, reported she went to the Economy Borough Planning Commission meeting; has been to several; at first she was hopeful Economy Borough would have a good zoning ordinance for the gas drilling; at first they were suppose to be tweaking it and not making any mistakes; gave them a Bell Acres and a Murrysville zoning ordinance; the next few times she went they were too busy with the housing development issues; last Monday when she went Planning said they were waiting for Corbett's report; asked Planning why they are waiting for it; Planning thought it was the best idea; basically what they want to do is be able to get an impact fee; to do this would basically be a permitted zoning ordinance which is what the gas drillers want to do across the State; zoning the same for every municipality so they will be able to put whatever they want, where they want and the municipalities will be overridden with their zoning ordinances as to where the drilling and the compression station go; finds this appalling that people would be blackmailed by Corbett as to where we would put or want to put any of the drilling. Mr. Rock reported the Planning Commission is doing the correct thing; Council is not going to do something that later on will be superseded by the State of Pennsylvania; that is why Council is waiting and looking at what they said; Council wants to protect our citizens, but Council also knows that private citizens have property rights; they have protection also; Council wants to do something safe for all Economy Borough citizens; she will find that most municipalities are doing this now; Council is not kowtowing to the governor; we are a municipality in the State of Pennsylvania and basically what they said would probably supersede us and for Council to go ahead and do something that will be taken to court and judged illegal which will cost Council probably a great deal of money to try to defend; Council wants to be very careful; he supports the Planning Commission in what they are doing; in West Virginia several municipalities had bans; now they are going back and realizing they can't enforce it; Council does not want to be in that position; Council wants to have something they can enforce; it takes a while; it is easy to say we are going to do this right now and that is the way it is going to be and then a year from now be slapped down in court; Council wants to make sure what we have is acceptable to the people of Economy Borough and acceptable to the laws of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Janosik reported the laws of Pennsylvania are that the municipality has the right to zone. Mr. Rock reported municipalities do, but if you look at one of the regulations that the governor is putting out is standardized zoning for the whole state; Council is concerned about that; Council sees that as one of his recommendations; if that follows through, the state will have standardized zoning; that is one of the recommendations. Mrs. Janosik

reported that would be horrendous; that means we have no rights as individuals; this is turning into fascism instead of a democracy; where is the democracy; other people fight for what they believe in; not Americans any more; we just lay down and take whatever crap is thrown at us. Mr. Rock reported he knows and appreciates what she is saying; we have laws we must follow; can't have anarchy.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2011, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

Mayor Poling reported at the last meeting there was a question about the report; will wait until next meeting when Mrs. Sovich-Lapinski is here; has it clarified.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Police Officer: Mr. Rock reported he is asking for an Executive Session at this time to discuss this particular personnel action item; there will be a vote taken.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Googins – to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel item with a vote being taken. Time: 7:09 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 7:14 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Fouse reported during the Executive Session Council discussed the candidates for the position of full time police officer in Economy Borough; included in that discussion was the fact that the candidate that is being considered, Justin Skonieczny, tested in the top three through the Economy Borough Civil Service Commission; he is being recommended for hire by both Chief Harrington and Mayor Poling; based upon those recommendations a motion would be in order.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Googins – to hire Justin Skonieczny, 713 Berkley Manor Drive, Cranberry Twp. as a full time police officer in Economy Borough conditioned upon his passing the medical physical, and psychological testing as provided by the Economy Borough Civil Service Commission. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Rock reported under the American Disabilities Act, neither of the exams can be conducted prior to the offer of employment; asked Mr. Kunkle to contact Chief Harrington and Mr. DeSanzo. Mr. Kunkle added to the record that this hiring is a replacement, not a new position. Mr. Rock reported this is a replacement for Chris Foley who left last month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Googins asked for any questions on the list of bills. Mayor Poling asked what happened to Lapinski's mailbox, \$447.00. Mr. Kunkle reported that was accidentally hit during winter plowing. Mr. Rock asked what is the allotment for a mailbox. Mr. Kunkle reported he believes this is probably the most expensive one that we have come across; there are some fancy mailboxes out there; it has been the policy for a number of years to replace what we break. Mr. Rock reported a friend just put one in for \$700.00.

MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Sivy - to pay the list of bills as stated from July 14, 2011 to August 9, 2011 - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Rock reported Mr. Kunkle is putting a schedule together for the 2012 budget.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: No Report

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report

PROPERTY and BUILDING: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report

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 discussed during the meeting.

Meagan Trimbur, Ridge Road Ext.; questioned the mailbox Council just talked about; did it happen during the winter months, during the plowing of the snow; wondered why it comes about now in the summer. Mr. Googins reported he believed it did, but does not know when. Mr. Kunkle reported the repairs were just finished; it was hit during the winter plowing; we just got the bill; there could be another one from Shaffer Road we have not received the bill yet.

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Bucuren – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:22 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
August 18, 2011

List of Bills attached to the Minute Book.