

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** MAY 8, 2007

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: Nick F. Gnarra, Jr., Arthur O. Mutschler, Audrey Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Donald Sivy, Ronald R. Rock

ABSENT: Larry Googins-Out of the country.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor David N. Poling, Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Norman Shoup, P.E., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager, Joe Luff, Code Enforcement Officer

Joe Luff, Code Enforcement Officer, gave an overview of his cell phone request.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to authorize the upgrade the current cell phone to a PDA capable of holding the building code in pdf format, from Verizon Wireless in Cranberry for a total of approximately \$379.00. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Luff stated the permit fee for the Veterans Memorial would be approximately \$400.00.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to waive the building permit fee of approximately \$400.00 for the Economy Borough Veterans Memorial Fund Committee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certification status of the code enforcement positions was discussed.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

James Jeschke, 136 Oakhaven Drive, came before Council regarding political flyers being distributed at the AASD Jr. High School. Mr. Fouse advised this is political and has nothing to do with the Council meeting.

Barbara Baldwin, 116 Green Forest Drive, requested the status of her burning ordinance request. Mrs. Raymer stated Mr. Kunkle has provided to her committee, the police chief, fire chief and the code enforcement office, a draft copy of an updated burning ordinance. Mr. Kunkle stated he is gathering input.

Susan Barnett, Big Sewickley Creek Watershed Association, advised Council the BSCWA has received a \$58,000 grant to study the watershed which will begin next month; this study will support future grants. Ms. Barnett stated the 1st annual Earth Day Clean Up was a success and they have begun working on next years to include the Ambridge Area High School.

Todd Gnarra, 1920 Conway Wallrose Road, advised Council he would take care of the landscape issue regarding his water run off problem. Mr. Shoup stated Scott talked with Tom Johnson, PennDOT, advising that the project is ok to begin.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Gnarra seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2007, Regular Session of Council, as written. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling read the Mayor's Monthly Report for the Police Department for the month of April, 2007, as prepared by Chief Harrington, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary's office.

Mayor Poling asked the status of the railing request at the pavilion. Mr. Kunkle advised a drive with a turn around has been paved.

Mayor Poling requested the police department parking lot be crack sealed.

Mayor Poling requested funds for the Memorial Day ceremony. The secretary advised Mrs. Livingston submitted the bills and was reimbursed.

Mayor Poling advised as a point of information that David Louis Wellington will be hired as a part time officer.

Mayor Poling asked if off street parking has been reviewed. Mrs. Raymer stated this is being reviewed and suggested one sided parking.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Salt Storage Shed: Mr. Kunkle advised the financing was approved on April 25th and the agreement arrived on April 27th; the first draw down of 30% has been requested and is due to arrive between the end of May and mid June. Mr. Shoup recommends awarding the bid on the Salt Storage Shed.

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy - to authorize the award of the Salt Storage Shed in the amount of \$183,427 to Park Lane Construction & Development Corp., Clyde, NY. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Liberty Hills- Deeds of Dedication – Barbara Street: Mr. Kunkle states there are four properties along Barbara Street which leads into the Liberty Hills PRD; Barbara Street will eventually be brought up to borough specifications and turned over to Economy Borough; the deeds divest the property owners from any claim to the right of way.

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to authorize the President of Council/ Vice President of Council to execute the deeds and authorize Mr. Kunkle along with the engineer and solicitor to contact the property owners to execute same. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Release for bid Lynn Street and the balance of the portion of Firethorn Road: Mr. Kunkle reported it is recommended that Council authorize the engineer to put these projects out to bid; this represents .42 miles and will eat up the entire contracted paving budget.

MOTION by Mr. Gnarra, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to authorize the engineer to put out to bid Lynn Street and the balance of the portion of Firethorn Road to the cul de sac, bids to be opened, June 12th. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Shoup advised Mr. Fitzgerald will address the issue on Roberts Lane.

4. Loan for Road Department Truck: Mr. Kunkle reported Council could make a payment of 1/3rd out of the highway aid fund and borrow the remaining 2/3rds to be paid back in 2008 and 2009 from that fund.

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize Mr. Kunkle to arrange financing from First National Bank for 2/3rds of the purchase price of the new truck. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Sale of 1992 International: Mr. Kunkle reported the new Peterbilt will be delivered in a few weeks; recommends offering the 1992 International for sale through the Township Magazine with a \$15,000 minimum bid; includes truck, plow and salt spreader, as it could help out another municipality.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to authorize Mr. Kunkle and Mr. Fitzgerald to advertise for bid in the Township Magazine the 1992 International truck, plow and salt spreader with a \$15,000 minimum bid. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Shoup reported Conserve Electric will schedule a date to repair the generator, under warranty.

Mr. Sivy reported the Municipal Building air conditioning issue is still under committee review.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION by Mr. Gnarra, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – that all bills listed and properly signed by the appropriate supervisor of that department be approved for payment. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Kunkle reported Centax is checking their schedule to attend the May 22nd meeting.

Mr. Gnarra advised members of the Finance Committee could consider attending the “Assessing Your Financial Condition” seminar June 7th in Beaver County or June 21st in Butler County at a cost of \$50 per person.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Mutschler read the Road Department Report for April, 2007, as prepared by Mr. Fitzgerald, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary’s office.

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mrs. Raymer reported Beaver County Recreation and Tourism Department has granted use of the tennis court at Economy Park for the tennis camp June 25th to June 29th; the BC tennis courts will be resurfaced next year.

MOTION by Mrs. Raymer, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to authorize the proper official to execute the Rental Agreement (at no charge) between Economy Borough and Beaver County Recreation and Tourism Department for the use of the tennis court at Economy Park for the tennis camp June 25th to June 29th. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Raymer reported the annual 5K Race is Saturday, May 12th.

Mrs. Raymer reported review of ordinances is ongoing.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No Report

ENGINEER:

Mr. Shoup reported receiving a letter offering a \$1,000 settlement on the underground fuel storage tank and recommends that Council accept the settlement. Mr. Fouse stated he has reviewed this settlement and also recommends Council accept it.

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to authorize the proper borough official to execute the release for the \$1,000 settlement. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Shoup reported the trustee for the Concord United Presbyterian Church of Baden has signed the Perpetual Easement and Right of Way.

MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to authorize the proper borough officials to execute the Perpetual Easement and Right of Way between Economy Borough and the Concord United Presbyterian Church of Baden. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse advised he has 3 items for Executive Session; 1) Update on the Semak case; 2) comments on the Harrison correspondence; and 3) update on the Heitzenrater retirement.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to enter into Executive Session to discuss 1) Update on the Semak case; 2) comments on the Harrison correspondence; and 3) update on the Heitzenrater retirement. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Time: 8:13 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to return to the regular order of business and to immediately adjourn the meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Time: 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
May 11, 2007

List of Bills attached to Minute Book