

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** MARCH 13, 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., Larry Googins, Arthur O. Mutschler, Audrey Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Ronald R. Rock

ABSENT: Donald Sivy - Working

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor David N. Poling, Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Scott Shoup, P.E., Earl Fitzgerald, Road Foreman, Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Jim Jeschke, 136 Oakhaven Drive, questioned Council about minutes being removed from the web site. Mr. Googins indicated they were removed until the proper manner of correction can be determined.

Jeff Span, 128 Mary Reed Road, questioned Council concerning the requirement of an accessibility study for his restaurant in Northern Lights Shopping Center. Mr. Kunkle advised it is a requirement under the building code; all rehabilitation/renovations are to have an accessibility study done. Dale Fouse added that Council is considering an ordinance dealing with future liquor license transfer cases which will require an application fee.

John R. Campbell, 123 Gross Drive, President of the Economy Borough Memorial Fund, questioned Council about where the \$5,000 in the 2006 budget for the Memorial Plaque went to. Mr. Kunkle advised the \$5,000 budgeted in 2006 was budgeted to finish a 2005 Boy Scout Eagle Scout project; this money was not spent in 2006 due to the high cost and inability to expand the current memorial and not budgeted in 2007 so it went back into the General Fund. Mayor Poling questioned the 2006 police budget. Mr. Gnarra asked Mayor Poling to give Mr. Kunkle his concerns to research and a meeting will be set up to clarify the concerns.

John Holbrook, 255 Campbell Drive, spoke about the 2006 budget issue and asked to put the Concerned Citizens of Ambridge Area School District newsletter in elected official mailboxes and verified that the borough secretary put the Concerned Citizens for Children and Community newsletter in the same mailboxes.

MINUTES:

***MOTION by Mr. Gnarra, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to table the minutes of February 27, 2007.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling reported the Economy Women's Club are requesting use of the Municipal Building, Saturday, April 28, 2007 from 10:00 AM until 3:30 PM for a White Elephant Flea Market Sale. Mr. Kunkle will check the calendar for the open date.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. TEAM Labor & Employment Law Seminar: Mr. Kunkle reported The Employment Alliance of Municipalities (TEAM) annual seminar is April 11th & April 12th at the Sheraton Harrisburg; the seminar is free; the room rate is \$95/night, 2 nights plus travel expenses; requested permission to attend.

MOTION by Mr. Gnarra, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize one representative of Economy Borough to attend the TEAM Seminar, April 11 & 12 at the Sheraton Harrisburg. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. VETERAN'S MEMORIAL GRANT: Mr. Kunkle reported he has received correspondence from DCED that the \$15,000 grant application submitted through Senator LaValle's office has been preliminarily recommended for funding.

3. Resolution No. 408 – EVFD Property Tax Exoneration: Mr. Kunkle reported this is regarding property purchased by the Economy Borough Volunteer Fire Department May 18, 2005.

MOTION by Mr. Gnarra, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to adopt Resolution No. 408 exonerating the Economy Borough Tax Collector from Collection of the 2006 Borough Property Taxes on Tax Parcel No. 60-018-0337-001. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Cooney Hollow Road Bridge Inspection: Mr. Kunkle reported the bi annual bridge inspection report for the Cooney Hollow Road Bridge has been received. Mr. Shoup will review the report as to what may or may not have to be done with the bridge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Mr. Gnarra reported a CENTAX representative would be on site, Wednesday, April 11th (4-7 PM); Saturday, April 14th (9 AM – NOON); and Monday, April 16th (8:30 AM – 4 PM) and will be advertised.

Mr. Gnarra reported he, Mr. Sivy and Mrs. Mutschler will meet on the part time police issues.

Mr. Gnarra reported the Finance Committee would review the remuneration request from the Economy Borough Municipal Authority and all boards before the next appointments.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

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

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

MOTION by Mrs. Raymer, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to authorize advertising for adoption the proposed ordinance establishing standards for inter municipal liquor license transfers, to set forth procedures for applications and hearings on inter municipal liquor license transfers into Economy Borough.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

No Report

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to authorize Chief Harrington to order one Ford 2007 Police Interceptor 4 Dr. Sedan P71 from Day Fleet Sales through the Westmoreland COG for approximately \$24,000.00.

Questions on the motion: Mr. Mutschler asked how many police cars Economy Borough have (9 vehicles). Mr. Googins asked which car would be replaced and how many miles are on same (Car 313 which has 80,000 miles).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

*Mr. Gnarra – Yes
Mr. Googins – No
Mr. Mutschler – No
Mrs. Mutschler – Yes
Mrs. Raymer – No
Mr. Rock – Yes*

Mayor Poling broke the 3-3 tie with a Yes vote – motion carried.

MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Gnarra – to authorize the purchase of two PM1500 VHF, 136-174MHz Radios, one for the new police car and one replacement, one taken from Capital Purchase-Vehicle and one from Minor Equipment. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

No Report

ENGINEER:

Mr. Shoup reported he, Mr. Kunkle and Mr. Fitzgerald will meet regarding which Economy Borough roads that intersect with PennDOT roads that might need to have studies for weight restrictions, within budget constraints.

Mr. Shoup reported the 2 recommendations from the report for the Cooney Hollow Road Bridge were do provide 1) guide rails and 2) cover the exposed abutment footers.

Mr. Shoup reported contacting Highland Tank to obtain a new offer on the underground storage tank as it is 3,000 gallons and not 1,000 gallons.

Mr. Shoup recommended sending a formal claim against the warranty of the emergency generator to Cutler Hammer.

SOLICITOR:

MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize the abandonment of the previously recorded right of way easement and authorize the execution of the new easement and right of way for the Concord United Presbyterian Church. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

*MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:20 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
March 16, 2007

List of Bills attached to Minute Book