

Economy Borough Council
Regular Work Session Minutes
January 26, 2016

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Larry Googins presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Larry Googins, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Frank Morrone, Mrs. Audrey Mutschler, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, and Mr. Joshua Kail, Esq. representing the Borough Solicitor.

ABSENT: Mr. R.J. Burns (Excused)
Mayor Poling (Excused)
Borough Manager Randy Kunkle (Excused)

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Googins requested a moment of silence for the twelve (12) Marines that killed in a two (2) helicopter crash off of Hawaii on January 14, 2016, during an evening training exercise.

HEAR THE PUBLIC: Mr. Googins stated that in the past there was discussion regarding having a Hear the Public Session during the working meetings or not and nothing prohibits us from doing so. Since there is a small group who bothered to attend the meeting, we will have a Hear the Public Session if there is something you would like to bring up to Council. Mr. Googins expressed his understanding that these meetings are going to be called working meetings and they are to prepare ourselves for the first meeting of the month. Any questions that may arise can be brought up to enable research and/or answered prior to the next meeting so that it helps shorten the first meetings of the month and will give the resident who attend the work session meetings an idea of what will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: No Report.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mr. Morrone, Chairperson of the Property and Building Committee, presented Council with an overview of requesting bids for replacing the two (2) front office windows and for some doors at the police department that are not closing properly. There is funding budgeted for these projects. There was some discussion regarding looking into seeing if there is any outside funding (possibly grants) available to help with these improvements and possible permit more of the windows being done at one time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT: No Report

1. Phone System Proposals for the Borough Office and the Police Department – The Borough Manager has distributed to Council four (4) bids for replacing the phone systems in both the Borough Office and

the Police Department. The Borough Secretary stated that the office periodically receives complaints from outside callers that the lines are ringing busy when there is no one on them and that during wet and/or windy weather the lines have a lot of static when using two (2) or more phone lines at a time. The Borough Secretary also stated that Verizon has been called out twice to check the lines since she has started working at the Borough and they claim it is not the lines but the phone system. The Borough Secretary was asked if she was familiar with any of the bid companies. The Borough Secretary stated that she has only dealt with Kapp Communications and has never had an issue with them. The current Borough office equipment is through Kapp Communications. The Borough Manager was asked to have Kapp Communications check the phone system prior to the expense of a new phone system.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report.

Mr. Fetkovich entered the meeting at this time (7:15 p.m.)

ENGINEER'S REPORT – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Mr. Bucuren inquired as to why there is not any old business on the agenda and that he has some questions regarding old business. Mr. Googins stated that if there is old business it should be listed on the agenda. Mr. Bucuren stated he would hold his questions until the next meeting due to not everyone is here to answer the questions.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Googins presented Council with discussion regarding how the Work Session Agendas should be outlined. There was discussion regarding whether the minutes should be placed on the agenda so that if there are any corrections/revisions that need to be made they could be done prior to the first meeting of the month. Mrs. Skonieczny stated that a down side to this is that the Borough Secretary will have less time to prepare the minutes. The Borough Secretary recommended renaming the minute line to Draft Minutes if this is approved by Council. Mr. Googins reviewed the outline for upcoming agendas.

Mr. Googins reminded Council that PennEnergy Resources, LLC, is sponsoring an emergency response training session at the Big Knob Grange on February 15, 2016, a reservation is requested.

There being no further business, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary