

MINUTES ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** 25 March 14

Council President RJ Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Economy Municipal Building.

Mr Googins announced he is recording the meeting on behalf of Mrs Barthelemy, who is attending a municipal training class.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Gary Bucuren, Tom Fetkovich, Larry Googins, Frank Morrone, Pat Skonieczny, RJ Burns

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Askar, Esq.; Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Mike Lucia, 416 Golden Grove Road asks if there are any updates to the two audits being done? Mr Burns responds yes but they will take time.

MINUTES:

February 11: Solicitor Askar advises the verbatim account of the two questioned passages in the original draft of the minutes be inserted into the minutes before they are adopted.

Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Morrone, to table the February 11th minutes until the next meeting, all voted aye.

February 25th: **Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Morrone, to approve the minutes of February 25th, 2014, all voted aye.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Mrs Skonieczny has nothing to report.

PROPERTY and BUILDING: Mr Fetkovich reports that Guzik's may not be able to do the work at this time and other quotes may be obtained.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr Morrone reports the Chief is recommending Richard Waznicki be offered a full time position.

Motion by Mr Morrone, seconded by Mr Bucuren to offer Richard Waznicki a full time position contingent upon successful completion of mental and physical testing, all voted aye.

Mr Kunkle will instruct Mr DaSanzo of the Civil Service Commission to proceed.

Mr Morrone requests a re-evaluation of the police' health insurance. Solicitor Askar mentions the arbitrator's decision specifies the health care to be provided.

Mr Morrone reports the Chief's contract is ready.

Finance: List of bills. **Motion by Mr Googins, seconded by Mr Bucuren, to pay the bills. All voted aye with the exception of Mr Bucuren who abstained from voting on Public Works bills due to his brother working in the department; and Mrs Skonieczny who abstained from voting on Police bills due to her son working in the department.**

Public Works: Mr Bucuren requests a short Executive Session to talk about the contract.

Recreation: Mr Fetkovich reports this coming Saturday will be the breakfast with the Easter Bunny. And that Community Day preparations are well under way and this event should be in the newsletter.

Mr Morrone adds that the Chief was not paid overtime while the Girl Scouts visited the department.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Discussion takes place concerning paying for the police vehicles and the role of the capital improvement plan.

Mrs Skonieczny asks if there is a limit on how much we can carry over from year to year.

Motion by Mr Googins, seconded by Mr Bucuren, to transfer the funds in the NLSC car fund to the general fund line item 410.700, Vehicle Purchase, all voted aye with the exception of Mrs Skonieczny who abstained due to her son working in the department.

Motion by Mr Googins, seconded by Mr Morrone, to reduce line item 491.100 Capital Improvement Plan by \$33,413.16 and transfer it to 430.700, Vehicle Purchase, to cover the first lease payment for the new Peterbuilt in Public Works; all voted aye with the exception of Mr Bucuren who abstained due to his brother working in the department.

Mr Burns asks who the lease is through; First National Bank.

REPORTS:

ENGINEER:

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Askar reports BIU agrees to take out the exclusivity clause in their agreement as a third party building inspector in the borough.

Solicitor Askar reports the firm of Cottrell and Arbutina offered to switch the borough's accounts to Quick Books at \$50.00/hr and to train employees at \$80.00/hr plus the actual cost of the software.

Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Morrone, to retain Cottrell & Arbutina, subject to legal review, all voted aye.

Solicitor Askar requests a short Executive Session to address/finish the Police Chief's contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Bucuren, to appoint Roger Kowal and Audrey Mutschler to the Planning Commission, all voted aye with the exception of Mr Googins, who did not vote against the individuals nominated rather the need for a larger commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr Burns wants a print out of all items deleted by Scott Fadzen during the 2013 close-out.

Mr Burns wants the old copy machine replaced; Amcom is due in the next day.

It is suggested more advertising is needed to obtain a wider variety of applicants for the Borough Secretary position.

Copies of the Borough Manager ordinance are to be distributed.

Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Morrone, to advertise the Borough Secretary position in an expanded area, all voted aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mr Morrone, seconded by Mr Googins to adjourn to executive session, following which a vote may be needed, all voted aye at 8:50 pm.

Motion by Mr Morrone, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny, to go back into regular session, all voted aye at 9:23.

Solicitor Askar reports the terms and conditions of the Chief's contract are ready for approval.

Motion by Mr Fetkovich, seconded by Mr Morrone, to approve the latest version of the Chief of Police Contract and to offer it to Mike O'Brien, all voted aye excepting Mrs Skonieczny who abstains due to her son working in the department.

Motion by Mr Morrone, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny, to adjourn, all voted aye at 9:25.

To the best of my knowledge the forgoing is a true and accurate record of what occurred during this meeting.

Randy S Kunkle
Borough Manager

List of Bills attached to Minute Book