

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
March 27, 2018

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

ABSENT: Mr. Brian Westrom (Excused)

MOMENT OF SILENCE and the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TROOP 405 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – Mr. Noah Smokovich was present to request permission to build book shelves in the Borough Building Lobby. Mr. Smokovich’s intent is to expand the shelf area to make it more attractive for visitors and he will give Council a finalized copy of the plan. Council commended Mr. Smokovich for his great efforts.

VIDEO CAMERAS: Mr. Jack Hershberger of Vector Security was present to review his proposal for security cameras (30-day historical record) and to answer any questions or concerns Council may have. Members of Council discussed the number of cameras, fears of not knowing who is coming in the building and locking/buzzed in entryway. Mr. Hershberger presented other options and stated that a proposal can be completed for the type of security Council would like to see installed. Members of Council requested a proposal for additional cameras and any recommendations to be broken down.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mr. Burns welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested the discussion(s) regarding Borough business be kept to 3 – 5 minutes in length.

Noah Smokovich of 2721 Legionville (Hemmerle) Road, Ambridge
Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley
Jack Hershberger of Vector Security

HEAR THE PUBLIC: None.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2018, were presented to Council. **After some review the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2018, as presented was unanimously carried.** It was noted that Mrs. Skonieczny was not present at the March 13, 2018, meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Skonieczny, Chairperson of the Ordinance Committee, presented Council updates and information regarding the following items:

1. **Council Compensation Ordinance** - A proposed ordinance fixing the amount of annual compensation to be received by the Mayor, President of Council and Council Members in an amount not to exceed that authorized by law was presented to Council for review. The Borough Solicitor reviewed the proposed ordinance which does not change anything except making the compensation compliant with the Pennsylvania Constitution. The Borough Manager recommended advertising the proposed ordinance. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mrs.**

Mutschler to authorize the advertising of the Council Compensation Ordinance was unanimously carried.

2. Grading Ordinance – A proposed ordinance amending Part II of the Code of the Borough to create a new ordinance titled “Grading” and to establish regulations regarding grading of the terrain within the Borough was presented to Council for review. The Borough Manager recommended advertising the proposed ordinance. The Borough Solicitor stated that the instructions for filing a grading permit application includes fees which are not part of the Fee Resolution. The Borough Manager will review/update the Fee Resolution and will forward the resolution to the Planning Commission for review if needed. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to authorize the advertising of the Grading Ordinance was unanimously carried.**

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Fetkovich, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, presented Council updates and information regarding the following items:

1. Pickleball – Due to more interest in the game, the Recreation Committee would like to enable residents to borrow equipment to play Pickleball. Residents will be required to sign out the equipment and leave a deposit that will be refunded upon the return of the equipment. This matter was requested to be placed in the upcoming newsletter.
2. Park Maintenance – The Walk the Parks was completed on March 19, 2018, and a list of park maintenance items will be submitted soon. The Recreation Committee is reviewing future additions of grills, bench(s) and possible a pavilion at Jeffery B. Meddock Recreation Park.
3. Playground Grand Opening Day – A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground equipment is scheduled for June 16, 2018, and is open to everyone. There will be children’s games, activities, prizes, refreshments and snacks. This matter was requested to be placed in the upcoming newsletter. The Recreation Committee is researching a future traditional swing set and double-sided benches so that there is a place for people to sit and watch the children play and/or any ballgames being played.

Mayor Borato entered the meeting at this time (7:44 p.m.)

4. 60th Anniversary Celebration – This year is the 60th Anniversary of Economy Borough becoming a Borough. The Recreation Committee has scheduled a Movie Night and Fireworks for September 8, 2018, (rain date of September 15, 2018). The movie will begin approximately at 7:30 p.m. followed by fireworks. Mr. Fetkovich reviewed more details for the celebration which included signage and shuttle service. Members of Council discussed concerns regarding the safety of the fireworks, insurance coverage for fireworks and the expenses being budgeted.

Mr. Fetkovich thanked the Recreation Committee and thanked Mrs. Laurel Westrom for a great job in getting estimates and preparing spreadsheets. Mr. Fetkovich asked if a motion was needed to approve the expenses associated with the above. It was determined that motion was not needed due to the expenses are within the budgeted allotment.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE: Mr. Burns, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. Public Works Report – Mr. Burns presented Council with an overview of items that the Public Works Department has completed. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.
2. 2004 Peterbilt Truck – Mr. Burns presented Council with an estimate, in the amount of \$2,950.00, from TJW, LLC to repair the bed on the 2004 Peterbilt truck (does not cover any painting). The dump bed cross members are rusty, holes on the outside of the bed and there are concerns of the hoist cylinder pushing through the bed floor. **After some discussion, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the repair estimate in the amount \$2,950.00 to fix the truck.**

Mr. Burns requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter and the Public Works Contract.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Borato presented Council with updates regarding the following issues:

1. Mayor’s Monthly Police Department Report for February 2018 – After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.
2. Police Department Merging – Mayor Borato presented to Council an overview of a letter received from New Sewickley Township regarding the possibility of merging the police departments. At this time, the consensus is that it could cause safety concerns for our residents and is not financially feasible.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: The Borough Solicitor presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. Skonieczny Lawsuit – No update at this time.
2. Video Cameras (Right-to-Know) – The Borough Solicitor explained that the video camera system and proposal(s) were discussed at the beginning of the meeting. The security footage is subject to the Right-to-Know depending on the information being requested.
3. Heart and Lung Policy – The Borough Solicitor presented Council with a draft of the proposed Heart and Lung Policy for their review. Mrs. Mutschler inquired if this needs to be addressed with the bargaining unit. The Borough Solicitor will research this matter.
4. PennEnergy Lease Agreement/Division Order – The Borough Solicitor presented Council with an overview of how the division order works. The Borough Manager stated that Council needs to approve the order for signatures. The Borough Solicitor requested the matter be tabled for further review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Non-organized Employee Resolution – This matter will be discussed in executive session.
2. Assistant Code Enforcement Officer – To begin the process the Borough Manager was asked to set up interviews for the same day, approximately fifteen (15) minutes apart beginning after 5 p.m.

Mrs. Mutschler asked how many Summer Help applications have been received and requested a copy of any/all applications submitted to the Borough be placed in Council’s boxes (as they come in) regardless of the position.

Mrs. Mutschler stated that, as discussed before, we should have a Personnel Committee and that we all have to vote to add another committee. **After some discussion, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr.**

Morrone to establish a Personnel Committee was unanimously carried. The President of Council will assign Council Members to the committee. Mrs. Mutschler volunteered to be the Personnel Committee Chairperson. Mrs. Mutschler stated that there should be more than three (3) members to the committees so that if one person is unavailable then a phone call can be made to the next person so that things are not stalled. Members of Council discussed that the committee(s) should have people who are interested in the committee and that someone has to be the chair on two (2) committees.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Grading Ordinance – This matter was discussed under the Ordinance Committee Report.
2. Proclamation for Retired Fire Chief J. Thomas – Mr. Burns read the Proclamation for retired Fire Chief J. Thomas as presented. **After some review, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to approve the Proclamation was unanimously carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Borato, as Vice Chair of the Economy Borough Municipal Authority (EBMA), reviewed the background of a letter to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development regarding EBMA's intent to apply for a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter, contractual matter and a matter regarding a proposed resolution for non-organized employees at 8:36 p.m., as per the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich.

Mr. Burns left the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

On the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to reconvene at 9:15p.m. was unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager

Motion(s) made and/or Council consensus decision(s):

1. Approve the Minutes of March 13, 2018.
2. Approval to advertise the Council Compensation Ordinance.
3. Approval to advertise the Grading Ordinance.
4. Approve the repair estimate for fix the 2004 Peterbilt Truck.
5. Approval to establish a Personnel Committee.
6. Approve the Proclamation for Retired Fire Chief J. Thomas.