

MINUTES ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** 22 Apr 14

Council Vice-President Pat Skonieczny called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Economy Municipal Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mrs Barthelemy-present, Mr Bucuren-present, Mr Fetkovich-present, Mr Googins-present, Mr Morrone-present, Mrs Skonieczny-present, Mr Burns-not present.

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

HEAR THE PUBLIC: No one spoke.

MINUTES: January 6th, 14th and 28th.

Motion by Mr Morrone to table the minutes, seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECREATION: Mr. Fetkovich reports the Rec Board's emphasis is now on Community Day.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Mrs Skonieczny has nothing to report.

PROPERTY and BUILDING: Mr Fetkovich reports two estimates were received for security systems and a third may be forthcoming.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr Morrone has nothing at this time

FINANCE: nothing at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Bucuren reports they met with the Teamsters to discuss the contract and they have another meeting scheduled for May 7th.

The F-350's bed is falling off, it's rusted out. Checked with Allegheny Ford, they have new beds for \$1500. Have to verify it will fit, he thinks it will, and the guys can do the work.

Motion by Mr Bucuren to replace the bed, seconded by Mr Morrone, all voted aye.

Mr Bucuren spoke with Mr Dunn about Morton salt, an order for 1000 tons was placed but only one truck load was delivered. Mr Googins will be going to a COG meeting this Thursday and he would like to know all of the salt numbers both COG and COSTARS. If we had to buy excess salt from COSTARS at a higher price, Morton should make up the difference.

Mr Bucuren also looked at some drainage issues with Mr Dunn and Mr Shoup.

Mr Bucuren suggests we make a pile out of the wood chips we've been taking to the county. Residents might make use of it.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Poling states he received a letter from Chief O'Brien stating Patrolman Mike Janectic's probationary period is over.

Motion by Mr Morrone to place Patrolman Mike Janectic on regular employment status, seconded by Mr Fetkovich, all voted aye.

Mayor Poling states there is a need for additional rank in the police department. There are presently no Lieutenants, we have two Sergeants, two Sergeants would be promoted to Lieutenant, and three Sergeants are needed – one for each shift.

Motion by Mrs Barthelemy to start the ranking process, seconded by Mr Bucuren, question by Mr Googins as to how many; the Mayor states it will ultimately come back to Council but thinks we should have at least a Sergeant per shift, and the two Sergeants will probably merit the right to be promoted. All voted aye.

MANAGER'S REPORT: The agreement with Baker as the consultant to the Planning Commission has been reviewed and can be acted upon.

Motion by Mr Morrone to execute the agreement with Michael Baker Jr, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny, all voted aye.

The purchase or lease of a new copier for the office is discussed. Additional prices were obtained from CDI Office Technologies, DBA The Wm P Pollock Co, who offered a purchase price of \$3,932 plus \$49/mo service and support fee for a Konica Minolta Bizhub 284e; or to lease it for \$74/mo plus the service and support fee.

Motion by Mr Fetkovich to purchase the Konica Minolta copier, seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye.

REPORTS:

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Askar reports that BIU sent the revised agreement with the exclusivity clause taken out.

Motion by Mr Morrone to execute the BIU agreement for third party building inspection services, seconded by Mrs Skonieczny, question by Mr Googins: How does the borough receive its portion of the fees? The borough collects the entire fee and then reimburses the third party 80%. Mayor Poling adds that they provide borough code violation enforcement; Solicitor Askar states BIU would retain the full fees for code violation enforcements; all voted aye.

Solicitor Askar reports a request was received by a resident to buy a piece of property out of the repository; this is when a property goes through the upset sale process and then a judicial tax sale and no one buys it; it then goes into the county's repository and anyone can then offer to pay the costs associated with the property to obtain ownership. There are no liens on these properties but they go back on the tax roll. Most of them are vacant land that is generally not worth much or anything.

Motion by Mr Fetkovich to authorize signing off on the purchase of property out of the repository located on Fairview Avenue, tax parcel number 60-021-0831.000, seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Poling reminds everyone that the police and municipal building servers need to be replaced and could cost upwards of \$20,000 each. There will be a proposal later in the week to go to a secured cloud system.

Any other new business? Mrs Barthelemy asks about the Nottingham Groups audit and their invoice, particularly a lengthy phone call and the Mayor's involvement. Mr Askar suggests this conversation should take place in executive session and that Mrs Skonieczny volunteered to lead this ad hoc committee and she requested the Mayor's participation.

Motion to adjourn by Mr Googins, seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye at 7:48.

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