

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2015

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, Mrs. Courtney Barthelemy, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Larry Googins, Mr. Frank Morrone, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle and Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, and Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Joshua Kail, Esq.

OPENING PRAYER

Mr. Tom Fetkovich entered the meeting at this time (7:03 p.m.).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor David Poling entered the meeting at this time (7:05 p.m.).

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.

The following visitors were present:

George Foltz of 61 Bock Lane, Baden
Steve & JoAnn Borato of 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, Freedom
Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley
Okey Matthews of 335 Springer Road, Freedom
Harvey & Briah Marenic of 120 Ohio River Boulevard, Baden

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Okey Matthews was present to request an update regarding the 345 Springer Road complaint. The Borough Solicitor reviewed information that was presented at the prior meeting of Council. The Borough Solicitor stated that the Borough Manager and he will be gathering detailed information to construct a letter for submission to the Beaver County Community Development Program in time for the next submission date.

George Foltz was present to review a petition regarding 59 Bock Lane that was distributed to Council. This property is currently being rented and occupied by three (3) individuals. By submitting the petition, the surrounding neighbors are requesting the Borough do something about this matter. The Borough Manager stated that a letter has been drafted, which will be sent this week and then if needed, the matter would be forwarded to the District Magistrate.

Harvey Marenic, owner of Harvey's Auto Body, was present to discuss the recent complaint against his company. Mr. Marenic distributed a rebuttal to the Attorney General Complaint (BCP-15-05-006577) filed by Mr. Glenn J. Sylvester and comparable towing service invoices. Mr. Marenic presented an overview of the above distributed material and explained the EPA License for disposal of hazardous material.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2015, were presented to Council. **After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2015, was unanimously carried with the exception of Mrs. Barthelemy and Mrs. Skonieczny, who abstained due to they were not present at the meeting.**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: No Report.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Fetkovich, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, just wanted to remind everyone that the 2015 Community Day celebration is on June 20, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Skonieczny, Chairperson of the Public Utilities and Ordinance Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the following items:

1. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment** – Mrs. Skonieczny distributed a nonbiased report (Potential Health Risks of Distributed Antenna Systems in Encinitas (CA) Neighborhoods) to Council for review. Mrs. Skonieczny presented an overview of the research she had conducted on the Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS). The Planning Commission recommended amendments to Ordinance 417 (sections 180-07 and 180-66JJ of the Borough of Economy Code). The purpose of the mini cell towers is for large areas and venues that would support extra-large groups of people using cellular devices. There was some discussion regarding returning the amendments back to the Planning Commission requesting a report and/or to attend a meeting to explain their recommendation(s). After some review, a motion was made by Mrs. Skonieczny to amend the Ordinance to place limitations and/or exclude the DAS antennas, which after further discussion she rescinded. Mr. Googins stated that the COG has the same concerns that Mrs. Skonieczny has presented and he feels it needs researched more. **After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to refer this matter back to the Planning Commission for further research and explanation.**
2. **Resolution No. 430 Amendments** – Mrs. Skonieczny request this issue be discussed during executive session.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report.

Mayor Poling requested Council to consider outsourcing the Code Enforcement services for the Borough. There was some discussion regarding the possible need of a more aggressive enforcement and the cost associated with outsourcing these services.

Mayor Poling reviewed the background of the upcoming 2015 Memorial Service, which included his request, a month or so ago, for a volunteer or volunteers to help with the service due to his plans to be out of town. There was some discussion regarding a letter of interest received April 17, 2015, in the Borough office from the Economy Borough Civic Club, Economy Women's Club and the Economy Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Poling stated that due to his being unaware of the letter prior to his plans being changed, he will be conducting the 2015 Memorial Service.

MANAGER'S REPORT: The Borough Manager presented Council with updates regarding the following issues:

1. **Planning Commission (4 Year Term)** – There is one (1) vacancy on the Planning Commission Board, which has a term expiration of December 31, 2017. The Borough office has received three (3) letters of interest regarding this board. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy to appoint Mr. Richard Loedding, of 1775 Overlook Drive, to fill the vacancy was submitted to Council for a roll call vote, was unanimously carried. A roll call vote was then taken and Mr. Richard Loedding was appointed to the Planning Commission Board with having received four (4) affirmative votes of seven (7) members of Council present. Mr. Bucuren, Mr. Morrone voted against the appointment and Mr. Burns abstained due to personally knowing one of the candidates.**

2. Civil Service Rules Update – The Borough Manager presented Council with a background of the proposed updates which incorporate the changes to the laws and rules that govern the Civil Service Commission. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the Civil Service Rules and Regulations update(s) as presented was unanimously carried.**
3. Retired Chairs – There was some discussion regarding the chairs from Council Chambers that were replaced in April 2015. The Borough Solicitor stated that the chairs could be sold with a signed waiver releasing the Borough from any liability. **After some review, it was the consensus of Council to give the chairs to any Economy Borough resident who wishes to have one.**
4. Compton Heights Plan (Compton Court Drive) Public Water Request – The Borough Manager has received another email regarding the water line request. There was some discussion regarding the residents being contacted and given the information available from the March 2015 meeting with Ambridge Water Authority (AWA). There was some discussion regarding the understanding that if all of the residents pay for the expenses up front then AWA would be willing to install the water line.

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

1. Ambridge Water Authority Agreements (AWA) – The Borough Solicitor stated that he is waiting to hear back from Fire Chief Thomas regarding the fire hydrant list. Mrs. Skonieczny stated she is in favor of tagging the hydrants. Mr. Burns agreed with Mrs. Skonieczny and still feels that someone from the Public Works Department or the Fire Department should accompany AWA when the hydrants are serviced. There was some discussion regarding adding a notation into the contract regarding if the maintenance service isn’t completed then the work is unbillable.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Barthelemy presented Council with information regarding the River Valley Tang Soo Do having a fundraising shopping day on Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Fetkovich mentioned in order to secure the reservation of the tents, chairs and tables for the 2015 Community Day celebration that one half or \$750.00 would have to be paid up front. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to pay \$750.00 to secure the tents, chairs and tables was unanimously carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session in regard to personnel matters consisting of ongoing employee litigation, personnel matters involving a vacation time request at 7:54 p.m.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager