

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2017

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with President 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. Larry Googins, Mr. Frank Morrone, Mrs. Audrey Mutschler, Mayor Jo Ann Borato, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, Borough Solicitor Joseph Askar, Mr. Joshua Kail, Esq., and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

ABSENT: Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (Excused)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Burns introduced Beaver County Commissioner Chairman Sandie Egley to everyone present. Ms. Egley stated that she makes a point to visit all of the Beaver County Municipalities to offer any help with any county or governmental questions.

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.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

The following visitors were present:

David Horn of 1395 Harmony Road, Baden

Mike Lucia (not signed in) was present to express his concerns regarding proposed speed bumps on Harmony Road, which would take monies away from other needs and areas that need it.

David Horn was present to express his desire for speed bumps on Harmony Road for safety reasons. There was discussion regarding the pricing, the number of bumps and other options instead of bumps including the criteria requirements.

Anthony Petalino (not signed in) was present to express concerns regarding the possibility of a pipe being installed on Lyndon Lane through his property. Mr. Petalino stated that it has taken twenty-seven years to get the water run-off handled at present and now there is talk about adding another housing plan to it. There was some discussion regarding that adding the pipe could affect two neighbors and the pipe capacity. The Borough Engineer was asked to review this matter.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on May 09, 2017, were presented to Council. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 09, 2017 as presented was unanimously carried.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Fetkovich, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the current list of board members, including two (2) term dates that the Borough Manager can help with.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report.

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

1. Public Works Bi-monthly Report – After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.
2. 2006 F350 Diesel Pickup Truck (Trk 6) – This vehicle has shut down while driving and was towed to Baierl Ford, Zelienople for diagnostics. It was determined that the S.T.C. (snap to connect) fitting needs replaced at a cost of \$3,600.00 if no other problems are found. The Public Works Foreman recommends a second opinion, possibly with Three Rivers Marine & R.V. Center, Fallston, due to the potential savings. There is funding budgeted for a new pickup truck, which would be approximately \$40,000.00 for the truck and \$10,000.00 for a snow plow, lighting and lettering. Members of Council discussed whether to fix the truck for continual use, to trade it in or to sell it and to look into a new truck pricing. The Borough Manager was asked to research through the COG for pricing for a new truck with and without a plow.
3. Teamsters Local #250 (Union) Labor Contract – Mrs. Mutschler requested Council to review the public works contract for future discussion.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Borato stated that a Memorial Day Program has been scheduled for May 29, 2017 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial and presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. Civil Service Commission List of Applicable Candidates – There will be an officer on deployment in June 2017. Chief O'Brien has successfully filled all but four (4) shifts which has reduced overtime. Mayor Borato would like to start the hiring process of another officer to replace an officer who could possibly be retiring as early as the end of September.
2. Residential Sewage Rates – Mayor Borato stated that the Economy Borough Municipal Authority conducted a poll of residential sewage rates based on an average bill of 15,000 gallons usage. The results determined that North Sewickley has the highest quarterly rate (not Economy Borough). However, Economy Borough has the highest tap-in fees.

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

1. Skonieczny Lawsuit – No update at this time.
2. Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) Re-appointment – This matter is still under review.
3. Reducing the Number of Bank Accounts – This matter has been reviewed by the Borough Solicitor and the Borough Manager. It has been determined that the six (6) bank accounts reviewed are deemed no longer needed and the funds, in the amount of \$70,775.00, are able to be used to help cover the Dunlap Hill Traffic Signal expense. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to (zero) close out the bank accounts and place the funds in the General Fund was unanimously carried.**

4. Resolution No. 461 - Beaver County Emergency Services Unit Mutual Aid – The Beaver County Emergency Services Unit Mutual Aid Agreement was approved at the regular Council meeting of May 9, 2017. The Borough Solicitor recommends approving Resolution No. 461 which will approve the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit Mutual Aid Agreement which should have been completed at the time the agreement was approved. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to adopt Resolution No. 461 approving the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit Mutual Aid Agreement as presented was unanimously carried.**

5. Resolution No. 462 and the Beaver County Anti-Drug Task Force Mutual Aid Agreement – The Borough Solicitor reviewed the background of this agreement and asked if there were any questions on the agreement. Resolution No. 462 approving the Beaver County Anti-Drug Task Force Mutual Aid Agreement should be adopted along with the agreement. The Borough Solicitor stated this agreement coincides with the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit Mutual Aid Agreement and recommends approval of Resolution No. 462 and the Beaver County Anti-Drug Task Force Mutual Aid Agreement. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to execute the Beaver County Anti-Drug Task Mutual Aid Agreement thru the adoption of Resolution No. 462 was unanimously carried.**

6. Police Officers Association Reprimand Grievance Arbitration – The Borough Solicitor stated that an arbitrator from the American Arbitration Association (AAA) has been selected and that the case will be moving forward in July or August 2017. Mrs. Mutschler asked that “at any time could we not re-visit this and re-vote and really look at the packets that were given to us.” There was some discussion regarding if the packets were reviewed prior to the vote and if not, then was an honest decision made. Mrs. Mutschler stated “I truly do think, and I don’t know if I can say this out loud, but I think it was just a personal family matter that just got possibly a little out of hand. This is all blown out of proportion, it is going to be costly to both sides, but you know, I don’t know if you guys want to sit here and re-visit.” The Borough Solicitor stated that Council can collectively sit down and talk about it again and change their minds but that it obviously is up to the members of Council. Mr. Burns stated “I disagree with that, I think we move forward on it, we need to keep our marching orders. If we turn back now, then it is just going to set a precedent for future employees which is wrong, we need to move forward.” Members of Council discussed where the location of the hearing could/would be, the legal fees accruing which is split evenly between the Police Association and the Borough and if the winning party could recoup the monies lost.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – The Borough Engineer presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. 2017 Roadway Improvement Project – A Memorandum dated May 23, 2017, was distributed to Council regarding an updated roadway improvements list after a follow up discussion with PennEnergy. PennEnergy stated that a well has been scheduled for June 2018 along Amsler Ridge Road, but they are unsure the route to utilize the well. The Borough Engineer recommends holding off paving both Amsler Road and Amsler Ridge Road. The Borough Engineer is requesting authorization to advertise the updated list of roads. Members of Council discussed a slip on Amsler Ridge Road that is in need of repair and slurry sealing process/costs of roads which would extend the life of the roads. The Borough Manager inquired if the Economy Borough Municipal Authority (EBMA) driveways would be included. Members of Council discussed the possibility of doing in-house with the EBMA reimbursing the costs, that more information is needed and that it would not be included in the 2017 Roadway Improvement Project. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins to authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise the bidding as outlined in the Memorandum dated May 23, 2017 for contracted paving was unanimously carried.**

Mr. Burns asked the Borough Engineer to contact Bronder Technical Services to request their attention on getting the Dunlap Hill traffic light functioning.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bonding for Borough/Employee Dishonesty Rider – The Borough Manager stated that he has received the third (3rd) quote but not in time to place on the agenda. This matter will be discussed at the next regular scheduled meeting.
2. Public Works Department Position – The Committee is not prepared to make a recommendation at this time.
3. Assistant Code Enforcement Services – The Borough Manager stated that the Code Enforcement Officer is getting overwhelmed sometimes at this time of year and asked if there was anyone on Council who would like to form a committee to help review the applicants who applied for the advertised position and narrow them down for a recommendation to Council. Mr. Fetkovich, Mrs. Mutschler and Mr. Burns stated that they would be willing to help with the review process.
4. Liquor License Transfer – A public meeting has been scheduled for June 13, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
5. Petty Cash Policy – This was forwarded to the Finance Committee for review, no update at this time.
6. Traffic Calming Study (Harmony Road) – The Borough Manager stated that the traffic study expense will be approximately \$400.00 to \$500.00 dollars to see if the warrants are met for speed bumps along Harmony Road. The study will track the speed, the number of vehicles and the highest number of vehicles in any one hour (1 hr.) period. Members of Council discussed that this study is following the Traffic Calming Policy of the Borough. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to move forward with the traffic study on Harmony Road and authorizing the costs not to exceed \$500.00 was unanimously carried.**
7. Fee Resolution – This matter is still on hold due to input from the Planning Commission has not yet been received, no update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adding the Economy Borough Municipal Authority (EBMA) Driveways to the 2017 Roadway Improvement Project Bidding Process – This matter was briefly discussed during the Borough Engineer's report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Borough Secretary noted that the Economy Borough Municipal Authority Minutes of April 18, 2017 were distributed to Council.

Mr. Burns thanked Ms. Sandie Egley and Mr. Jim Woolley for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Morrone to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 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 May 09, 2017 as presented.
2. Approval to reduce the number of bank accounts.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 461-Approving the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit Mutual Aid Agreement.
4. Approval to execute the Beaver County Anti-Drug Task Mutual Aid Agreement thru the adoption of Resolution No. 462.
5. Approve bid advertising for the 2017 Roadway Improvement Project.
6. Approval to move forward with traffic study on Harmony Road.