

Economy Borough Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2014

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**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. Larry Googins, Mr. Frank Morrone, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny, Mayor David Poling, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, Borough Solicitor Joseph Askar, and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Courtney Barthelemy (Excused)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**FIRE REPORT:** None

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief O'Brien presented Council with updates regarding the following items:

1. Policies & Procedures – The manuals are still being reviewed by the Borough Solicitor.
2. Click It or Ticket – The police department has been participating in the Click It or Ticket program since May 19, 2014. This program is a reminder to drivers to use their seatbelts and a large amount of citations have been written during this period. There was some discussion regarding the police are unable to stop anyone for just a seatbelt violation, they must be stopped for another reason and then a seatbelt citation can be added to the other violation(s)/citation(s). Mr. Googins inquired about the funding for this program. Chief O'Brien explained that the state reimburses the police officer(s) wages.
3. Community Days – The police department is preparing for the upcoming Community Days. A police car will be on display, an officer will be present to help with child car-seat safety and child ID cards will be offered.
4. Police Department Website – Chief O'Brien stated that the website is now up and running and includes an Alert Bar for residents. The website address is [boropd.com](http://boropd.com).
5. Officer Promotions – Chief O'Brien requested Council to approve the promotions of the following police officers. Promoting these officers will enable the department to operate with constant shift supervisors.

To Lieutenant -

- a. Sergeant J. Droz, who has been a full-time officer for the past thirty-two (32) years and has been a Sergeant since 2000.
- b. Sergeant G. Hartsell, who has been a full-time officer for the past twenty-two (22) years and has been a Sergeant since 2000.

To Sergeant –

- a. Senior Patrolman C. Lively, who has been a full-time officer since October 01, 1994, and serves as the department evidence custodian and has served as the Team Leader of the tactical team.
- b. Senior Patrolman R. Creese, who has been a full-time officer since September 14, 1997, and is the instructor for Less than Lethal weapons within the department.
- c. Senior Patrolman D. Farah, who has been a full-time officer since June 13, 2001, and is a paramedic with Economy Ambulance and has served on the tactical team as a tactical medic.

There was some discussion regarding whether the Civil Service Commission is part of this process. Chief O'Brien stated that we are able to promote by seniority and with a recommendation from the Chief of Police. There was some discussion regarding the effective date and if the officers would be available for a recognition ceremony. Chief O'Brien will look into the availability of the officers for the beginning of the next regular scheduled Council Meeting. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mr. Morrone to approve the promotions of the recommended officers effective June 11, 2014, was unanimously carried, with the exception of Mrs. Skonieczny who abstained.**

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Rich Dunn, PW Foreman, presented Council with an update report, which is on file in the Borough Office for review. The Public Works (PW) Department has worked on patching pot holes, removal of fallen trees from roadways, grass trimming around Borough Complex and parks every other week, Spring street sweeping, brush pick-up. Mr. Dunn also stated that the department installed/removed the Memorial Day Flags and replaced/repairs catch basins as needed. There was some discussion regarding the length of time and if inverts are poured during the installation of the pre-cast catch basins in the Ridge Road Plan. Mayor Poling inquired if there was a need for a bucket truck in the future to help with the flags and various jobs. Mr. Dunn stated that it would be safer than using the high lift bucket. A bucket truck should be considered in the future for safety reasons.

**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:

Nick Gnarra of 116 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Freedom  
Don Lang of 105 Grove Hill Road, Baden  
Larry Walter of 2464 Herr Road, Ambridge  
Marie Walter of 2464 Herr Road, Ambridge  
Robie Barkley of 120 Oliver Avenue, Freedom  
Mr. & Mrs. George Batykefer of 180 Oliver Avenue, Freedom  
Audrey Mutschler of 2820 Ridge Road Ext., Baden  
Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley  
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Stange of 420 Sproat Avenue, Freedom

**HEAR THE PUBLIC:**

Don Lang expressed concerns regarding salt that destroys the grass on the corner of his property (Grove Hill Road and Pineview Road) and a pipe across the road that is causing water run-off onto

the lower lot. Mr. Lang asked if Mr. Dunn, PW Foreman, would pay a visit in the future to his property to see if a curb could be installed. Mr. Bucuren and the Borough Engineer will also look into this concern.

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2014 were presented to Council. Mr. Bucuren presented Council with two (2) amendments to the minutes presented. An amendment to include Absent members of Council, as in the past and to amend the motion line on page 487, third paragraph to state seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy, due to Mr. Bucuren was not present at that meeting. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mrs. Skonieczny to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2014 as amended was unanimously carried.**

**PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Fetkovich, Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the following items:

1. **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Day** – Mr. Fetkovich thanked Mr. Dave Hershberger for all the work in putting this event together and also to thank the PW Department for their help with preparations. Mr. Hershberger has outlined a list of items that will need to be done before the day of the event and is asking for help from the PW Department. There was some discussion regarding how many men and hours would be needed to help with this list. **After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have the PW Department help with the list of items that need completed prior to the day of the event.**
2. **Pickleball Court** – Mr. Fetkovich stated that in the long term there is interest in having permanent Pickleball Courts. However, in the short term, resurfacing/line painting the basketball courts for three (3) Pickleball Courts would be a great help. There was some discussion regarding when this court was resurfaced last and if the court will need to be milled and/or resurfaced. There was some discussion regarding if this could be added to the scheduled road project and the cost of completing this work. The Borough Engineer was requested to inspect the court to see what type of work will be required. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mr. Morrone to approve resurfacing and/or milling and to repaint lines on the basketball court located at Maddock Park for three (3) Pickleball Courts, was unanimously carried.**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE** – No Report.

**PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Fetkovich, Chairperson of the Property & Building Committee, presented Council with a comparison of the two (2) estimates received. The bid received from Knighthawk Alarm System is upgrading the existing camera equipment, three (3) new cameras and only one (1) door lock for the evidence room and not the other doors that was requested. The bid received from Guzyk Lock Safe & Security is for new camera equipment, additional inside cameras and for exterior security door locks and two (2) interior door locks. The Knighthawk Alarm System bid was a at a slightly higher bid price. There was some discussion regarding the bids not being a better match for items/services. There was some discussion regarding future requests for bids being accompanied by a detailed spec outline for item(s)/service(s). Chief O'Brien stated that Guzyk Lock Safe & Security's bid offered two (2) add-ons for an additional price of \$375.00. The upgrades consist of upgrading to a 2 TBYE (memory) and upgrading the monitor to twenty-four inches (24"). **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to approve the bid submitted from Guzyk Lock Safe & Security including the two (2) quoted add-ons was unanimously carried with the exception of Mrs. Skonieczny who abstained.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**: – No Report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**:

1. Treasurer's Reports for the months of January, February, March, April and May 2014 were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.
2. Bills Payable for the period of May 09, 2014 through June 06, 2014 in the amount of \$235,695.16 from the General Fund, bills in the amount of \$1,139.56 from the Highway Aid Fund were presented to Council for review. Mr. Fetkovich inquired as to the reason check number 22785 to Markl Supply Co. (for police survival vests) is listed twice. The Borough Manager feels this is a glitch in the Gemini software and the Borough Secretary will verify that this bill was only paid once. There was some discussion regarding an invoice from JC Ehrlich Co. for pest control and an invoice from CompuGig for computer service. After some review, it was the consensus of Council to go into executive session to discuss the list of bills further, and upon re-entering the meeting a motion will be made regarding the list of bills.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Mr. Bucuren, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following items:

1. Public Works Contract – is still under negotiations.
2. Roadway Improvement Project – a 2014 Preliminary Cost Estimates Paving Operations Report was submitted to Council for review.
3. Salt – There was some discussion regarding the salt contract with Morton Salt through the COG and not being able to receive ordered shipments. Mr. Googins stated that other municipalities have threatened to go against the bond from Morton and that the other municipalities are now not having any problems receiving orders from Morton. The Borough Manager stated that he has contacted the COG regarding this issue, since that is who sets up the bids. The Borough Manager and Mr. Dunn were asked to contact Morton Salt directly to get information about receiving ordered shipments.
4. Public Work Vehicles – The Borough has purchased a new truck that was intended to replace an older Peterbuilt dump truck. There was some discussion regarding the number of trucks in the department and whether it is beneficial for the Borough to sell or keep the old truck. Mr. Dunn state that the 1997 Peterbuilt is in the worst shape and that the department could function without it. **After some review and discussion, it was the consensus of Council to ask Mr. Bucuren and Mr. Dunn to prepare a recommendation to Council.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – The Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for May 2014 was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed. Mayor Poling stated that the Ambridge School Board is planning on increasing the school tax and suggested that everyone should attend the school board meeting.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** – No Report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – The Borough Solicitor stated that a second bid for updated computer equipment/software and support was received from MGSoft-Net, which will be distributed to Council for review. MGSoft-Net does a lot of work for other municipalities. There was some

discussion regarding the price difference in this bid compared to the bid received from Vi-Haus, Inc. Mr. Fetkovich stated that he has contacted Vi-Haus, Inc. to discuss their bid and it was determined that they bid above and beyond what was needed. Vi-Haus, Inc. agreed to re-submit their bid for computer equipment/software support. Mr. Googins stated that he would like to meet with Mr. Fetkovich, Mayor Poling and the Chief of Police to review the bids.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Mr. Shoup presented Council with updates regarding the following items:

1. **Economy Way** – This project has been finalized and there is paperwork that needs completed regarding the developers agreement by the Borough Manager, Borough Solicitor.
2. **Road Improvement Program** – A list of roads that are in need of repair was designed by Mr. Dunn. Mr. Shoup stated that 6200 sq. yards of asphalt should be ready within the next few weeks. There was some discussion regarding Beaver Road being in bad shape with holes and piping issues. Beaver Road is a concrete road under the asphalt and the piping is approximately twenty-four inches (24”) deep, which will make this road costly to repair. There was some discussion regarding if there is a possibility of tar and chipping other roads to help with this costly expense.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No Report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session to discuss an item on the Bills Payable List and a personnel matter at 08:19 p.m.

On a motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mrs. Skonieczny to re-convene into the public meeting at 08:40 p.m., was unanimously carried.

**Bills Payable** – Mr. Googins reviewed the background of the invoice from CompuGig and the invoice from JC Ehrlich Co. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Morrone to approve the list of Bills Payable subject to the verification that the invoice from Markl Supply Co. has not been paid twice was unanimously carried, with the exception of Mrs. Skonieczny regarding the Public Safety bills, due to her son works in the department and the exception of Mr. Bucuren regarding the Public Works bills, due to his brother works in the department.**

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to adjourn the meeting at 08:44 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko  
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle  
Borough Manager

List of Bills attached to the Minute Book