

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2014

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Mrs. Pat Skonieczny presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mrs. Courtney Barthelemy, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Tom Fetkovich, Mr. Larry Googins, Mr. Frank Morrone, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny, Mayor David Poling, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, and Borough Secretary Margie Nelko.

ABSENT: Mr. R.J. Burns (Excused)
Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq. (Excused)

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS. Mrs. Skonieczny 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:

Anthony Petalino, 80 Bock Lane, Baden
Debbie Cercone of 2464 Herr Road, Ambridge
Marie Walter of 2464 Herr Road, Ambridge
Robie Barkley of 120 Oliver Avenue, Freedom
Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley
Earl & Janet Stange of 420 Sproat Avenue, Freedom

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

JoAnn Smith, of 2736 Ridge Road Ext., was present to thank Council for their donation to the Senior Citizens of Economy Borough Group.

Janet Stange was present to express her concerns and feelings regarding the gate that was erected on Elizabeth Street. Mrs. Stange stated that Elizabeth Street is the original drive for the Sproat farm and becomes Oliver Avenue. Mrs. Stange presented a letter from an attorney dated 1899, an original deed from December 1952, and a Plan of Property dated February 1985 completed by Shoup Engineering. Mrs. Skonieczny stated that she was going to discuss this issue, but she would like to wait until the Borough Solicitor is present.

Robie Barkley was present to express his concerns regarding the gate that was erected on Oliver Avenue. Mr. Barkley feels that if it is a public road then safety should be a concern, and the police department should be monitoring. He would like to see this resolved without making enemies.

Earl Stange was present to express his concerns regarding a right-of-way issue. Mr. Stange stated that Sproat Avenue and Knoll-Wood Circle are part of the Stange Subdivision, and that the deeds show this is a right-of-way. Mr. Stange stated that the borough maps show it as a private

road. Mr. Stange stated that he does not want an issue similar to the matter of Elizabeth Street and Oliver Avenue coming up in the future. There was some discussion on whether Knoll-Wood Circle is a public road or a private road, and how to correct any incorrect information. Mr. Stange stated that Oliver Avenue and Elizabeth Street are from the original Sproat Plan and that Knoll-Wood Circle is part of the Stange Plan.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on July 08, 2014, were presented to Council. Mrs. Skonieczny presented Council with an amendment to page 509, paragraph 5, correcting Economy Municipal Authority to Economy Borough Municipal Authority. Mrs. Skonieczny also stated that she feels the minutes should be tabled until the next meeting due to paragraph 4 on page 510 is not clear in that the conversation referenced both Clover Road and Rockrose Drive (not just Rockrose Drive), and to receive the legal opinion of the Borough Solicitor on the research done regarding item one (1) under the Engineer's Report on page 512. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Morrone to table the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 08, 2014 was unanimously carried.**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Mr. Bucuren, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Council with an update regarding employees being off due to injuries.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Fetkovich, Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the Pickleball Court. At the June 10, 2014, Council Meeting, Council requested the Borough Engineer to inspect the court, and also approved the resurfacing and/or milling, repainting lines on the basketball court located at Maddock Park for three (3) Pickleball Courts. Shoup Engineering has determined that the court will need crack sealed/repainted, and that three (3) bids will be presented at the next regular scheduled meeting of Council.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE – No Report.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE – No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: – No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Googins, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, presented Council with an update regarding check number 22923 payable to FNB Commercial Credit Card that was questioned at the July 08, 2014, Council Meeting, which was researched by the Borough Office and the results were emailed to Council for review.

Mrs. Skonieczny stated that the issue regarding a police officer loading shelving into the police vehicle in front of Walmart was found to be shelving purchased by the police officer(s), which is intended to be used in the evidence room.

MAYOR'S REPORT – The Mayor presented Council with an update regarding a letter being sent to Mr. Cessna, PennDot District 11 Engineer, requesting help in reviewing the drainage concerns on Bock Lane, Bradford Park Road and Golden Grove Road and also to help with a solution with these concerns. The Mayor requested a carbon copy of the letter be sent to State Senator Elder Vogel, Jr.

Carol Bubb, of 394 Golden Grove, was present and discussed with Council her concerns regarding drainage problems damaging her property. Ms. Bubb presented an overview of the history of the drainage problems and conversations she has had in the past with her neighbors, PennDot and the Borough. The Mayor stated that the letter to PennDot is ready to be sent in regard to the drainage concerns on Golden Grove and other streets within the Borough.

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

1. Janicki Re-zoning Request – The Public Hearing for this matter is on hold due to the Beaver County Planning Commission has not yet responded.
2. Resolution No. 448 – This Resolution is on hold until a revised resolution is received from Berkheimer Associates.
3. Ambridge Area School District Memorandum of Understanding – This matter is on hold until Chief O'Brien has reviewed the document.
4. Grass at 307 Brookside – The Borough Office has received complaints regarding the grass not being cut this year for this vacant property. Drumm & Sons submitted a quote of \$700.00 for the first cut and to haul it away and \$60.00 per cut thereafter. The Borough Manager stated that the property has been posted. There was some discussion regarding using the Public Works Department for this type of work to eliminate out sourcing. There was discussion regarding a liability and invoicing issues with having the Public Works Department doing the work. The Borough Manager stated that a lien will be placed on the property to reimburse the Borough for these expenses. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy to authorize Drumm & Sons to complete the work as outlined above was unanimously carried.**
5. Professional Code Services, Inc. (PCS) 3rd Party Agreement – Westview Water Authority is building a new water treatment plant in the Borough and is requesting the use of PCS to inspect this project. PCS is requesting the Borough to enter into an agreement before they will proceed, which has been forwarded to the Borough Solicitor for review. **After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to table this matter until the Borough Solicitor can provide a legal opinion.**
6. Belfiore Consolidation Plan – The Belfiore Plan is consolidating 383 Neeley Road and 385 Neeley Road. This was presented earlier this year as a subdivision plan, which was not approved due to the subdivision created two (2) non-permitting flag lots. The Borough Manager stated that lot consolidation request has been approved by both the Beaver County Planning Commission and Economy Borough Planning Commission. Mrs. Skonieczny inquired if the neighbors were notified. The Borough Manager stated that notifications were not required for lot consolidations, due to they do not impact the neighbors. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to approve the Belfiore Consolidation Plan was unanimously carried.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Skonieczny stated that it has been brought to her attention by Chief O'Brien that a citation for running a stop sign on Economy Way (bottom of the hill from Walmart at the four (4) way intersection) was contested at the District Magistrates due to there is not an Ordinance on record to back up the citation. The Borough Manager stated that the Borough has not taken over the road as of yet, due to the dedication has not been completed by the contractor.

Mrs. Barthelemy expressed her concerns regarding the purchase of food and beverages for the Police Department for 2014 Community Day celebration. Mrs. Barthelemy stated that six (6) employees were paid over-time wages for this day and finds it offensive that this purchase was made. There were several food vendors to purchase a lunch from, which would have been a contribution back to the community. There was some discussion regarding past practice for this supplying food and/or beverages for the departments during extra work hours. Mrs. Barthelemy feels that the six (6) Recreation Board Members should be given a \$10.00 gift card each as a thank you from Council for all their hard work and effort. Mr. Fetkovich stated that the Recreation Board Members are all volunteers who put in a lot more time and effort than you would think. After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to table the matter of purchasing (6) gift cards for a total amount of \$60.00 until the Borough Solicitor can be consulted.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins to adjourn the meeting at 07: 53 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager