

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
12 Aug 2014

MEETING called to order at 7:00 pm by RJ Burns – Council President, also attending were Pat Skonieczny – Vice president, Gary Bucuren, Tom Fetkovich, Larry Googins, Frank Morrone and David Poling - Mayor.

Others Present: Randy Kunkle – Borough Manager, Mike O’Brien – Police Chief, John Thomas – VFD Chief and Rich Dunn – Public Works Foreman.

ABSENT: Courtney Barthelemy (excused); Margie Nelko – Borough Secretary (excused)

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PENSIONS UPDATE: Bill Vescio of Vescio Asset Management, reported the police pension fund was worth \$4,899,093.00 at the end of June and is up 4.70% for the year. The Non-uniform plan was worth \$1,657,021.00 and was up 5.12%

HERE THE PUBLIC 7:10: Mike Lucia, 416 Golden Grove Road, missed the last meeting and asked if anything new has occurred with the audit of the computers. Mr Askar will be giving a report to Council, who will determine if it will be made public. A bill for this work is expected soon.

Jim Slowikowski, 115 Walnut Drive, receives a lot of storm water from the hill behind his house and Lyndon Lane. He and his son unplugged the pipe twice and removed the deck giving access to the pipe. Mr Bucuren will take a look at it and have a plan by the next meeting.

Roger Kowal, 479 Amsler Ridge Road, asks if paving will take place this year and if tree limbs will be trimmed especially on Compton Road, Mr Burns responds Mr Shoup will be discussing paving and Mr Dunn responds they were trimming limbs on Compton today.

Fire Report 7:17: Fire Chief John Thomas reported they have down time in July and August; fund raisers are going well. The quad provided by FireHouse Subs has been used and loaned to Cranberry, and will be loaned to Big Know for their Fair.

Mr Burns asks if there is anything new regarding being able to check on elderly residents. Mr Thomas responds the notch box keys will be going on commercial buildings first and an ordinance requiring this is needed. Mr Burns asked Mr Thomas to furnish Mr Askar with a copy of the ordinance.

Police Report 7:20: Chief O’Brien reported he attended a recent Economy Borough Senior Citizens Club lunch and provided them with information on Identity theft.

The Chief received numerous unofficial complaints about motorcycles speeding on Ridge Road Extension. Officer Lively was able to catch one of them going 81 mph. They are out there patrolling. There is an 8% increase in calls for service; 1892 Vs 2060. Police Incidents are up 53%, arrests are up 29%, they’ve driven 72,000 miles versus 61,000 last year. 36 calls to Walmart have resulted in 21 criminal charges.

The Chief received a grant to help pay for cell phone presence software, which will enable the department to examine information rather than send it to Harrisburg.

Car 318 has 107,000 miles on it, hasn't run since May and will not move. Brakes are locked and it's stuck in gear. Should be retired now. The EBVFD has offered to strip it down. There is a second car that can't be used and needs to go.

Motion by Mr Morrone to get rid of 318. Mrs Skonieczny asks if we want to get rid of the other one. Discussion follows, the second one was voted on to get rid of previously. The Fire Department will take the radios out and light bars off. Discussion of taking them to 422 Auction Sales took place. There is a motion on the floor to dispose of 318 and 312, two cars, **seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye.** Mrs Skonieczny abstains due to her son being a member of the police force.

The Chief asked what the status is of the Policies and Procedures Manual; Mr Askar responds that it will be ready to go to Council once the legal changes are made.

The Chief stated the MOU with AASD can be signed; it's a standard document. Mr Askar is in agreement. **Motion by Mrs Skonieczny to accept the AASD MOU, seconded by Mr Morrone, all voted aye.**

After discussion, **Motion by Mrs Skonieczny to accept the Policies and Procedures manual, seconded by Mr Morrone, all voted aye.**

The Chief stated Walmart would like to enter into an Emergency Response Action Plan. **Motion by Mr Morrone, to enter into the Emergency Response Action Plan with Walmart subject to legal review, seconded by Mr Burns, all voted aye.**

Public Works Report 7:54: 4th of July flags installed, chipped brush, weed whacking, cleaning Veterans Memorial, cutting grass at parks/assisting custodian, vehicle inspections, received 1000 tons of salt, fallen trees, 3 men off on workers comp – 2 still off, which limited what could be done.

Mr Burns asked what the accidents were; Earl Fitzgerald is off with a fractured tailbone; Mike Maker has a knee problem and some kind of internal problem and Jim Blumling got cut with a grinder in the shoulder; Mr Burns asked about a safety guard – we must have safety devices installed. Mr Burns asked if we have a doctors excuse for Mr Fitzgerald saying he has a fractured tailbone, Mr Kunkle responded he was to be back to work on the 11th but he had a relapse (Mr Kunkle was off work on the 11th and didn't have up to date information).

Hear the Public (for department heads only) 7:58: Roger Kowal 479 Amsler Ridge Road; has the Chief invited other departments in to learn about our schools and vice versa; Chief O'Brien responded he is working on this but first has to get his officers thoroughly trained.

Mr Googins asked if the 1000 tons of salt brought us up to 2800 tons from Morton? Yes.

George Fitzgerald 189 Wallrose Heights Road; I don't see a recording of the meeting, why don't we record the meetings? The recorder is at the head table.

Minutes 8:03: July 8, 2014 – Mrs Skonieczny questioned on page 512, it was unclear on the conversation of, paragraph four on page 510, paragraph three, the water issue should be identified as

being on Clover, not Rock Rose, on the Mack property. Mr Googins pointed out two typos; page 509 EMA should be EBMA (twice), on page 511 Resolution 488 should be 448. **Motion by Mr Morrone, seconded by Mr Googins, to accept the minutes as revised, all voted aye.**

July 22, 2014; **Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Bucuren, all voted aye.** Mr Burns abstained as he wasn't at the meeting and did not have a copy of the minutes.

Finance Committee 8:11: Mr Googins asked if everyone has a copy of the list of bills, yes. **Motion by Mr Googins, seconded by Mr Fetkovich, to approve the list of bills from July 4th through August 8th, all voted aye.** Mrs Skonieczny abstains from bills pertaining to the police department due to her son working there; Mr Bucuren abstains from bills pertaining to the public works department due to his brother working there.

Public Works Committee 8:13: Mr Bucuren asked if Council wants to get rid of the older Peterbuilt that was replaced. Estimated value is about \$30,000. An updated value will be available for the next meeting.

Parks & Recreation 8:18: Mr Fetkovich reported a price of about \$6000 to seal and re-paint the Recreation Drive Park basketball court and add pickleball court stripping. **Motion by Mr Fetkovich, seconded by Mr Bucuren, to accept the bid from Lutz Tennis & Asphalt Co to seal and paint the basketball court for \$6,190.**

Public Utilities Committee 8:20: no report

Property Committee 8:20: no report

Public Safety Committee 8:21: no report

Mayor's Report 8:21: Mayor Poling mentioned a runoff problem on a private road in Whispering Pines III. The Borough Manager will get a copy of the Developer's Agreement to the Solicitor.

Manager's Report 8:24: Berkheimer Resolution – the Solicitor is waiting to hear back from them. PCS agreement to be the third party inspector for the WestView water treatment plant; the agreement needs additional legal language added.

Solicitor's Report: 8:26: Attorney Askar reported a subdivision will have to be fresh-dated at the next meeting. He has the copies of emails for everyone on Council from the forensic computer audit. Council will have to decide if they remain confidential or made public. Mr Askar also reported the assessment appeal for PZ Northern was held and felt it went well.

Engineer's Report 8:32: Mr Shoup reported the results of the bids for the resurfacing of Beaver Road, see below:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate Bid	Total Bid
El Grande Industries Inc	122,922	7,250	130,172
Mele & Mele & Sons Inc	153,989.20	9,719.71	163,708.91
Peter J Caruso & Sons Inc	153,497	14,860	168,357

The alternate bid is for necessary drainage work.

Motion by Mr Googins, seconded by Mr Bucuren, to award both bids to El Grande Industries Inc, all voted aye.

Mr Shoup mentioned the Petalino drainage issue and suggested the borough should obtain an easement from the neighbor.

The Slowikowski drainage issue is brought up; it will be addressed at the next meeting.

Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Bucuren, to fix the Petalino drainage problem and request an easement from the neighbor, all voted aye.

New Business 8:43: The Greco Lot Consolidation on Conway Wallrose Road is mentioned, both Planning Commissions recommend approval. A single lot will enable a garage to be built on what is now a single lot. **Motion by Mr Fetkovich, seconded by Mr Morrone, to approve the Greco Lot Consolidation, all voted aye.**

The Manager mentioned the 20 year bond issue is being paid off this month. Approximately \$60,000 is left from the original issue. The question is what does Council want to do with those proceeds? Mr Askar will review the indenture documents.

Motion by Mrs Skonieczny , seconded by Morrone , to go into executive session after which a vote may be needed, all voted aye at 8:58 pm.

Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Morrone, to go back into regular session, all voted aye at 9:44.

Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Morrone, to have Mr Shoup look into the Mack drainage issue and what can be done to solve it, all voted aye.

The Manager mentioned the Janicki re-zoning request should be re-advertised. **Motion by Mrs Skonieczny, seconded by Mr Fetkovich, to advertise the Janicki re-zoning public hearing, all voted aye.**

Mr Kunkle mentioned the Borough Secretary is currently on Jury duty and that in the past the borough has paid the regular wages for this. Mr Askar advised that the borough continue with what was done before.

Motion by Mr Fetkovich, seconded by Mr Googins, to adjourn at 9:52, all voted aye.

Submitted by:

Randy S Kunkle
Borough Manager