

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 25, 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, 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, and Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Joshua Kail, Esq.

ABSENT: Mrs. Courtney Barthelemy (Excused)

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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:

JoAnn Borato of 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, Freedom
Celia Janosik of 305 Hoenig Road, Sewickley
Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Mike Lucia (not signed in) was present to express his opposition to reducing the Council Meetings to once a month.

Paul Thompson (not signed in) was present to express his displeasure with the decision to reduce the Council Meetings to once a month and requested Council to postpone the once a month meeting until the new Council is appointed. There was some discussion regarding what residents could do with any issues that arise before the next meeting and the steps required to have a Special Council Meeting.

Celia Janosik was present to apologize for interrupting the previous Council Meeting by passing out a document. Mrs. Janosik also thanked the Borough Manager for the letter that was sent to DEP regarding the gas well drilling. Mrs. Janosik suggested putting the meeting dates on the website. There was some discussion regarding the website being outdated and the need to look into a new service. The Borough Secretary will re-distribute quotes that were received for the next regular scheduled meeting.

JoAnn Borato was present and suggested bringing back a second public speaking session for the once a month Council Meeting and discussed that there are some members of Council who were opposed to one meeting a month prior to being elected to Council. Mrs. Borato inquired if the paving has started. The Borough Manager stated that the paving has not started yet due to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.'s schedule.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2015, were presented to Council. Mrs. Skonieczny presented Council with an amendment to page 140, under the Absent section, adding (Excused) after the absentees names. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2015, as amended was unanimously carried, with the exception of Mrs. Skonieczny who abstained due to she was not present at the meeting.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Googins, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, inquired if the payment that was held from the August 11, 2015, List of Bills to Maher Duessel has been mailed. The Borough Manager stated that is awaiting approval to be mailed. Mrs. Skonieczny stated that there are more questions regarding the bill and report to be discussed in executive session.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: No Report.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mr. Morrone, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, presented Council with the resignation of Ronald Hannah as the Police Department Custodian. There was some discussion regarding if the cleaning quotes received included the police department, it was determined that they did not. The Borough Manager stated that he believes quotes can be obtained for the police department from the same companies.

PUBLIC UTILITIES and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Skonieczny, Chairperson of the Public Utilities and Ordinance Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the Ordinances referencing the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. The proposed Ordinance will be amending the time period of how to calculate the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. **After some discussion and review, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to authorize advertising Ordinance No. 451 was unanimously carried.**

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE: No Report.

There was some discussion regarding the paving possibly beginning by September 01, 2015, by Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor inquired as to why the one meeting a month was not on the agenda for discussion. There was some discussion regarding the reason this was not on the agenda and that it had been previously discussed within the office. The Mayor recommended keeping two (2) meetings a month making one (1) a work shop meeting. Mrs. Skonieczny requested that, in the future, these types of items be placed on the agenda and not just brought up at the meeting, to enable an opportunity to address any concerns with other members of Council prior to the meeting in the event that they are unable to attend. There was discussion regarding changing the number of times a month for the meetings, which included a Work Shop where the public would have no input. The Borough Solicitor stated that a motion and vote was previously taken and in order to change it, another motion and vote would be required. There was some discussion regarding the average lengths of other municipalities meetings. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to revert back to two (2) Council Meetings a month with the second meeting being a Work Shop, keeping the dates as the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and the meetings beginning at 7 p.m. and approve advertising of the same was unanimously carried.**

The Mayor stated that he had a personnel issue to discuss in executive.

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

1. **Flood Plain Ordinance No. 450 – Ordinance No. 449 was submitted to FEMA who proposed some minor amendments. The Borough Solicitor recommended advertising the proposed Ordinance No. 450, which will amend Section 4.02 C of Ordinance No. 449. After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to authorize advertising of Ordinance No. 450 was unanimously carried.**

2. Office Assistant Position – The position of Office Assistant was advertised and applications have been received. There was some discussion regarding setting up a committee to review the applications and begin the process for interviews. **After some review, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Morrone to authorize the creation of an Office Assistant Committee, consisting of two (2) Council Members (Mrs. Skonieczny and Mr. Fetkovich), the Borough Manager and Borough Secretary was unanimously carried.**

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: The Borough Solicitor presented Council with an update regarding the following issues:

1. PZ Northern Condemnation – The review board is in the process of setting up a meeting to review this matter. A copy of a deed for Mr. I. Boal’s property was condemned at the same time and may be a party in this matter.
2. Unfair Labor Practice Complaint – The Teamsters have withdrawn any claims they had or may have had in regard to the Unfair Labor Practice complaint on behalf of Earl Fitzgerald.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Googins presented Council with information regarding an upcoming PSAB Fall Leadership Conference being held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, October 16-18, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session in regard to billing and personnel matters at 8:46 p.m., as per the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Bucuren.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to return to the regular session and adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager