

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
26 Aug 2014

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

Others Present: Randy Kunkle – Borough Manager, Joshua Kail – for the Solicitor.

ABSENT: RJ Burns (excused); Margie Nelko – Borough Secretary (excused)

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HERE THE PUBLIC 7:03: Mike Lucia, 416 Golden Grove Road, asked how much the audit of the computers will cost and the cost of the forensic audit? Mr. Kail responded he will discuss the Bit by Bit bill with Council in executive session and it will be on the next list of bills. Knottingham was paid twice for a total of \$3000 to \$4000.

Mr. Lucia also mentioned that many residents are being contacted about gas leases.

Audrey Mutschler, 2820 Ridge Road Extension, was also contacted and they are contacting many others.

Bob Mecchia, 211 Fernwood, has been looking into gas leases for a few weeks. A company called NorthEast is gathering leases for Penn Energy to use. He is wary of the sample lease and some of its provisions. He also asked if we have a noise ordinance; yes.

Minutes 7:21: August 12, 2014 – Mrs. Skonieczny asked for numbers to be put on each page and Mrs. Barthelemy requested her name be removed from the opening paragraph as she was not present. And Here the Public should be Hear the Public. **Motion by Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mr. Bucuren, to accept the minutes as amended, all voted aye except Mrs. Barthelemy who was not present.**

Finance Committee 7:23: Mr. Googins has nothing.

Public Works Committee: Mr. Bucuren met with Mr. Dunn to look at a drainage issue on Walnut. To fix it a shed should be removed and a larger pipe should be installed if Mr. Shoup agrees.

Parks & Recreation: Mr. Fetkovich asked how the pickleball courts were coming; will have to ask Mr. Shoup. We should involve the pickleball players with this.

Public Utilities Committee: no report

Property Committee: no report

Public Safety Committee: bullet proof vests are in at a cost of about \$12,500; \$4,700 of which was paid by a grant.

Mayor's Report 7:31: Mayor Poling mentioned complaints against Bruenner for picking up cardboard at 2 and 4 am. Since we are not paying for this service it was decided to relocate the boxes further away from residents.

Manager's Report 7:38: Hathaway Subdivision; the Borough's Planning Commission recommends denial due to the new lot not fronting on a borough street. **Motion by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Morrone, to agree with the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial. All voted aye.**

A Boy Scout called to ask if he could do an Eagle Scout project, a car wash, here on borough property. Provided our liability insurance carrier has no problem with it, it will be ok.

Solicitor's Report: 7:43 They are still working on the Berkheimer Resolution and the 3rd party inspection agreement with PCS, as well as what can be done with the bond issue proceeds that are left.

New Business 7:44 Mrs. Skonieczny would like to go into executive session for a personnel matter and potential litigation.

Mrs. Barthelemy mentioned the Big Knob Fair is going on as well as the Good Samaritan Parish is having their annual festival.

Mrs. Barthelemy asked Mr. Kunkle to provide the costs to date for the forensic audit. She also asked Mr. Kail for a copy of any written information from Bit by Bit, who did the forensic email audit. Mr. Kail with get with Solicitor Askar about this.

Mr. Burns enters the meeting at 7:46.

Mrs. Skonieczny asked Mr. Kunkle about paperwork cancelling an insurance policy for the police. This was done with the collective bargaining unit to obtain the amount of coverage called for in their contract and the new policy costs less and provides more coverage. **Motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Bucuren, to terminate the AIG insurance policy and enter into a policy with American General, all voted aye.**

Mrs. Barthelemy mentioned Baden's Apple festival is on Saturday October 11th.

Motion by Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Morrone, to go into executive session, all voted aye at 7:52. Following the executive session Mr. Kunkle is to provide information regarding an insurance policy for retired Chief Harrington to Mr. Kail, as well as payment information regarding Mrs. Blum and the Road Contract.

Motion by Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Burns to adjourn at 8:27, all voted aye.

Submitted by

Randy S Kunkle
Borough Manager, Acting Secretary