

Economy Borough Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2016

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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. Larry Googins, Mr. Frank Morrone, Mayor David Poling, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, and representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joshua Kail, Esq.

**ABSENT:** Borough Manager Randy Kunkle (Excused)  
Mr. Tom Fetkovich (Excused)  
Mrs. Audrey Mutschler (Excused)  
Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (Excused)

**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.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC:** None

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meetings held on August 23, 2016 and September 13, 2016, were postponed to the next regular scheduled meeting due to the office being short staffed the minutes were not ready for review.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Bucuren, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the following items:

1. Budget Report for the month of August 2016, was presented to Council. After some review and the discussion below, this report was ordered received and filed.
2. Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2016, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** No Report.

**PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE:** No Report.

**PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Morrone, Chairperson of the Property and Building Committee, suggested that Council consider replacing the remaining Borough Building windows and adding the expenditure to the 2017 Budget.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Mr. Googins, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following:

1. Hiring of a Police Officer – In April 2016 the Civil Service Commission accepted applications as part of the hiring of a police officer process. Mr. Googins reported that Chief O'Brian has informed him that due to unexpected absences he will be strained to fill the schedule. Mr. Googins recommends moving forward with the hiring of one (1) police officer from the active Civil Service Commission list of applicable

candidates. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Burns to continue the effort to hire one (1) police officer from the eligibility list at this time was unanimously carried.**

2. Vehicle Damage – There was some review and discussion regarding the recent damage to a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria that has approximately 90,000 miles on it and whether it is beneficial to repair it or not. Chief O’Brien will be contacting Mayor Poling to help make a decision.

**PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE:** No Report.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** No Report.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** The Borough Solicitor presented Council with information and updates regarding the following issues:

1. Police Contract Negotiations – An update will be presented to Council in executive session.
2. 2016 - 2017 Municipal Risk Management Worker’s Compensation Pooled Trust (MRM) Agreement Renewal Discussion – The Borough Solicitor stated that he has reviewed the MRM Agreement (extensively) and has compared it to the quote(s) received. He has determined that from a financial stand point it would not be advisable to change carriers, unless Council has other issues with MRM.
3. 2016 - 2017 Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (PIRMA) Agreement Renewal – The Borough Solicitor reviewed the background of this insurance and stated that the Borough will be seeking quotes from other companies for this coverage. There was some discussion regarding a required notice of termination and the possibility of a fee if the termination is conducted after the renewal date. The Borough Solicitor stated that he will keep Council updated on this matter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 2016 - 2017 Municipal Risk Management Worker’s Compensation Pooled Trust (MRM) Agreement Renewal – The Borough Solicitor recommended the agreement renewal with MRM as the Borough’s workers compensation carrier. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the renewal of the 2016-2017 Municipal Risk Management Worker’s Compensation Pooled Trust Agreement was unanimously carried.**
2. Gemini Accounting Software – The Borough Secretary presented Council with an email she received from Mr. Scott Fadzen. Mr. Fadzen has located older copies of the IBO console program and is offering to test the IBOs at no cost to the Borough (free of charge). The Borough Secretary explained that an attempt to repair the software may lead to the ability of the office to access all of the accounting data prior to 2014. In the email, Mr. Fadzen stated that if the conversion is successful the cost will be \$800.00 as quoted in the previous quote received in August 2016.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resolution No. 455 - Beaver County Hazard Mitigation Plan – A Resolution of the Borough of Economy adopting the Beaver County Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to Council for review. By adopting this resolution, the Borough is in compliance with the Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Morrone to approve Resolution No. 455 for adoption was unanimously carried.**

2. Resolution No. 456 – Emergency Operations Plan – A Resolution of the Borough of Economy approving the Updated Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was presented to Council for review. By adopting this resolution, the Borough will be eligible for state and federal funding in the event of a crises and/or declared disaster. Mr. Donald Lang has updated the EOP and reviewed the disclosure regarding that all information within the EOP is not public information even in the event a Right-to-Know request is made. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to approve Resolution No. 456 for adoption was unanimously carried.**
  
3. National Incident Management System (NIMS) Point of Contact – Mr. Donald Lang noted that Council needs to appoint an individual as a point of contact for the NIMS in order to remain in compliance and eligible to receive funding in the event of a crises or disaster. Mr. Lang stated that he is willing to be the point of contact. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Googins to appoint Mr. Donald Lang as the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Point of Contact was unanimously carried.** Mr. Burns, on behalf of Council, thanked Mr. Lang for all his hard work.
  
4. Northview Estates Plan of Lots No. 5-Revision No. 2 – This subdivision is dividing a vacant 2.59 acre parcel into two (2) sections. Parcel Y will now become a 1.613 acre lot owned by Mr. David Poling. The second lot (.977 acres) will be consolidated to Lot No. 118R, which is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Gruca. The Borough Secretary stated that the Borough Planning Commission has reviewed the subdivision/lot consolidation and recommended approval subject to the Beaver County Planning Commission’s approval. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Morrone to approve the Northview Estates Plan of Lots No. 5-Revision 2 Subdivision/Consolidation was unanimously carried.**
  
5. Price Plan of Lots – This subdivision is dividing a 2.411 acre parcel into two (2) sections. Lot No. 1 will now become a .951 acre parcel with a dwelling. Lot No. 2 will become a vacant 1.460 acre parcel. Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 2 are both owned by Mr. & Mrs. Charles (Naomi) Price. The Borough Secretary stated that the Borough Planning Commission has reviewed the subdivision and recommended approval subject to the Beaver County Planning Commission’s approval. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the Price Plan of Lots Subdivision was unanimously carried.**
  
6. Rendos Lot Consolidation - This is a lot consolidation of two (2) parcels both being .671 acres each. Lot No. 704 (60-028-0218.000) is 88 Bock Lane and Lot No. 705 (60-028-0217.000) is a vacant lot on Bradford Park Road, which are both owned by Mr. & Mrs. John Rendos. These parcels will now become Lot 704R (1.342 acres) with a dwelling. The Borough Secretary stated that the Borough Planning Commission has reviewed the lot consolidation and recommended approval subject to the Beaver County Planning Commission’s approval. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Morrone to approve the Rendos Lot Consolidation was unanimously carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Poling expressed concerns regarding the insurance deductibles for the police department. The Borough Secretary stated that she spoke with the insurance carrier and was informed that the deductible for this accident is \$1,000.00. There was some discussion regarding whether Northern Lights Shopping Center would be responsible for the damages. Mayor Poling recommended reviewing the deductible amounts in the event that we switch insurance carriers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session regarding police contractual matters and personnel matters at 7:39 p.m., as per the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Morrone.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko  
Borough Secretary

Motion(s) made and/or Council consensus decision(s):

1. Approve hiring of one police officer.
2. Approve 2016-2017 MRM Agreement.
3. Approve Resolution No. 455 – Beaver County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
4. Approve Resolution No. 456 – Emergency Operations Plan.
5. Appoint Mr. Donald Lang as the NIMS Point of Contact.
6. Approval of Northview Estates Plan of Lots No. 05-Revision 2.
7. Approval of Price Plan of Lots.
8. Approval of Rendos Lot Consolidation.