

Economy Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
11 Oct 2016

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr Googins with the following members of Council and officials present; Mr Larry Googins, Mr Gary Bucuren, Mr Tom Fetkovich, Mr Frank Morrone, Mrs Audrey Mutschler, Mrs Pat Skonieczny, Mayor David Poling, Engineer Scott Shoup, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, and the Solicitor's representative Joshua Kail.

ABSENT: Mr RJ Burns (excused)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mr Googins welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested the discussion regarding borough business be kept to 3 – 5 minutes.

Cilia Janosik informed Council that Representative Matzie is sponsoring legislation to help protect the Ambridge reservoir; HB2366 will increase the setback around the reservoir and HB 2365 will make drilling related activities responsible for earthquakes.

Minutes: of the August 23rd 2016 meeting were presented; after review ***motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Bucuren to approve the minutes, all voted aye.***

Minutes: of the September 13th 2016 meeting were presented; it was noted on page 276 under the Finance Committee that the first sentence implies that Mr Bucuren was at the meeting when in fact he wasn't. The following: "...reviewed the bills payable..." should be changed to read "...reviewed the bills payable prior to the meeting..." It was also noted on page 280 in the motion regarding the traffic signal on Dunlap Hill that Mr Bucuren seconded the motion; it should read Mr Morrone. ***Motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Morrone to approve the minutes as amended, all voted aye.***

Property & Building Committee: Mr Morrone inquired about the status of the broken crosswalk control buttons on Economy Way. Mr Shoup responded that Walmart does not want to participate in the repair. He will get some prices from contractors to repair and relocate the buttons.

Public Safety Committee: Mr Googins reported a very brief update will be provided in executive session.

Finance Committee: Mr Bucuren asked if anyone has any questions regarding the list of bills. There being no questions, Motion by Mr Bucuren, seconded by Mrs Mutschler all voted aye to pay the bills.

Public Works Committee: no report.

Parks & Recreation: no report.

Ordinance Committee: Mrs Mutschler stated the Planning Commission is working on a chicken ordinance and more recently a bee ordinance.

Mrs Mutschler informed Council the Planning Commission has two seats expiring, Myron Kowalski and Jim Blumling, who have a lot of experience. After discussion it was determined the Borough should have something short on file from them stating they want to be re-appointed. Mrs Mutschler will make them aware of this.

Mayor: Mayor Poling recommended that Council consider putting the Penn Energy lease payment monies into the parks.

Mrs Mutschler inquired about the budget. The Finance Committee is reviewing the first draft and will have a proposed budget to the rest of Council in time for them to review it and make it available to the public prior to its adoption, likely to be in December.

Mr Kail mentioned that elections will be held on the first Council meeting date in November and the second meeting date is the week of Thanksgiving. After discussion, **Motion by Mr Fetkovich, seconded by Mr Morrone, to cancel the regularly scheduled Council meetings on November 8th and the 22nd and have one meeting on November 15th, all voted aye.** Mr Kunkle is to advertise this.

Solicitor: the PIRMA insurance renewal is due at the end of the month and he will have an alternative bid at the next meeting.

Engineer: provided an update on the traffic light, the contract will be executed tonight and the vendor will be notified to proceed. The poles will take 8 weeks to arrive, which will be in the middle of winter. The lights should be in working order by spring.

Old Business: Gemini software update: in order to access the financial data on Gemini it has to be converted to work on the new server and moved to the new server, which Mr Fadzen will do for \$800. The old server will then no longer be needed. All data is backed-up on a hard drive and on the cloud. Mr Bucuren had a similar data transfer issue at his place of work. **Motion by Mr Morrone, seconded by Mr Bucuren, to authorize Mr Fadzen to do the work as proposed for \$800.00, all voted aye.**

Office Assistant Position: When Mrs Petalino was hired last November she was put on a one year probationary period, which is about to expire. This will be discussed in executive session with a possible vote.

Northern Lights Shopping Center: Mrs Skonieczny mentioned that it was discussed in June or July about the transients at the shopping center and would the borough be liable if something happened because of them, Mr Kail said no. If there are code violations the borough should issue citations. After discussion, including the damage done to a police vehicle travelling through the parking lot, it was determined that the Code Enforcement Officer will look for violations and discuss them with Mr. Kail. A report, by Ray (Code Enforcement Officer), with the citations issued was requested at that meeting.

New Business:

Schweikert Subdivision: this is a simple subdivision combining a ½ acre lot with a 1 & ½ acre lot on Wallrose Heights road. **Motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Fetkovich, to approve the subdivision, all voted aye.**

Wright Subdivision: this is a simple subdivision combining a .344 acre lot with a .230 acre lot. **Motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Bucuren, to approve the subdivision, all voted aye.**

Mayor Poling asked why his subdivision was so difficult? During the Planning Commission process there were unusual delays and harassment. Council approved it when they received it.

Mrs Mutschler asked if the new weapons, approved in April, had come in yet. Mr Googins will find out from the Chief.

Motion by Mr Bucuren, seconded by Mr Morrone to suspend the regular session and go into executive session to discuss police negotiations and the Office Assistant position with a possible vote. All voted aye.

Motion by Mr Bucuren, seconded by Mr Morrone to go back into regular session, all voted aye.

Motion by Mr Bucuren, seconded by Mr Morrone to retain Mrs Elizabeth Petalino as an at will employee under the same conditions, \$14.00 per hour up to 20 hours per week, all voted aye.

Motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Fetkovich to adjourn at 8:23 pm all voted aye.

Submitted by

Randy S Kunkle
Borough Manager

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

1. Approve Minutes of August 23, 2016.
2. Approve Minutes of September 13, 2016 as amended.
3. Approval to advertise cancelling of the November 8 and November 22, 2016, Council Meetings and to schedule one meeting on November 15, 2016.
4. Approve the Gemini (Scott Fadzen) repair proposal and authorize payment.
5. Approval of Schweikert Subdivision.
6. Approval of Wright Subdivision.
7. Retain Mrs. Elizabeth Petalino for the Office Assistant position.