

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2016

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. Audrey Mutschler, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joshua Kail, Esq.

ABSENT: Mayor Poling (Excused)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Burns introduced his attorney to everyone present and requested any questions regarding the Concord Church Road issues be addressed with his attorney.

SPRINT (Cellphone/Air Card Proposal): Mr. Robert Callen was present to review a proposal from Sprint for cellphone and air card services for the Borough, which will save approximately \$3,000.00 for the year. The proposal includes an even exchange for all equipment, a month to month basis with a thirty (30) day notice requirement for termination, and the prices being good for twelve (12) months which may then increase. The Borough Manager stated that he has attempted to contact Verizon. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of any penalties from our current provider for terminating service and a possible balance for Chief O'Brien's cellphone. Mr. Callen assured Council that should there be a penalty, Sprint would make the Borough whole. **After some review and discussion the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Morrone to move forward with the proposal was unanimously carried.**

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
Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

JoAnn Borato was present to express concerns regarding the Mayor being a resident or not of the Borough since his house has sold. There was discussion regarding the requirement of a Mayor and/or Council Members must reside within the Borough. Mrs. Borato also expressed concerns regarding the two (2) police officers in attendance possibly being on overtime and that the Mayor requested their presence. There was some discussion regarding overtime in regard to other employees attending meeting(s) and the safety of any resident who may feel threatened. It was stated that the officers would be present until further notice and/or until things calm down.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on October 25, 2016, were presented to Council. There was some discussion regarding which minutes are being considered for approval. There was discussion regarding keeping the minutes the Borough Secretary drafted or doing the submitted minutes (the minutes reflecting the Borough Solicitor's input) verbatim. **After some review, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler to have the minutes reflect verbatim that portion of the meeting, passed after**

receiving four (4) affirmative votes of the seven (7) participating members of Council. Mr. Burns, Mr. Googins and Mr. Morrone all voted against the motion. The revised minutes of October 25, 2016 will be forwarded to Council for approval.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on November 15, 2016, were presented to Council. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2016, was unanimously carried.**

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

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

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: No Report.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: No Report.

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

1. Evidence Destruction Order – A letter, dated November 29, 2016, was received from Chief O'Brien requesting approval from Council to have the Public Works Department help with the destruction of evidence weapons. Sgt. Lively, Economy Borough Police Department Evidence Officer, presented Council with a background of past procedure(s) in destroying evidence, which was done with the assistance of the Beaver County Detectives Bureau and a local steel company. This option is no longer available to the department. The evidence weapons would be cut up in a manner that would make them non-operable, in accordance with the Economy Borough Police Department Evidence Room Policy. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Googins to authorize the Public Works Department to destroy the evidence weapons was unanimously carried.**
2. Holiday Pay Change (Police Department) – A letter, dated November 8, 2016, was received from Richard Creese, President of the Economy Borough Police Association (EBPA), requesting a change in the method of payment for holiday pay. The EBPA is requesting the payment of twelve (12) holidays per year (96 hours) in one lump sum with the first pay in December as a separate check to help eliminate some confusion with the current pay system. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mrs. Skonieczny to approve the change of the payment method of holiday pay to annually in the first pay of December effective in 2017 was unanimously carried.**

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Borough Solicitor stated that the only item to discuss is the police contract negotiation updates in executive session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Vehicle Damage – The Borough Manager presented Council with an update regarding this matter, which is still on hold.
2. Fee Resolution – The Borough Manager presented Council with an update regarding this matter. Input from the Planning Commission has not yet been received.
3. IRS Premium Only Plan (POP) – The Borough Manager stated that after speaking with the Borough Auditor, the office has contacted ADP to make sure they realize that we are considered local government. The Borough Auditor has not had this issue come up before and believes that it would not apply to the Borough.
4. 2017 Proposed Budget – A proposed budget for the year 2017 was presented to Council for review. There were several questions regarding the proposed budget vs. the monthly Budget Report, which included non-matching coding numbers and income/expense line item discrepancies. The Borough Manager explained how the reports are different and an attempt to combine the reports will be made. There was discussion regarding the proposed budget needing advertised for public inspection for a minimum ten (10) calendar days prior to approval subject to the changes discussed and reviewed. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Burns to authorize advertising of the proposed 2017 Budget with the changes discussed and reviewed was unanimously carried.**
5. Proposed Ordinance to accept Economy Way – The Borough Manager stated that the proposed Ordinance is missing the plan book volume and page numbers. There was some discussion regarding the pedestrian push button poles, which are still being researched by the Borough Engineer. This matter was postponed.
6. Vehicle Insurance Deductibles – The Borough Manager presented Council with an update regarding insurance deductibles. The difference quoted from PIRMA for lowering the deductible from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00 is an increase in our premium of approximately \$988.00. There was some discussion regarding the premium difference if the deductible is dropped to \$250.00. This matter was postponed.

Mrs. Skonieczny asked if there is a report from the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). The Borough Manager explained the reasons there is not a report and stated that he would do his best to get the report to Council.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mrs. Skonieczny asked the Borough Manager, as per his daily activity report, who were the three (3) members of Council he met with and what was discussed. The Borough Manager stated that he did not meet with three (3) members of Council at one time, that they had come in sporadically during the day. This was mentioned simply to let everyone know that this is part of a normal day. It was found that the three (3) members of Council were Mr. Burns, Mr. Googins and Mrs. Skonieczny. Mr. Googins stated that he discussed some questions regarding Concord Church Road. There was further discussion regarding Concord Church Road which included whether it is private or not, how long it was maintained by the Borough and the procedures on which the Borough receives Liquid Fuels monies for roads.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session regarding a contractual matter, at 8:36 p.m., as per the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler.

There being no further business, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Morrone to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager

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

1. Approve to move forward with Sprint proposal.
2. Motion to have a portion of the Minutes of October 25, 2016 verbatim.
3. Approve the Minutes of November 15, 2016.
4. Authorization for the Public Works Dept. to destroy evidence weapons.
5. Approval of pay change for police department holiday pay.
6. Approval to advertise the proposed 2017 Budget.