

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
April 14, 2026

Borough Council President Mr. Frank Morrone called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Borough Council Chambers of the Economy Borough Municipal Building.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL –

Borough Council President Mr. Frank Morrone, Mr. John Hall, Mr. Jesse Hernandez, Mr. Bill Metz, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester and Mayor Jo Ann Borato

STAFF PRESENT –

Borough Manager Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Nathan Morgan, Esq. and representing the Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

Borough Council President Mr. Morrone welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested the discussion(s) regarding Borough business be kept to 3 – 5 minutes in length.

Joanne Spencer of 104 Anne Street, Baden

There were also four (4) participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Spencer asked whether Anne Street was on the road program for 2026.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 24, 2026, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Metz; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2026, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

Mr. Hall, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, presented the Borough Council with an update regarding the following items:

- A. Bills Payable for the period of March 7, 2026, through April 10, 2026, in the amount of \$ 195,949.19, from the General Fund with Check No. 4144 to 4236, and in the amount of \$ 45,402.94, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1143 to 1149, was presented to Borough Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Hall; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the list of Bills Payable that have been reviewed and signed off by the department heads was unanimously carried.
- B. Budget Report for the month of March 2026, was presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered, received, and filed.
- C. Treasurer’s Report for the month of March 2026, was presented to Borough Council. After some review, this report was ordered, received, and filed.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

ROAD DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT – No agenda item at this time.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – No agenda item at this time.

ENGINEER’S REPORT –

- A. 2026 Road Paving Program –

<u>Economy Borough</u>	
2026 Road Improvement Project (#10553) Contract 26-01-Base	
<u>Base Bid:</u>	Apollo Drive Comet Drive East Ridge Avenue Highland Road Moon Ridge Drive Nova Drive Second Avenue (Portion) Venus Circle
<u>Alternate A:</u>	Brookside Road (Woodcroft Road to Fernwood Drive)
<u>Alternate B:</u>	Brookside Road (Fernwood Drive to Ridgeway Drive)

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate A	Alternate B	Grand Total
El Grande Industries	\$ 626,823.00	\$ 201,436.00	\$ 82,646.00	\$ 910,905.00
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$ 518,840.00	\$ 167,950.00	\$ 69,055.00	\$ 755,845.00
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$ 491,151.00	\$ 153,640.40	\$ 63,293.90	\$ 708,085.30

The Borough Engineer reviewed the three (3) bids received for the 2026 Road Improvement Project. The Borough Engineer recommended awarding the Base Bid along with Alternate A and Alternate B to Youngblood Paving, Inc. as the low bidder. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to award the Base Bid along with Alternate A and Alternate B for the 2026 Road Improvement Project to Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$ 708,085.30. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. 2026 Road Improvement Anne Street Improvement Project –

<u>Economy Borough</u>	
Anne Street Improvement Project (#10548)	
Contract 26-02	
Base Bid: Anne Street	
Bidder	Base Bid
Mele & Mele	\$ 542,680.00
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$ 444,400.00
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$ 327,649.60

The Borough Engineer reviewed the three (3) bids received for the 2026 Road Improvement Project Anne Street Improvement Project. The Borough Engineer recommended awarding the Base Bid to Youngblood Paving, Inc. as the low bidder. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to award the Base Bid for the 2026 Road Improvement Project Anne Street Improvement Project to Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$ 327,649.60. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Firethorn Road Storm Sewer Project –

The Borough Engineer recommended awarding the Firethorn Road Storm Sewer Project to Quigley Development, Inc. as the low bidder. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Hernandez; seconded by Mr. Metz** to award the Firethorn Road Storm Sewer Project to Quigley Development, Inc. in the Borough portion amount of \$ 67,300.00, with the Marcellus Shale Impact Fund. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. New Streetlight at the Intersection of Merriman Road, Ambridge and Clara Street, Ambridge

On a motion by Mr. Metz; seconded by Mr. Hernandez to approve the streetlight at the intersection of Merriman Road, Ambridge and Clara Street, Ambridge with the Liquid Fuels Fund. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Resolution No. 543, Tobacco and Nicotine-Free in Borough Parks –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Hernandez to approve Resolution No. 543, tobacco and nicotine-free in Borough Parks. Motion carried – 6-1, Mr. Hall voting not in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – No agenda item at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

On a motion by Mr. Metz; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager