

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
April 8, 2025

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. Gary Bucuren, Mr. John Hall, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester, Mr. Allen Treadway and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

STAFF PRESENT –

Borough Manager Travis Cavanaugh and 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.

Carole Loaskie of 645 Apollo Drive, Freedom
Daniel Mengon of 75 Merriman Road, Ambridge

There were also four (4) participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Loaskie read a letter from Ms. Pielin pertaining to proposed improvements to the Sunset Hills Park.

Mr. Mengon expressed his concerns for a guiderail to be installed in front of his property and about dumping concerns along Merriman Road.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 25, 2025, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Hall** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2025, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

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

- A. Bills Payable for the period of March 8, 2025, through April 4, 2025, in the amount of \$ 105,511.46, from the General Fund with Check No. 3152 to 3218, and in the amount of \$ 1605.21, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1099 to 1101, was presented to Borough Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Hall; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the list of Bills Payable that have been reviewed and signed off by the department heads was unanimously carried, with the exception of Mr. Bucuren regarding the Public Works bills, due to his brother working in the department.
- B. Budget Report for the month of March 2025, 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 2025, 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 –

The Mayor’s Monthly Police Department Report for March 2025, was presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered, received, and filed.

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT –

- A. 2025 Road Paving Program –

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2025 Road Improvement Project (#10537)

Base Bid: Anne Street
Edgewood Road
Green Forest Drive (Rock Rose Drive to Golden Grove Road)
Grove Hill Road (Northern Portion) and Winterset Road
Pineview Road
Ridgeway Drive (Brookside Road to Silverdale Drive)
Woodlawn Drive

Alternate 1: Valley Drive

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate 1
El Grande Industries	\$ 833,467.50	\$ 27,829.00
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$ 688,463.50	\$ 23,376.50
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$ 647,224.50	\$ 22,098.30

The Borough Engineer reviewed the three (3) bids received for the 2025 Road Improvement Project. The Borough Engineer recommended awarding the Base Bid along with Alternate 1 to Youngblood Paving, Inc. as the low bidder. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to award the Base Bid along with Alternate 1 for the 2025 Road Improvement Project to Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$ 669,322.80. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Caterpillar Hammer

On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the purchase of the Caterpillar hammer from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$ 12,420.00, through COSTARS from the Borough PA Liquid Fuels account. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding litigation, following which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:19 p.m.

Borough Council reconvenes into Regular Meeting Session at 8:45 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy to authorize the Economy Borough Municipal Authority to move forward with the design of the Firethorn Road sewer replacement project. Motion carried – 6-1, with Mr. Sylvester abstaining.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager