

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
August 12, 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. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester, Mr. Allen Treadway and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

ABSENT –

Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT –

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

PUBLIC HEARING –

Case No. 2025-01, Foxlane Homes Zoning Map Change Public Hearing

Case No. 2025-01, amendment request by Foxlane Homes to rezone sixty-three (63) acres in the Rural Agricultural (RA) Zoning District to the Suburban Residential (R2) Zoning District, on the property located along Friel Road, Baden, PA 15005, with Beaver County Tax Map Parcel ID No. 60-185-0162.P00. This amendment would allow Foxlane Homes to design and develop an Age-Restricted Community (+55) similar to their “The Landings” Planned Residential Development (PRD).

Stenographer, Lois Sikoski, was present to record the testimony.

The Borough Solicitor announced to those in attendance that the public hearing is intended to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Foxlane Homes Borough Zoning Map change.

Those wishing to speak were sworn in.

Having satisfied all questions and comments, the Borough Solicitor requested a vote be taken to approve, to table or to currently deny on the Foxlane Homes Borough Zoning Map change.

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Hall to approve the petition to amend the Borough Zoning Map, amendment request by Foxlane Homes to rezone sixty-three (63) acres in the Rural Agricultural (RA) Zoning District to the Suburban Residential (R2) Zoning District, on the property located along Friel Road, Baden, PA 15005, with Beaver County Tax Map Parcel ID No. 60-185-0162.P00.

A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bucuren	Yes
Mr. Hall	Yes
Mr. Sivy	No
Mr. Sylvester	Yes
Mr. Treadway	No
Mr. Morrone	Yes

Motion carried – 4-2.

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.

Daniel Mengon of 75 Merriman Road, Ambridge
Thomas Topolewski of 165 Stange Road, Freedom
Andrea Topolewski of 165 Stange Road, Freedom
Jeanine Presto of 1019 Lakeshore Drive, Baden
Richard Jurena of 80 Mary Reed Road, Baden

There were also seven (7) participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Mengon expressed his concerns about a guardrail being installed in front of his property.

Mr. Topolewski gave an update on his concerns with the Economy Methodist Church renters.

Ms. Topolewski gave an update on her concerns with the Economy Methodist Church renters.

Ms. Presto expressed her concerns with the Beaver County Conservation District and the treatment they are giving to Weaver Homes.

Mr. Jurena asked questions pertaining to Monika Heights PRD.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 22, 2025, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 22, 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 July 4, 2025, through August 8, 2025, in the amount of \$ 139,714.76, from the General Fund with Check No. 3470 to 3566, and in the amount of \$ 3,069.28, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1113 to 1115, 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, with the exception of Mr. Bucuren regarding the Road Department bills, due to his brother working in the department.
- B. Budget Report for the month of July 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 July 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 –

- A. Concert in the Park is Friday, August 15th at 6:30 pm at Jeffrey Meddock Recreation Park.

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 July 2025, was presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered, received, and filed.

Mayor Borato also provided an update on the speeding along Merriman Road.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

A. Jeffrey B. Meddock Recreation Park Walking Trails Contract –

<u>Economy Borough</u>	
Jeffrey B. Meddock Recreation Park Walking Trails Contract (DCNR Grant – BRC-PRD-20-208)	
<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx. Qty. /Unit</u>
Item #1 : 6" No. 2A Aggregate Base (Trail)	1,520 SY
Item #2 : 8" No. 2A Aggregate Base (Parking)	55 SY
Item #3 : 2 ½" 19mm Binder Course	1,575 SY
Item #4 : 1 ½" 9.5mm Wearing Course	1,575 SY
Item #5 : All Line striping and Handicapped Signage	1 LS
Bidder	Total
El Grande Industries	\$ 116,875.00
Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting	\$ 138,566.25
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$ 114,910.45

The Borough Engineer reviewed the three (3) bids received for the Jeffrey B. Meddock Recreation Park Walking Trail Contract. The Borough Engineer recommended awarding the contract to Youngblood Paving, Inc. as the low bidder. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Hall; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to award the contract for the Jeffrey B. Meddock Recreation Park Walking Trails Project to Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$ 114,910.45. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Anne Street –

Discussion occurred on Anne Street.

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Lynn Katekovich of 132 Anne Street, Baden

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Katekovich expressed her concerns regarding Anne Street's inclusion in the 2025 Road Program.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Anne Street –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Treadway to approve the removal of Anne Street from the 2025 Road Program and add in its place Rock Rose Road for the 2025 Road Program. Motion was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Treadway to approve adding Anne Street to the 2026 Road Program with the addition of stormwater drainage along Anne Street. Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Heart & Lung Payment –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to approve the Heart & Lung payment for Employee No. 19. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Preliminary and Final SD Howe Plan. (TLD 09-30-25, to render Borough Council Decision)

Consider Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval for the Howe Plan, with Beaver County Tax Parcel No. 60-013-0226.001, in (R-2) Suburban Residential Zoning District for the purpose of creating one (1) parcel for Single-Family use.

Call for a motion to approve Resolution # 528, granting both Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval to the Howe Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Treadway; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve *Resolution # 528*, granting both Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval to the Howe Plan. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS –

Mayor Borato announced that the Veterans' Memorial has received a grant of \$50,000.00 for renovations. If you purchased one of the existing bricks at the memorial, please contact the Mayor or the Borough Manager to provide your information. We need to compile a list to create new bricks for the renovation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel. Motion was unanimously approved. There will be no motions after the Executive Session therefore the Regular Meeting can adjourn before going into the Executive Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 9:56 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager