

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
August 13, 2024

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. Tom Applequist, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Glenn Sylvester, and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

ABSENT –

Mr. Don Sivy (Excused)
Mr. Allen Treadway (Excused)

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.

Glenda Yount of 925 East Ridge Avenue, Conway
John Wargo of 155 Stange Road, Freedom
Karen Ott of 1400 Merriman Road, Ambridge

There were also 3 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Yount expressed her concerns about the milling pile and salt shed on the Conway Borough property directly across the street.

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

Ms. Ott had concerns pertaining to sections of Merriman Road.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 23, 2024, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Applequist** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2024, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

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

- A. Bills Payable for the period of July 6, 2024, through August 9, 2024, in the amount of \$ 109,479.96, from the General Fund with Check No. 2436 to 2524, and in the amount of \$ 1,457.87, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1062 to 1064, was presented to Borough Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Applequist; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** 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 July 2024, 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 2024, 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 Friday, August 23rd at 7:00 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 2024, 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. Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Annual Report –

Borough Engineer explained to Borough Council and the public the purpose and obligation of the Borough as it relates to the Borough's Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) permit. Borough Engineer also, discussed the six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) that must be addressed by the Borough under the permit. These MCMs included public education, public involvement, illicit discharges and inspections, construction site stormwater, post construction stormwater and pollution prevention/good housekeeping.

Discussion occurred on the MS4 annual report.

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. 2024 ICMA Annual Conference Sponsorship –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve the 2024 ICMA annual conference bronze sponsorship in the amount of \$ 200.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Road Department Utility Truck –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to authorize the purchase of a new 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 from Dave Hallman Chevrolet through COSTARS in the amount of \$ 81,687.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – No agenda item at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager