

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
August 26, 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. John Hall, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester, Mr. Allen Treadway and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

ABSENT –

Mr. Gary Bucuren (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT –

Borough Manager Travis Cavanaugh and representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq.

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.

Andrew Schnelle of 245 Ridge Avenue, Freedom
Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom

There were also two (2) participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Schnelle expressed his concerns about flooding on his property.

Mr. Andrews asked questions pertaining to the 287(g) agreement.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2025, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Treadway** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2025, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE –

- A. Community Day, September 20th, from 2:00 p.m. to Fireworks

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 –

Mayor Borato read a statement regarding the 287 (g) agreement.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Police Department Computers –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Treadway; seconded by Mr. Hall** to accept the quote from Vi-haus for fifteen (15) Police Department computers in the amount of \$ 22,835.55 through the COSTARS contract, with the payment coming from a donation in the amount of \$ 7,500.00, line item 410.216 (Minor Equipment) in the amount of \$ 2,000.00, and the remaining amount of \$ 13,335.55, coming from the Police Department capital reserve fund. Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Employee No. 11 Resignation Letter –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Hall to accept the resignation letter of Employee No. 11, effective August 31, 2025. Motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Employee No. 13 Resignation Letter –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Treadway to accept the resignation letter of Employee No. 13, effective September 5, 2025. Motion carried – 5-1, Mr. Sylvester abstained.

C. Preliminary and Final LD 2020 Big Sewickley Creek Road, (TLD 11-02-25, to render Borough Council Decision)

Consider Preliminary and Final Subdivision and Land Development Approval for the 2020 Big Sewickley Creek Road with Beaver County Tax Parcel Nos. 60-185-0249.000, in the (C-1) General Commercial Zoning District for the purpose of renovation of the existing building, building addition, parking lot, and utilities, for a new restaurant.

Call for a motion to approve Resolution # 529, granting both Preliminary and Final Subdivision and Land Development Approval to the 2020 Big Sewickley Creek Road.

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve *Resolution # 529*, granting both Preliminary and Final Subdivision and Land Development Approval to the 2020 Big Sewickley Creek Road. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Treadway requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel, following which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:54 p.m.


Borough Council reconvenes into Regular Meeting Session at 8:40 p.m.

There were no motions after the Executive Session therefore the Regular Meeting can adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager