

Economy Borough Council  
Council Minutes  
August 8, 2023

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL** –

Borough Council President Mr. Frank Morrone, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Roger Kowal, 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. Joseph Askar, Esq and 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.

Michael Lucia of 416 Golden Grove Road, Baden  
Chris Emerick of 198 Wallrose Heights Road, Baden

**HEAR THE PUBLIC** –

Mr. Lucia expressed his concerns with the cinders along the recently chipped sealed roads completed by PennDOT.

Mr. Emerick expressed his concerns with a possible zoning map change completed on his property.

**MINUTES** –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 25, 2023, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2023, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** –

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

- A. Bills Payable for the period of July 10, 2023, through August 7, 2023, in the amount of \$ 45,283.38, from the General Fund with Check No. 1357 to 1406, and in the amount of \$ 1,452.50, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1019 to 1020, was presented to Borough Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** 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 2023, 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 2023, was presented to Borough Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** –

- A. Ordinance 481, Updating the Forestry and Timber Harvesting Regulations –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to table this item till the next Borough Council meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – No agenda item at this time.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE** –

- A. Employee Resignation Letter –

**On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Metz** to approve the Employee No. 19, resignation letter effective August 12, 2023. Motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Road Department New Hire Advertisement –

**On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Metz** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for a new hire for the Road Department. Motion carried 5-2, with Mr. Sylvester and Mr. Sivy voting not in favor.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** –

The Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for July 2023, 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. Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 15 –

**On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the request from the Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 15, in the amount of \$ 134,270.00, leaving a balance of \$ 2,165,311.81. Motion was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No agenda item at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No agenda item at this time.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – No agenda item at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – No agenda item at this time.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



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Travis Cavanaugh  
Borough Manager