

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
December 18, 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 and Mr. Allen Treadway and Mayor Jo Ann Borato

STAFF PRESENT –

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

PUBLIC HEARING –

Ordinance 489, Froman Road, Marilyn Court and Pasture Drive, Road Adoption Public Hearing

Ordinance 489, An Ordinance of the Borough of Economy, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, formally accepting dedications of streets and roads, Froman Road, Marilyn Court and Pasture Drive, Baden, located in Economy Borough.

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 Ordinance 489.

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 Ordinance 489.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to adopt Ordinance No. 489, formally accepting dedication of streets and roads, Froman Road, Marilyn Court and Pasture Drive, Baden, located in Economy Borough. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance 490, Police Pension Plan, Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) Public Hearing

Ordinance 490, An Ordinance of the Borough of Economy, County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to the establishment and maintenance of municipal police pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund or funds, to amend certain provisions of the pension fund or program applicable to the police of said municipality to add a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP).

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 Ordinance 490.

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 Ordinance 490.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to adopt Ordinance No. 490, relative to the establishment and maintenance of municipal police pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund or funds, to amend certain provisions of the pension fund or program applicable to the police of said municipality to add a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP). Motion was unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – No agenda item at this time.

HEAR THE PUBLIC – No agenda item at this time.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 25, 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 November 25, 2025, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

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

- A. **Bills Payable** for the period of November 11, 2025, through December 12, 2025, in the amount of \$ 1,036,488.21, from the General Fund with Check No. 3821 to 3925, and in the amount of \$ 26,763.18, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1125 to 1129, 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 Road Department bills, due to his brother working in the department.

- B. Budget Report for the month of November 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 November 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 –

Mr. Sivy stated that the Breakfast with Santa event had a great turnout.

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

Mayor Borato acknowledged the passing of Mr. Norman Shoup and read a thank-you letter from the President of the Economy Borough Police Association, expressing gratitude for the support received from the Borough Council throughout the year.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

- A. Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 24 –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Treadway to approve the request from the Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 24, in the amount of \$ 685,639.81, leaving a balance of \$ 292,186.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Resolution No. 536, 2026 Final Budget –

On a motion by Mr. Hall; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve Resolution No. 536, approving the 2026 final budget.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried – 5-2.

B. Ordinance No. 488, 2026 Tax Ordinance –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Treadway; seconded by Mr. Hall** to adopt Ordinance No. 488, 2026 tax ordinance.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried – 5-2.

C. Economy Borough Planning Commission Re-Appointment –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to accept the re-appointment of Mr. Roger Kowal to the Economy Borough Planning Commission for a four (4) year term ending on December 31, 2029. Motion was unanimously approved.

D. Economy Borough Planning Commission Re-Appointment –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to accept the re-appointment of Mrs. Audrey Mutschler to the Economy Borough Planning Commission for a four (4) year term ending on December 31, 2029. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Economy Borough Zoning Hearing Board Re-Appointment –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Treadway to accept the re-appointment of Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins to the Economy Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term ending on December 31, 2028. Motion was unanimously approved.

F. Economy Borough Municipal Authority Board Re-Appointment –

On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sivy to accept the re-appointment of Mr. Sylvester to the EBMA Board for a five (5) year term ending on December 31, 2030. Motion was unanimously approved.

G. Borough Council Regular Meeting Cancellation –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester, seconded by Mr. Ruckert, to approve canceling the Borough Council December 23, 2025, regular meeting. 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 7:25 p.m.

Borough Council reconvenes into Regular Meeting Session at 8:22 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to accept the termination of Employee No. 19, effective December 15, 2025. Motion was unanimously carried.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Treadway to offer the Police Secretary a Part-Time contract extension. If that offer is not accepted, the Police Secretary contract will be extended until on or before June 30, 2026, and the employee will have to train the new Part-Time Police Secretary. This position will also no longer be a Civil Service position as of January 1, 2026. Motion was unanimously carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager