

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
February 11, 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, Mr. Allen Treadway and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

STAFF PRESENT –

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

OLD BUSINESS –

A. **Tentative and Conditional Use Planned Residential Development (PRD) Monika Heights PRD –**

The Borough Solicitor gave an update pertaining to the questions that the Borough Council sent to the Monika Heights Planned Residential Development (PRD) Applicant. The questions were as follows from Borough Councilman Sivy:

1. Install a 6' composite stockade fence on property lines where houses are located along with original planned planted barrier.
2. Provide an artist rendition of the proposed completed project including barrier plantings and fence.
3. Recreation money allotted toward walking trail at Recreation park.
4. Asking what type of evergreens will be planted.

The Applicant's Engineer, Robert Beining from Sheffler & Company, LLC, gave an update on the questions Borough Councilman Sivy asked. He could answer all the questions except that he requested more time to respond to question no. 2.

Discussion occurred on the overall site plan of the Monika Heights PRD.

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.

Richard Jurena of 80 Mary Reed Road, Baden
George Mason of 3102 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden
Amy Adams of 105 Foxglove Drive, Baden
Joann Broussard of 2701 Ridge Road Extension, Baden
Roger Kowal of 475 Amsler Ridge Road, Sewickley
Susan Scheller of 3160 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden
Dean Phillips of 920 Hoenig Road, Baden
Michael Penn of 3125 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden
Marianne Hall of 3151 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden
Patricia Pollock of 100 Mary Reed Road, Baden

There were also eight (8) participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Jurena expressed his concerns against the Monika Heights PRD.

Mr. Mason expressed his concerns against the Monika Heights PRD.

Ms. Adams expressed her concerns against the Monika Heights PRD.

Ms. Broussard expressed her concerns with future development and property owners with large tracts of land within Economy Borough being unable to develop on the land.

Mr. Kowal expressed his concerns in favor of the Monika Heights PRD.

Mr. Jurena expressed his concerns against the Monika Heights PRD.

Ms. Scheller expressed her concerns against the Monika Heights PRD.

Mr. Phillips expressed his concerns against the Monika Heights PRD.

Mr. Jurena expressed his concerns about the conditions at the end of his driveway.

Mr. Penn expressed his concerns against the Monika Heights PRD.

Ms. Hall expressed her concerns in favor of the Monika Heights PRD.

Ms. Pollock expressed her concerns against the Monika Heights PRD.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 28, 2025, 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 January 28, 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 January 11, 2025, through February 7, 2025, in the amount of \$ 186,008.77, from the General Fund with Check No. 2982 to 3085, and in the amount of \$ 127,050.77, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1078 to 1089, was presented to Borough Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Hall** 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 January 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 January 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 – No agenda item at this time.

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 January 2025, 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 – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Resignation Letter from Mr. George Stewart –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Treadway to accept Mr. George Stewart resignation from the Economy Borough Zoning Hearing Board, effective January 31, 2025. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Economy Borough Zoning Hearing Board Vacant Seat –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the vacant seat on the Economy Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending on December 31, 2026. Motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding the Monika Heights PRD and personnel, following which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 8:08 p.m.

Borough Council reconvenes into Regular Meeting Session at 8:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Tentative and Conditional Use Planned Residential Development (PRD) Monika Heights PRD –

Consider Tentative and Conditional Use Planned Residential Development Approval for the Monika Heights PRD, with Beaver County Tax Parcel No. 60-175-0143.000 and 60-175-0143.001 and 60-175-0143.002, in the R-2, Suburban Residential Zoning District for a PRD.

On a motion by Mr. Treadway; seconded by Mr. Hall to deny *Resolution # 524*, granting both Tentative and Conditional Use PRD Approval to the Monika Heights PRD.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried – 5-2.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

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 8:32 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager