

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
February 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. 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, 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.

Don Lang of 105 Grove Hill Road, Baden

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Lang discussed the emergency management for Economy Borough

MINUTES –

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of December 30, 2023, through February 9, 2024, in the amount of \$ 213,217.86, from the General Fund with Check No. 1872 to 2001, and in the amount of \$ 72,169.44, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1036 to 1043, 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 January 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 January 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 – 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 2024, was presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

Mayor Borato wanted to congratulate PennEnergy Resources for earning an "A Grade" certification for their operations from the MiQ, a global leader in methane emissions certification.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

A. Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 21 –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the request from the Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 21, in the amount of \$ 46,609.00, leaving a balance of \$ 1,171,506.81. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Economy Borough Committee Appointments –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Applequist to approve the Economy Borough committee appointments. Motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE - *Tom Applequist, Gary Bucuren, Allen Treadway

ORDINANCE - *Jeff Ruckert, Tom Applequist, Don Sivy

PARKS and RECREATION - *Don Sivy, Jeff Ruckert, Tom Applequist

PROPERTY and BUILDINGS - *Frank Morrone, Glenn Sylvester, Allen Treadway

PUBLIC SAFETY - *Glenn Sylvester, Gary Bucuren, Jeff Ruckert

ROAD DEPARTMENT – *Gary Bucuren, Glenn Sylvester, Frank Morrone

*Chairperson

NEW BUSINESS –

A. 2024 Borough Goals –

Discussion occurred on the 2024 Borough goals.

B. DEP Recycling Ordinance –

Discussion occurred on the DEP recycling ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel, following which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:49 p.m.

Borough Council reconvenes into Regular Meeting Session at 8:29 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy to appoint Employee No. 13, from Sergeant to Lieutenant for the Economy Borough Police Department. Motion was unanimously carried.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to rescind the previous motion authorizing the Borough Manager to advertise for a new hire for the Road Department. Motion was unanimously carried.

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to hire Mr. Brian Murray, with a ninety (90) day probation period to the Road Department with a start date of March 4, 2024, contingent upon the completion of the requirements in the CBA. Motion was unanimously carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Travis Cavanaugh", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager