

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
February 14, 2023

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. Roger Kowal, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

ABSENT –

Mr. Gary Bucuren (Excused)
Mr. Bill Metz (Excused)

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.

Joan Broussard of 2704 Ridge Road Extension, Baden
Regis Leindecker of 418 Golden Grove Road, Baden

There were also 2 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Broussard asked questions pertaining to the newsletter.

Mr. Leindecker asked questions pertaining to the Police Department tires.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2023, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 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 January 7, 2023, through February 10, 2023, in the amount of \$ 195,347.81, from the General Fund with Check No. 31739 to 31844, and in the amount of \$ 103,931.59, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 299 to 305, was presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the list of Bills Payable that have been reviewed and signed off by the department heads was unanimously carried.
- B. Budget Report for the month of January 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 January 2023, was presented to Borough Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.
- D. 2022 Annual Pension Review –

Mr. Bryan Vescio with VAM Group, LLC, reviewed the 2022, annual performance of the Police and Non-Uniform pension plans.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE –

- A. Ordinance 479, Certificate of Occupancy and Zoning Permit –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the Public Hearing for Ordinance 479, Certificate of Occupancy and Zoning Permit. Motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Ordinance 480, Establishing Regulations Regarding Fowls –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the Public Hearing for Ordinance 480, establishing regulations regarding fowls. 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.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT –

The Mayor’s Monthly Police Department Report for January 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. 2023 Road Paving Program –

Borough Engineer met with the Road Foreman and have selected the following roads for the 2023 Road Paving Program.

Base Bid

Summerfield Drive

Ridgeway Drive (Park Hill Road to Silverdale Drive)

Merriman Road (Big Sewickley Creek Road to Briola Lane)

Zehnder Road

Davis Road

Green Forest Drive (Rock Rose Drive to Cul-De-Sac Loop)

Pfaff Road (New Development to dead end)

Alternate Bids

Perry Drive

Shady Lane

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for bids for the 2023 Road Paving Program. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. PennEnergy Resources, LLC Grading Permit –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the grading permit to PennEnergy Resources, LLC, for the temporary waterline for B-50 Well Pad, contingent upon Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. 2023 Newsletter –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the continuation of the newsletter editions distribution as it has occurred in previous years. Motion carried 4-1.

B. Police Department Tires –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve the purchase of twenty (20) tires for the Police Department in a calendar year. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Police Department Uniform Allowance –

Discussion occurred on uniform allowance for the Police Department.

D. Police Department Budget –

Discussion occurred on the overtime budget for the Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Radio Building/Tower Removal –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the removal of the radio building/tower. Motion carried 4-1.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – No agenda item at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager