

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
February 27, 2024

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. Tom Applequist, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Glenn Sylvester, Mr. Allen Treadway and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

ABSENT –

Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert (Excused)
Mr. Don Sivy (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT –

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

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.

Tom Applequist of 98 Firethorn Road, Baden
Don Lang of 105 Grove Hill Road, Baden

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Applequist recognized Dr. Melvin Steals and his twin brother, Mervin Steals, for the 50th anniversary of the song that the brothers wrote, “Could It Be I’m Falling in Love”, recorded by The Spinners.

Mr. Lang discussed the emergency management for Economy Borough.

MINUTES –

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2024, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Applequist; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

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 – No agenda item at this time.

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT – No agenda item at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Trash and Recycling Ordinance –

Discussion occurred on the trash and recycling ordinance. Based on the consensus of the Borough Council, Borough Council advised the Borough Manager to have the Economy Borough Planning Commission prepare the trash and recycling ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Ordinance 483, Cannabis –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Treadway** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the Public Hearing for Ordinance 483, cannabis. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Ordinance 484, Data Center –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Treadway; seconded by Mr. Applequist** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the Public Hearing for Ordinance 484, data center. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Berkheimer Tax Payments and Penalties Fees Request –

Discussion occurred on Tax Parcel No. 60-185-0107.001, 2175 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, Berkheimer Tax payments and penalties. Based on the consensus of the Borough Council, the Borough Council denied the request for relief from the penalties and interest related to the Berkheimer tax payments.

D. 2012 LeeBoy Tack Tank –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the sale of the 2012 LeeBoy tack tank surplus equipment through Municibid. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. 2002 LeeBoy 8000 D Paver –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the sale of the 2002 LeeBoy 8000 D paver surplus equipment through Municibid. Motion was unanimously approved.

F. 1979 Flaherty SPK-H Spread Master –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the sale of the 1979 Flaherty SPK-H spread master surplus equipment through Municibid. Motion was unanimously approved.

G. Sunset Hills Property –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Applequist** to table the Sunset Hills property till the next regular meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sylvester requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel, following which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:31 p.m.

Borough Council reconvenes into Regular Meeting Session at 8:07 p.m.

There were no motions after the Executive Session therefore the Regular Meeting can adjourn.

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 8:07 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager