

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
January 10, 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. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Roger Kowal, Mr. Bill Metz, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester and

ABSENT –

Mayor Jo Ann Borato (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.

Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom

There were also 5 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Andrews asked questions pertaining to the newsletter.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2022, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Metz; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2022, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of December 10, 2022, through January 6, 2023, in the amount of \$ 102,154.12, from the General Fund with Check No. 31653 to 31738, and in the amount of \$ 5,415.56, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 295 to 298, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Metz** 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 works in the department.
- B. Budget Report for the month of December 2022, 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 December 2022, was presented to Borough Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.
- D. Resolution No. 492, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) –
Ms. Tamara Kemmler representing PLGIT, gave a presentation pertaining to PLGIT.
On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Kowal to approve Resolution No. 492, joining as a member of PLGIT. Motion was unanimously approved.
- E. Check Signatory –
On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the Borough Council President Frank Morrone, Borough Council Vice-President Don Sivy and Borough Manager Travis Cavanaugh as a check signatory for all accounts for First National Bank and PLGIT. Motion was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE –

- A. Heart & Lung Benefits –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the heart & lung benefits for the Borough Employee No. 23 and 34. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) 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 –

A. Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 9 –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to approve the request from the Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 9, in the amount of \$ 76,055.00, leaving a balance of \$ 2,766,752.81. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. 2023 Newsletter –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the 2023 Spring/Summer edition distribution as previous years and the 2023 Fall/Winter edition will be all electronic. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Police Department Tires –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy to table this item till the next Borough Council meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Police Department Uniform Allowance –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy to table this item till the next Borough Council meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

D. Police Department Budget –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy to table this item till the next Borough Council meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Resolution No. 493, 2023 Borough Officials Appointments –

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Metz to approve Resolution No. 493, appointing the 2023 Borough Officials. Motion was unanimously approved.

F. Borough Manager Agreement –

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to approve the Borough Manager agreement. Motion was unanimously approved.

G. Resolution No. 494, National Incident Management System (NIMS) Update –

The Borough Emergency Management Assistant Coordinator Don Lang gave an update on the Borough Emergency Management items.

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to approve Resolution No. 494, NIMS update. Motion was unanimously approved.

H. Garbage Service, 109 Grove Hill Road, Baden –
Discussion occurred on the garbage service.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel. Motion was unanimously approved. There will be no motions after the Executive Session therefore the Regular Meeting can adjourn before going into the Executive Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:37 p.m.

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 7:37 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager