

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
June 10, 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 Engineer Ms. Sandy Nelko.

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.

Thomas Topolewski of 165 Stange Road, Freedom
Kathy Wargo of 155 Stange Road, Freedom
Joann Broussard of 2701 Ridge Road Extension, Baden
Andrea Topolewski of 165 Stange Road, Freedom

There were also two (2) participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Topolewski gave an update on his concerns with the Economy Methodist Church renters.

Ms. Wargo gave an update on his concerns with the Economy Methodist Church renters.

Ms. Broussard asked questions pertaining to the noise ordinance.

Ms. Topolewski gave an update on his concerns with the Economy Methodist Church renters.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2025, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Treadway; seconded by Mr. Bucuren**

to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 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 May 8, 2025, through June 6, 2025, in the amount of \$ 206,692.63, from the General Fund with Check No. 3318 to 3393, and in the amount of \$ 26,371.36, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1106 to 1109, was presented to Borough Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Hall; 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 Road Department bills, due to his brother working in the department.
- B. Budget Report for the month of May 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 May 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 –

- A. Concert in the Park Friday, June 13th at 6:30 pm at Jeffrey Meddock Recreation Park.

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 May 2025, was presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered, received, and filed.

Mayor Borato also provided an update on the overview of overtime from January to the present.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

- A. Police Department Parking Lot –

On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the change order for the 2025 Road Program from Youngblood Paving to include option no. 3, paving the police parking area and Kenneth Campbell Way in the amount of \$ 104,728.10. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. **SEO Alternate Appointment** –

On a motion by Mr. Treadway; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to approve the alternate appointment for Sewage Enforcement Officer to The EADS Group for calendar year 2025. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Bucuren requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel, following which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:45 p.m.

Borough Council reconvenes into Regular Meeting Session at 9:31 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy to approve the Employee No. 3, resignation letter effective June 30, 2025. Motion was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for two (2) new hires for the Road Department. Motion was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Hall to table the retirement letter from Employee No. 6, till the next regular Borough Council meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager

Since January 1, 2025

- Called for 10 deaths
 - 6 required investigations
- An overdose death that resulted in a large drug buy/bust which ultimately resulted in the filing of Involuntary Manslaughter and Drug Delivery Resulting in Death.
- Investigated and an arrest made in a shooting attempt in the driveway of a residence.

Drug overdose victim purchased heroin in Economy Borough from a dealer from McKeesport which caused her death. The ensuing investigation yielded a large drug buy/bust in Economy Borough where numerous stamp bags of fentanyl laced heroin were recovered and the arrest of the person delivering the drugs. Further investigation of that operation ultimately yielded the charges of Involuntary Manslaughter and Drug Delivery Resulting in Death.

Shooting victim was approached by an enraged neighbor who fired two shots at and around the victim and his home. Fortunately, there were no injuries. The officers immediately surrounded the suspect's house, and then upon discovering that he was not in the home, they arranged for his surrender at the scene, which was done peacefully. Officer recovered an unregistered handgun that was used in the shooting. The suspect was charged, who also happened to be a felon not to possess a handgun.

The police department is well aware of the complaints on Stange Road. All complaints have been handled and will continue to be handled accordingly. To date, there have not been any criminal violations found. Any complaints should be reported to Beaver County Emergency Services (911 Center) by telephone at the non-emergency number 724-869-2813 or by dialing 911. Those calls will then be dispatched to the officers appropriately and the officers will respond.