

Economy Borough Council  
Council Minutes  
June 13, 2023

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

**ABSENT –**

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.

Matthew Wilgosz of 110 Satellite Drive, Freedom  
Kasi Devinney of 484 Amsler Ridge Road, Sewickley  
Harvey Marenic of 114 Shaffer Road, Sewickley  
Nova Smokovich of 2721 Hemmerle Road, Ambridge

There were also 6 participants via teleconference.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC –**

Mr. Wilgosz asked questions pertaining to the PA State Police coverage item on the agenda.

Ms. Devinney asked questions pertaining to the PA State Police coverage item on the agenda and about the budget.

Mr. Marenic asked questions pertaining to the PA State Police coverage item on the agenda.

**On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve moving agenda item No. 7 (a) and (b) to the current time of the meeting and return back to public comment after discussion of agenda item No. 7 (a) and (b). Motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** –

A. PA State Police Coverage –

Discussion occurred on the PA State Police coverage possibility.

B. Police Chief Coverage –

Discussion occurred on the Police Chief coverage possibility.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** –

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Harvey Marenic of 114 Shaffer Road, Sewickley  
Chad Lively of 304 Red Fox Court, Baden  
Kenny Cravotta of 120 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Freedom  
Donna Sidney, 92 Firethorn Road, Baden  
Isaac Elias of 110 Hilltop Court, Baden  
James Butchko of 46 Bock Lane, Baden  
Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom  
Joseph Salvadori of 168 Mary Reed Road, Baden  
Doug Snedden of 140 Tevebaugh Road, Freedom  
Vicky Miller of 105 Barto Drive, Baden

**HEAR THE PUBLIC** –

Mr. Marenic asked questions pertaining to the PA State Police coverage item on the agenda.

Mr. Lively made comments pertaining to overtime and budget line items.

Mr. Cravotta made comments pertaining to towing concerns.

Ms. Sidney asked questions pertaining to the Police Department.

Mr. Elias asked questions pertaining to the new housing plans and additional services needed for the new housing plans.

Mr. Butchko asked questions pertaining to PA State maintained roads, construction work along Freedom Crider Road and speeding along Bock Lane.

Mr. Andrews has concerns with the tax base and long-term vision for the Police Department.

Mr. Salvadori asked questions pertaining to the budget and adding additional Police Officers.

Mr. Snedden has concerns with the conditions of his neighbor's property and speeding along Tevebaugh Road.

Ms. Miller asked questions pertaining to Friel Road.

#### **MINUTES** –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 23, 2023, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 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 May 6, 2023, through June 9, 2023, in the amount of \$ 310,004.12, from the General Fund with Check No. 1136 to 1254, and in the amount of \$ 1,434.57, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1013 to 1015, was presented to Borough Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; 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 May 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 May 2023, 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.

**PROPERTY and BUILDING 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 May 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. Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 13 –

**On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve the request from the Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 13, in the amount of \$ 66,998.00, leaving a balance of \$ 2,441,582.81. Motion was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No agenda item at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

A. Veteran's Memorial –

Discussion occurred on the Veteran's Memorial.

B. Friel Road –

Discussion occurred on Friel Road for a possible cul-de-sac.

C. Borough Windmill –

Table this item till next meeting.

**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. 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 8:23 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



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Travis Cavanaugh  
Borough Manager