

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
March 10, 2026

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. John Hall, Mr. Jesse Hernandez, Mr. Bill Metz, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester and Mayor Jo Ann Borato

STAFF PRESENT –

Borough Manager Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Nathan Morgan, Esq. and representing 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.

Conrad Engelsiepen of 203 Ridgeway Drive, Baden
Joanne Spencer of 104 Anne Street, Baden
George Foltz of 61 Bock Lane, Baden
Kendra Cotter of 52 Bock Lane, Baden

There were also three (3) participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Engelsiepen asked questions pertaining to the property tax increase for 2026.

Ms. Spencer asked whether Anne Street was on the road program for 2026, whether there were any plans for the Northern Lights Shopping Center, and whether there were any possibilities for Data Centers.

Mr. Foltz asked questions regarding the Economy Borough Municipal Authority rate increase, blighted properties in the Borough, and a House bill to raise property taxes in the State.

Ms. Cotter asked questions pertaining to blighted properties in the Borough.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2026, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Metz; seconded by Mr. Hernandez** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026, as presented. The motion carried – 6-1, Mr. Sylvester abstained.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

Mr. Hall, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, presented the Borough Council with an update regarding the following items:

- A. **Bills Payable** for the period of February 7, 2026, through March 6, 2026, in the amount of \$ 211,971.42, from the General Fund with Check No. 4083 to 4143, and in the amount of \$ 30,612.14, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1139 to 1142, 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.
- B. **Budget Report** for the month of February 2026, 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 February 2026, 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 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 –

The Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for February 2026, was presented to the 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. 2026 Road Paving Program –

The Borough Engineer met with the Road Foreman and selected the following roads for the 2026 Road Paving Program.

Base Bid

Anne Street

Apollo Drive

Comet Drive

East Ridge Avenue

Highland Road

Meteor Circle

Moon Ridge Drive

Nova Drive

Second Avenue (Meteor Circle to Sunset Hills Entrance)

Venus Circle

Alternate Bid

Brookside Road

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Hall** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for bids for the 2026 Road Paving Program. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Preliminary and Final SD Mace Plan of Lots Consolidation, (TLD 05-31-26, to render Borough Council Decision)

Consider Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval for the Mace Plan of Lots Consolidation, with Beaver County Tax Parcel Nos. 60-025-0204.000 and 60-025-0202.000, in (R-A) Rural Agricultural Zoning District for a lot consolidation for Single-Family use along Dean Street, Baden.

Call for a motion to approve *Resolution # 541*, granting both Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval to the Mace Plan of Lots Consolidation.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve *Resolution # 541*, granting both Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval to the Mace Plan of Lots Consolidation. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. 2026 Ford F-600 –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-600 from Tri-Star Motors in the amount of \$ 60,835.00, and the dump body with the snowplow from Stephenson Equipment in the amount of \$ 74,900.00, both purchases are through COSTARS with the Liquid Fuels Fund. Motion carried – 6-1, with Mr. Hernandez voting not in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel, following which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:50 p.m.

Borough Council reconvenes into Regular Meeting Session at 8:16 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. Sivy to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager