

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
March 14, 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 Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

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.

Vicky Miller of 105 Barto Drive, Baden
John Brynczak of 521 Friel Road, Baden
Brandon Kerr of 511 Friel Road, Baden
Joan Broussard of 2704 Ridge Road Extension, Baden

There were also 2 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Miller expressed her concerns pertaining to Friel Road.

Mr. Brynczak expressed his concerns pertaining to Friel Road.

Mr. Kerr expressed his concerns pertaining to Friel Road.

Ms. Broussard asked questions pertaining to Friel Road.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 28, 2023, 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 February 28, 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 February 11, 2023, through March 10, 2023, in the amount of \$ 292,514.33, from the General Fund with Check No. 31845 to 31931, and in the amount of \$ 35,334.45, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 305 to 1002, was presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** 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 February 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 February 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 SAFETY 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 February 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 – No agenda item at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Friel Road –

Discussion occurred on Friel Road.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Resolution No. 497, Northern Lights Plan No. 2 Subdivision –

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

B. Resolution No. 498, Kovach Lot Consolidation Plan –

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve Resolution No. 498, Kovach lot consolidation plan. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. 2023 Road Program –

<u>Economy Borough</u>				
2023 Road Improvement Project (#10277)				
<u>Base Bid:</u>	Summerfield Drive Ridgeway Drive (Park Hill Road to Silverdale Drive) Merriman Road (Big Sewickley Creek Road to Briola Lane) Zehnder Road Davis Road Green Forest Drive (Rock Rose Drive to Cul-De-Sac Loop) Pfaff Road (New Development to Dead End)			
<u>Alternate 1:</u>	Perry Drive			
<u>Alternate 2:</u>	Shady Lane			
Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	
Shield Asphalt Paving	\$ 707,636.00	\$ 35,061.00	\$ 23,122.50	
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$ 727,128.10	\$ 36,507.40	\$ 23,464.10	
El Grande Industries, Inc.	\$ 959,230.50	\$ 47,973.00	\$ 31,230.00	

The Borough Engineer reviewed the three (3) bids received for the 2023 Road Improvement Project. The Borough Engineer recommended awarding the base bid along with alternates 1 & 2 to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. as the low bidder. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to award the Base Bid, Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 Bids for the 2023 Road Improvement Project to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$ 765,819.50. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Metz 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.

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Metz requested that Borough Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:58 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for a Custodian position up to twenty-five (25) hours a week and at an hourly rate of \$ 15.00. Motion was unanimously carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager