

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
May 27, 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, and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

ABSENT –

Mr. Allen Treadway (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT –

Borough Manager Travis Cavanaugh and representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, 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.

Thomas Topolewski of 165 Stange Road, Freedom
Roger Kowal of 479 Amsler Ridge Road, Sewickley
Cindy Wargo of 1580 Conway Wallrose Road, Freedom

There were also three (3) participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Topolewski have concerns with the Economy Methodist Church renters.

Mr. Kowal asked questions regarding PennEnergy Resources' well pad off of Amsler Ridge Road.

Ms. Wargo asked questions regarding the sinkhole in her front yard on Conway Wallrose Road.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2025, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Hall** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2025, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

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 –

Mayor Borato read a letter from the Civil Service Commission noting the passing of Bernard Kenny. She also gave an update on overtime wages.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

A. **Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Annual Report** –

Borough Engineer explained to Borough Council and the public the purpose and obligation of the Borough as it relates to the Borough's Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) permit. Borough Engineer also, discussed the six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) that must be addressed by the Borough under the permit. These MCMs included public education, public involvement, illicit discharges and inspections, construction site stormwater, post construction stormwater and pollution prevention/good housekeeping.

Discussion occurred on the MS4 annual report.

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. **2025 Summer/Winter Beaver County Regional COG (BCRCOG) Commodities** –

Borough Manager presented Council with a list of low bidders for the 2025 Summer/Winter BCRCOG Commodities. The Borough Manager recommends accepting the low bids and

authorizing the execution of the agreements. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to accept the 2025 Summer/Winter BCRCOG Commodities Contracts. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Borough Road Adoption Ordinance –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve the Borough Manager to prepare and advertise the Borough road adoption ordinance for South Anne Street, Baden. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Life Insurance Policy Payment –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Hall to approve the life insurance policy payment for Shirly M. Semonik in the amount of \$ 2,500.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding litigation. 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 7:38 p.m.

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 7:38 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager

Civil Service Commission
Borough of Economy
2865 Conway Wallrose Road
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May 23, 2025

Economy Borough Council
Economy Borough Mayor
Economy Borough Manager
Economy Borough Chief of Police
CSC Members

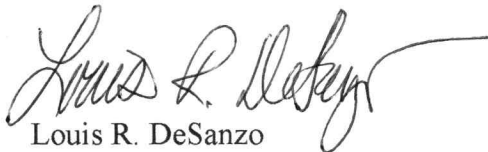
SUBJECT: Noting the Passing of Bernard Kenny

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) would like to make special note of the passing Bernard Kenny on May 5, 2025. Bernard was a long-time Economy resident and was a major player in the development of our civil service program and training of our police force.

In 1997, Bernard wrote the first CSC Rules and Regulations. That 40-page comprehensive document received high recognition and became the model that many other communities adopted as their own. His Rules and Regulations are the bible for how we hire and promote police officers. He actively participated in the screening and selection of new police officers.

Bernard, a retired U.S. Postal Inspector, stayed closely involved with the police department. He was a firearms instructor and general instructor at the Allegheny County Police Academy and the Beaver County Police Academy. He also remained a firearms instructor with the Economy Police Department, training and qualifying the firearms program of the Economy Police Department for well over 30 years. In addition, Bernard was on the Economy Police Department shooting team which was part of the Beaver Valley Police Revolver League from 1992 to 2016.

We feel it would be appropriate that Bernard Kenny's passing be noted in the official Borough Council minutes.



Louis R. DeSanzo
Secretary