

Economy Borough Council  
Borough Council Minutes  
May 28, 2024

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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. Tom Applequist, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester, Mr. Allen Treadway and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

**ABSENT** –

Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert (Excused)

**STAFF PRESENT** –

Borough Manager Travis Cavanaugh and representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq. and representing the Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

**PUBLIC HEARING** –

The Borough Solicitor announced to those in attendance that the public hearing is intended to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Ordinance No. 483, medical marijuana dispensaries and processing facilities regulations. The Borough Manager verified that the public hearing and Ordinance No. 483, was advertised as required. Ordinance No. 483, amending Chapter 180 of the Code of the Borough of Economy entitled “Zoning” to establish regulations regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and processing facilities. Having satisfied all questions and comments, the Borough Solicitor requested a vote be taken to approve Ordinance No. 483.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Applequist** to adopt Ordinance No. 483, amending Chapter 180 of the Code of the Borough of Economy entitled “Zoning” to establish regulations regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and processing facilities. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Borough Solicitor announced to those in attendance that the public hearing is intended to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Ordinance No. 484, data centers regulations. The Borough Manager verified that the public hearing and Ordinance No. 484, were advertised as required. Ordinance No. 484, amending Chapter 180 of the Code of the Borough of Economy entitled “Zoning” to establish regulations regarding data centers. Having satisfied all

questions and comments, the Borough Solicitor requested a vote be taken to approve Ordinance No. 484.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Applequist** to adopt Ordinance No. 484, amending Chapter 180 of the Code of the Borough of Economy entitled “Zoning” to establish regulations regarding data centers. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Borough Solicitor announced to those in attendance that the public hearing is intended to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Ordinance No. 485, burning, outdoor regulations. The Borough Manager verified that the public hearing and Ordinance No. 485, were advertised as required. Ordinance No. 485, amending Chapter 62 of the Code of the Borough of Economy entitled “Burning, Outdoor” to update regulations regarding burning, outdoor. Having satisfied all questions and comments, the Borough Solicitor requested a vote be taken to approve Ordinance No. 485.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Applequist** to adopt Ordinance No. 485, amending Chapter 62 of the Code of the Borough of Economy entitled “Burning, Outdoor” to update regulations regarding burning, outdoor. Motion was unanimously approved.

#### **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.

John Hall of 610 Apollo Drive, Freedom  
Thomas & Andrea Topolewski of 165 Stange Road, Freedom  
John & Kathy Wargo of 155 Stange Road, Freedom

There were also 3 participants via teleconference.

#### **HEAR THE PUBLIC** –

Mr. Hall asked questions about the Borough pension plans.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wargo have concerns with the Economy Methodist Church renters.

#### **MINUTES** –

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2024, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Applequist** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** –

A. 2024 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Pension Review –

Mr. John Haynes with Caitlin Financial, reviewed the 2024, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter performance of the Police and Non-Uniform pension plans.

B. Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans –

**On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the realignment of the pension asset smoothing procedure for both the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. Motion was unanimously approved.

**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** – No agenda item at this time.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** – No agenda item at this time.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT** – No agenda item at this time.

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

**NEW BUSINESS** –

A. 2111 and 2113 Ridge Road Extension, Ambridge –

Discussion occurred on the property located at 2111 and 2113 Ridge Road Extension, Ambridge.

**OTHER BUSINESS** –

Mayor Borato mentioned that she received an email pertaining to electrical issues in the Chestnut Ridge housing plan. She advised them to contact Duquesne Light.

Mayor Borato mentioned the new protocol for trees down that are entangled in power/cable lines along PennDOT roads for the Borough.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

**On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding litigation, following which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 8:02 p.m.

Borough Council reconvenes into Regular Meeting Session at 8:25 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 8:25 p.m.



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Travis Cavanaugh  
Borough Manager