

Economy Borough Council
Borough Council Minutes
October 24, 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.

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.

Carla Parkes (Columbia Gas) of 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg
Lee Giercynski (Columbia Gas) of 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg
Justin Coolbaugh (Columbia Gas) of 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg
Jo Ann Borato of 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, Freedom
Cathy Preuhs of 91 Firethorn Road, Baden

There were also 4 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Parkes gave an update pertaining to the Columbia Gas incident.

Mr. Giercynski gave an update pertaining to the Columbia Gas incident.

Mr. Coolbaugh gave an update pertaining to the Columbia Gas incident.

Mrs. Borato expressed her gratitude to Columbia Gas and the Borough Manager for their efforts in the Columbia Gas incident.

Ms. Preuhs expressed her gratitude to the Borough Manager for his efforts in the Columbia Gas incident as well as expressed concerns pertaining to fracking within the Borough.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2023, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

A. 2024 Proposed Budget –

Discussion occurred on the 2024 proposed budget.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE –

Trick or Treat will be on Tuesday, October 31st, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

ROAD DEPARTMENT (RD) COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT –

A. Sunset Drive Speeding Report –

Discussion occurred on the Sunset Drive, Baden, speeding report.

B. License Plate Reader Cameras –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the purchase of the LPR cameras at the intersection of Conway Wallrose Road and Dunlap Hill Road.

A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bucuren	Yes
Mr. Kowal	Yes
Mr. Metz	Yes
Mr. Ruckert	Yes
Mr. Sivy	Yes
Mr. Sylvester	Yes
Mr. Morrone	Yes

Motion carried – 7-0.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT –

A. Columbia Gas –

Discussion occurred on the Columbia Gas incident.

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

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Sewage Bill Rates –

Discussion occurred on the sewage bill rates.

B. Economy Borough Municipal Authority Board Re-Appointment –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to accept the re-appointment of Mr. Donald Lang to the EBMA Board for a five (5) year term ending on December 31, 2028. Motion carried – 7-0. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Economy Borough Recreation Board Re-Appointment –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Metz to accept the appointment of Ms. Donna Sidney to the Economy Borough Recreation Board for a five (5) year term ending on December 31, 2028. Motion was unanimously carried.

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 7:48 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sylvester requested that Borough Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 8:57 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Metz to approve a stipend to the Borough Manager in the amount of \$ 500.00 and Borough Road Foreman in the amount of \$ 250.00, for both of their efforts going above and beyond in the Columbia Gas incident. Motion carried – 6-1, with Mr. Ruckert abstaining.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager