

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
September 12, 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. Glenn Sylvester and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

ABSENT –

Mr. Don Sivy (Excused)

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.

Mark Hanish of 316 Sunset Drive, Baden
Joan Broussard of 2704 Ridge Road Extension, Baden

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Hanish expressed his concerns with the petition for the speed bumps along Sunset Drive.

Ms. Broussard expressed her concerns with the timber harvesting ordinance.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 22, 2023, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Metz** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2023, as presented. Motion carried 5-1, with Mr. Sylvester abstained.

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 August 8, 2023, through September 8, 2023, in the amount of \$ 613,130.95, from the General Fund with Check No. 1407 to 1530, and in the amount of \$ 130,231.85, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with Check No. 1021 to 1024, was presented to Borough Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; 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, 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 August 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 August 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 –

Community Day September 23rd from 2:00pm to Fireworks. Located at the Borough Municipal Complex.

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 August 2023, was presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

- A. Patrolman Probation Completion –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve the Patrolman Employee No. 8, probation completion on August 15th, 2023. Motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Lieutenant Promotion –

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Bucuren to table the Lieutenant promotion till the 2024 budget is reviewed. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

A. **Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 16** –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Metz to approve the request from the Economy Landings Performance Bond Release No. 16, in the amount of \$ 78,421.00, leaving a balance of \$ 2,086,890.81. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. **Resolution No. 502, 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Borough's Municipal Pension Plans** –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Metz to approve Resolution No. 502, approving the 2024 Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligations. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren requested that Borough Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel. 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 7:32 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Borough Manager