

Economy Borough Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2015

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. R. J. Burns presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. R. J. Burns, Mrs. Courtney Barthelemy, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Tom Fetkovich, Mr. Larry Googins, Mr. Frank Morrone, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny, Mayor David Poling, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq., and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WEST VIEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Mr. Ken Howard, of Bankson Engineers, Inc. was present to discuss a Deed Easement between the Borough and West View Water Authority (WVWA). A deed easement for a waterline through a wooded corner portion of the Sunset Hills Park was submitted to Council for review. The easement will be thirty feet (30 ft.) wide by approximately three hundred-thirty feet (330 ft.) long, which will accommodate the proposed thirty-six inch (36") wide drain pipe for this project. There was some discussion regarding a consideration sum of \$1,700.00 payable to the Borough, which was agreed upon by both parties. Mrs. Skonieczny presented concerns regarding the terminology of the third (3rd) sentence on page 2 of the Deed Easement, regarding WVWA having the right to trim, cut and remove trees, shrubbery, fences, structures, or other obstructions or facilities in or near easement. There was some discussion regarding Mrs. Skonieczny's concerns and it was determined that the "or near" wording would be removed. Mr. Burns inquired about the restorations to the property. The Borough Engineer stated that the Borough does have restoration specs and that he would review WVWA's specs as well. The contractor(s) are required by contract to clean up all the debris, including the chipping of brush. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to formally approve the Deed Easement with West View Water Authority with a consideration sum of \$1,700.00, subject to "or near" being removed from the Deed Easement and acceptance of the required restoration was unanimously carried.**

FIRE REPORT: Assistant Fire Chief Ted Brickner, on behalf of Fire Chief Thomas, presented Council with updates regarding the Economy Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Brickner stated that the EVFD responded to one hundred and ninety-four (194) calls, forty-six (46) of which were for assistance outside of the Borough during 2014. The Columbia Gas Grant for carbon monoxide detectors was a huge success and the EVFD has been included in the 2015 grant selection. Mr. Brickner stated that the new reserve pumper truck will be ready in late April with a delivery date of May 2015. The EVFD is hoping to take this truck to the Harrisburg show and the old truck is out for sale.

POLICE REPORT: Chief O'Brien presented Council with updates regarding the Economy Borough Police Department. Chief O'Brien requested the Borough Office to redirect all calls regarding police business to the Beaver County 911 Center at the non-emergency number. Chief O'Brien reviewed the three thousand five hundred and fourteen (3514) calls for service for 2014, which is a 10% increase from 2013.

Chief O'Brien reviewed the unsolved status of the discovery of human remains on Mason Road. There was some discussion regarding whether other authorities could help with solving the case. Chief O'Brien stated that this case has gone nationwide and that the information is out there. Chief O'Brien assured the public and community that every lead is being investigated and only closed after exhausting all possible ways of checking the identity.

Mrs. Barthelemy reported that people driving up Dunlap Hill are not yielding for the traffic on Conway Wallrose Road, which is making the intersection dangerous. The Borough Manager stated that a traffic signal grant has been applied for. Mrs. Barthelemy inquired if an officer could be placed there to help. Chief O'Brien stated that in order for an officer to sit there they would need to be able to see every angle from the private lot and that he was not sure citations would help.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Rich Dunn, PW Foreman, presented Council with an update report, which is on file in the Borough Office for review. The Public Works Department has worked on repairs to the trucks/equipment, relocated the cardboard recycling bins and cold patched various streets in the Borough. Mr. Dunn stated that five hundred (500) tons of salt has been promptly delivered and the crew was called out six (6) times for bad roads.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mr. Burns welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested the discussion(s) regarding Borough Business be kept to 3 – 5 minutes in length.

The following visitors were present:

Audrey Mutschler of 2820 Ridge Road Ext, Baden
Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Robert Mecchia (not signed in), of 211 Fernwood Drive, was present to address concerns regarding Penn Energy's plan to close the gas leasing in early February. Mr. Mecchia stated that he believes the roads in Bradford Park were given to the Borough and that the road easement(s) would generate a substantial amount of revenue for the Borough. Mr. Mecchia asked if anyone has contacted Penn Energy to discuss the leasing of this property. The Borough Solicitor stated that this was an issue brought up several years ago in Brighton Township and that he would look into the results of that issue. The Borough Solicitor stated that the company was hesitant in paying for subsurface rights and claimed that they were paying the property owner to the middle of the roadway. The property deeds state that the property lines are up to the road easement(s). There was some discussion regarding who owns the property along the roadway/easement. The Borough Manager stated that he spoke to Penn Energy in December 2014 and asked that they meet with Council to review their intentions after the first of the year. Mr. Mecchia also expressed concerns regarding Penn Energy's lack of clarifying potential water issues and is now trying to change existing leases. The attorney working with the Bradford Park residents would like to address Penn Energy for clarification of how contaminated water supplies will be handled in direct wording. Mr. Mecchia stated that Ambridge Water Authority has no plans in extending the water line from Bradford Park to Freedom Road. Mr. Mecchia stated that a complete list of all the chemicals being used is needed so that wells can be tested appropriately to avoid any possible contamination discrepancies/arguments later. Mr. Mecchia stated that a meeting will be held on January 28, 2015, in the Community Room at 7 p.m. to discuss these issues.

Audrey Mutschler, of 2820 Ridge Road Ext., was present to inquire as to why the past Council Minutes have not all been replaced on the website. The Borough Secretary stated that she is working on them and that she is making sure the files on the computer match the minutes that are officially recorded in the minute book prior to having them posted on line. Mrs. Mutschler also asked if the recording system has been updated. The Borough Manager stated that he will have a demo of a system to try for the next regular meeting of Council.

Meagan Trimber (not signed in), of 3225 Ridge Road Ext., was presented to ask the Borough Secretary if she was changing the past minutes. The Borough Secretary stated no and informed Mrs. Trimber that it is illegal to change the minutes once they are adopted by Council.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on December 09, 2014, were presented to Council. Mrs. Skonieczny inquired if the letter dated January 5, 2015, received from Mr. Gregory W. Holesh, P.E. of DEP would change the December 09, 2014 minutes, due to the letter from DEP states that the reviewed application from West View Water Authority (WVWA) was determined incomplete and/or technically inadequate. Mrs. Skonieczny expressed concerns regarding items number two and five (2 and 5) of the missing information portion of the letter. The Borough Engineer stated that he believes item number two (2) is in regard to the river intake which is located in Baden Borough. The Borough Engineer stated that item number five (5) is listed because DEP requires a letter from the Borough stating that our Stormwater Management Plan is in accordance with the local Ordinance and it will be requested at some point. The Borough Engineer stated that would look into both items. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 09, 2014, was unanimously carried, with the exception of Mrs. Barthelemy, who abstained, due to she was absent from the meeting.**

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Googins, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the following items:

1. **Bills Payable** entered for the period of December 24, 2014 through January 12, 2015, in the amount of \$93,462.99 from the General Fund was presented to Council for review. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the list of Bills Payable was unanimously carried, with the exception of Mrs. Skonieczny regarding the Public Safety bills, due to her son works in the department and the exception of Mr. Bucuren regarding the Public Works bills, due to his brother works in the department.**

General Fund

12/24/2014	23389	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2014 Diesel Tank License	82.50
12/24/2014	23390	First National Bank	Commercial Letter of Credit (HOP)	2,505.00
12/24/2014	23391	MRM Workers' Comp Fund	Wrkrs Comp Premium Policy 10/14-09/15	21,159.27
12/24/2014	23392	Ronda J. Winnecour	Employee-Bankruptcy Payroll Deduction	2,957.00
12/24/2014	23393	Staples	Misc Office Supplies-Admin	339.63
12/30/2014	23394	American Express-COSTCO	11/2014 Finance Charge	3.67
01/09/2015	23395	Aflac	Employee ACC Insurance	87.88
01/09/2015	23396	Ambridge Water Authority	2014 4th Qtr Water Service	9,085.64
01/09/2015	23397	Beaver County Dept Waste Mgmt	Recycling-30 c. yrd-Leaves (Nov)	225.00
01/09/2015	23398	Beaver Cty Times-Newspapers Inc.	Legal Ad-Vets/Civil Service	700.15
01/09/2015	23399	Black Hills Ammunition	Ammunition-Pol	589.50
01/09/2015	23400	Butler Gas Products Co.	Industrial Cylinder Rental-PW	20.24
01/09/2015	23401	Clean Care	Floor Mat Service-Pol (Nov)	85.40
01/09/2015	23402	Columbia Gas	Monthly Gas Service	502.97
01/09/2015	23403	Comcast 0029740	Monthly Internet Service-Pol	183.13
01/09/2015	23404	Custer, Mark T. Jr.	2014 Mileage Exp (52.3 miles)	29.29
01/09/2015	23405	DCED UCC Fees	2014 4th Qtr UCC Fees (31 permits)	124.00

01/09/2015	23406	Duquesne Light Company	Monthly Electric Service	728.88
01/09/2015	23407	E. Reid Powell Refuse	Roll-off Box Swaps (13) 10/20-12/17/14	2,405.00
01/09/2015	23408	Economy Welding/Industrial Supply	Misc Welding Supplies-PW	50.58
01/09/2015	23409	Fastenal Company	Misc Minor Equipment-PW	41.47
01/09/2015	23410	George T. Bisel Co., Inc.	2015 Edition PA Child Custody Law-Pol	178.77
01/09/2015	23411	Grainger	Paper Towels-PW/Custodian	210.00
01/09/2015	23412	IBIS Specialized Vehicles	Veh. Labor Fee-#311 Deer Accident-Pol	210.00
01/09/2015	23413	Iron City Workplace Services	Mthly Uniform Services-PW, Custodian	434.29
01/09/2015	23414	Janice Jeschke Beall, Recorder of Deeds	2015 RE Deed Transfer Printouts	60.00
01/09/2015	23415	JC Ehrlich Co., Inc.	Pest Control Svcs-Pol/2220 Ridge RdExt	120.75
01/09/2015	23416	Kifer, Terry	2014 Boot Allowance	100.00
01/09/2015	23417	Larry Googins	2014 Mileage Exp (160) BCRCOG Mtgs	89.60
01/09/2015	23418	M & M Uniforms, Inc.	Uniforms-Pol (Pawlishak)	210.00
01/09/2015	23419	MDIA	Monthly Building Permit Insp (Nov-Dec)	3,656.00
01/09/2015	23420	MGSoft-Net	Email Support Service-Admin/Council	75.00
01/09/2015	23421	Michael Baker Jr., Inc.	Planning Commission Consultant Fees	550.00
01/09/2015	23422	Mobile Radio Service, Inc.	2015 Radio Service Contract-Pol	171.00
01/09/2015	23423	Nelko, Margie	Notary Filing Expense	35.50
01/09/2015	23424	Occidental Life Insurance Co of NC	Employee Paid Life Insurance	79.14
01/09/2015	23425	PA One Call System, Inc.	Monthly PA One Call Notifications	29.90
01/09/2015	23426	Precision Laser & Instrument, Inc.	9 pin Nikon Total Station-Pol	95.00
01/09/2015	23427	Reed Oil Company	Diesel Fuel-PW	1,503.11
01/09/2015	23428	Ronda J. Winnecour	Employee-Bankruptcy Payroll Deduction	2,957.00
01/09/2015	23429	Russell Standard Corp.	Poly Pave/Cold Patch-PW	1,638.72
01/09/2015	23430	Shoup Engineering Inc.	Engineering Fees-Janicki/WV Water	184.00
01/09/2015	23431	Shultz Ford Lincoln Inc.	Power Steering Hose (Trk 6)-PW	305.42
01/09/2015	23432	State Worker's Insurance Fund	Wrkrs Comp Ins Payment-Fire	1,534.00
01/09/2015	23433	Taylor & Alsko	Zoning Legal Services-10/20-11/19/14	562.50
01/09/2015	23434	Teamsters Local Union 250	Union Dues (Feb)-PW	383.00
01/09/2015	23435	Tomaszewski, Raymond	CEO Mileage Reimbursement (16.5)	9.24
01/09/2015	23436	Traffic Control Equip/Supplies Co.	Traffic Signal Service-Beaver Rd (NLSC)	357.19
01/09/2015	23437	TransAxle LLC	Salt Spreader/Trk Rpr Parts-PW	487.89
01/09/2015	23438	Verizon 0207-Pol	Monthly Telephone Service-Pol	109.16
01/09/2015	23439	Verizon 7877-Pol	Monthly Telephone Service (Main)-Pol	571.04
01/09/2015	23440	Verizon 838283708-Admin (4779)	Mthly Telephone Service (Long Dist)	51.77
01/09/2015	23441	Verizon S0007576-Business	Monthly Telephone Service-Admin	137.72
01/09/2015	23442	Verizon Wireless-220027085-Laptop	Monthly Telephone Service (Laptop)-Pol	347.76
01/09/2015	23443	Verizon Wireless-902786759-MainCell	Mthly Cellphone Svce-Admin,PW,CEO,Fire	187.89
01/09/2015	23444	Vi-HAUS	2015 Hosting Agreement-Pmt 2	850.00
01/09/2015	23445	W. PA Teamsters - COBRA	Mthly COBRA Health Ins. Pmt	804.54
01/09/2015	23446	W.PA Teamsters/Employers Welfare Fund	Monthly Health Insurance-Admin, PW, Pol	23,286.84
01/09/2015	23447	Walsh Equipment	Snow Plow Blades/Tensioner (Trk 6)-PW	2,682.84
01/09/2015	23448	Wex Bank-Sunoco	Monthly Gasoline Usage0Pol	2,151.21
01/09/2015	23449	Harleysville Life Insurance Co.	Group Life Ins. Coverage-Admin, PW	375.80
01/09/2015	23450	Reliance Standard Life Insurance	Group Life Ins. Coverage-Pol	343.20
01/12/2015	23451	Dorothy Gnarra-Tax Collector	2015 Postage Expense-RE	<u>3,430.00</u>
				93,462.99

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: No Report.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Fetkovich stated that the Recreation Board is scheduled to meet for the first time this year on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Mrs. Barthelemy stated that there is funding available from the Whispering Pines Project that should be utilized. Mr. Fetkovich stated he would relay the information to the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for December 2014 was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

The Mayor recommends searching for a new website service due to our site is embarrassing and out of date.

The Mayor reviewed the situation regarding the security service contract expiration date with Knighthawk and the upcoming security service from ADT. The Mayor stated that a meeting with the Borough Manager revealed that a previous Council member told the Borough Manager that the contract was being done. The Mayor stated that the expiration date is unknown and that he doesn't know if this was ratified publically. The Borough Manager stated that he had looked in the minute book but did not find it. The Borough Manager stated that the contract with Knighthawk has expired and ADT will be installing the system on January 14, 2015.

The Mayor thanked Mr. John Panek (who was present) for setting the Walmart timer in the spring of 2014. Mr. Panek is the electrical inspector for BIU, which was appointed by Council as another outside inspection service. The Mayor stated that for some reason BIU has not been being used by the Borough. The Borough Manager stated that the Borough was appointed an inspector within the last month and we are now able to put BIU services into effect. The prior inspector being assigned to the Borough was not available due to medical reasons.

MANAGER'S REPORT: The Borough Manager presented Council with updates regarding the following issues:

1. 1997 Peterbuilt 330 (Truck 05) – The Borough Manager presented Council with the bid results from MuniBid. The highest bid received was for \$26,000.00 from the City of McKeesport, out of 30 or more bids. There was some discussion in regard to selling the truck to the City of McKeesport with an asking price of \$28,000.00 and if not agreed by the City of McKeesport, then offering to sell it for the \$26,000.00 which was the bid price. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Morrone to authorize the Borough Manager to sell the 1997 Peterbuilt 330 to the City of McKeesport for a price of not lower than \$26,000.00 was unanimously carried.**
2. Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (BCRCOG) – The Borough Manager reviewed an email that was received from Mr. Robert Callen, Executive Director of BCRCOG. According to the bylaws of BCRCG, it annually solicits from its municipal members an appointed Delegate and Alternate to represent the municipality and have a vote on all issues. The Delegate and Alternate must be an elected official from the governing body. Mr. Googins stated that he has attended these meetings for nine (9) years and currently has another obligation that would only allow him to fill the Alternate seat. There was some discussion regarding who would/could fill the Delegate seat. Mr. Fetkovich suggested a rotation schedule. Mr. Googins stated that the Borough must appoint two (2) seats, but anyone is able to attend the meetings and that most of the attendees are Council President's. Mr. Burns on behalf of Council thanked Mr. Googins for his years of service on the BCRCOG Board of Delegates. Mr. Googins stated that there is also a Manager/Secretary meeting every month during the morning hours, which is just as informational as the BCRCOG meetings. Mr. Googins asked Council to permit the

Borough Manager or Borough Secretary to attend these meetings. **After some review it was the consensus of Council to permit the Borough Manager and Borough Secretary to attend the Manager/Secretary meetings.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Borough Solicitor stated that there is only one (1) item to report on and it would be discussed in executive session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: The Borough Engineer presented Council with an update regarding Beaver Road Culvert work that was done during the Christmas and New Year Holidays. El Grande will return to work on the inlet and add cold patch to get the roadway through the winter. Mr. Burns inquired if there is a possibility of using concrete and Visqueen plastic in place of the cold patch. The road salt will eat away at the cold patch and stone which will need to be maintained during the winter. The Borough Engineer stated that he would discuss this issue with El Grande Industries. The Borough Engineer requested Council's approval of the executed change order by El Grande Industries. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to approve the Beaver Road Culvert Change Order extending the contract with El Grande Industries until May 15, 2015 was unanimously carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Burns presented Council with an overview of the vacant board appointments. There was some discussion regarding the procedure of filling the vacant appointments. It was determined that any interested individual should submit a letter of interest or a resume for the vacant board position(s). The Borough Manager was requested to notify the previous board members that a letter or resume will need to be submitted to be considered for the position. Mrs. Skonieczny inquired if this would affect the recent appointment made to the Economy Borough Municipal Authority Board. The Borough Solicitor stated no. There was some discussion on whether these positions should be considered vacant or if the previous member retains the position until replaced or he/she resigns. It was the consensus of Council to declare the seats vacant and to be filled once letters of interest and/or resumes are received for that position. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to authorize the advertisement of the vacant board appointments was unanimously carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session in regard to personnel matters consisting of ongoing collective bargaining matters at 08:26 p.m.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Morrone, adjourn the meeting at 09:13 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager