

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2016

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, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Tom Fetkovich, Mr. Larry Googins, Mr. Frank Morrone, Mrs. Audrey Mutschler, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar.

ABSENT: Mayor Poling (Excused)

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE PENSION and NON-UNIFORMED PENSION REVIEWS. Mr. William Vescio, of Vescio Asset Management LLC., presented Council with an update and a market commentary of the Police Pension Fund and the Non-Uniformed Pension Fund for the year 2015. There was some discussion regarding the Trustees names still needing updated on both the Police Pension Fund and the Non-Uniformed Pension Fund. A Resolution will correct this issue.

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:

Deborah Cercone of 2 Mason Road, Baden

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Chris Holland (not signed in) was present to ask what the policy is for using the ball field behind the Borough Building. Mr. Holland is a part of Bridger Baseball (formerly ABE Baseball) and has a separate traveling team with children from Economy and other areas who would like to use the field. The Borough Manager stated he was unaware of a written policy and that the only request is, if there is a scheduling conflict between any parties (teams), to work it out themselves. The Borough Manager stated that the office requests from the teams a certificate of insurance and a schedule so that when the pavilion is rented they are able to inform the renters that the field will be in use. There was some discussion regarding who maintains the field.

Deborah Cercone was present to discuss her concerns regarding the changing of the Zoning Map. Ms. Cercone's concern is in regard to the Janicki property being changed to RA. The Borough Manager stated that he spoke with Ms. Cercone before the meeting and would like to review the map before stating for sure that the property is zoned R2. There was some discussion regarding the changes derived from cleaning up the lines and that there were no significant changes to large parcels. The Borough Manager reviewed the background on this matter referencing that the property will remain RA/R2 until such time that the property is sold, due to the Janicki family was erroneously lead to believe a portion of the property was RA at the time of the purchase. Ms. Cercone asked if the residents would be notified individually of the final Zoning Map. The Borough Solicitor stated a Borough wide re-zoning does not require individual notices. The Borough Manager stated that a public hearing will be advertised in the newspaper and the public is welcome to express any concerns at that time.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on January 12, 2016, were presented to Council. An amendment to page 192, adding the last three (3) sentences to the paragraph under Borough Council Committee Appointments were presented to Council. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2016, as amended was unanimously carried.**

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on February 9, 2016, were presented to Council. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 09, 2016, was unanimously carried.**

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

1. Treasurer's Reports for the months of December 2015 and January 2016 were presented to Council. After some review, these reports were ordered received and filed.
2. Budget Reports for the months of December 2015 and January 2016 were presented to Council. After some review, these reports were ordered received and filed.

There was some discussion regarding the line items used for the Breakfast with Santa revenue and for Legal Services-Mayor.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: No Report.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mr. Morrone, Chairperson of the Property and Building Committee, presented Council with a review of the bids received for the Borough Building windows. There was some discussion regarding the possible reasons for the variation in the quoted amounts. The Borough Manager was asked to request the quotes without the glass door and to inquire about the warranties from each company. There was some discussion regarding if there were specs for the windows and the suggestion of requesting Nemes Glass Corporation to provide a quote. The Borough Manager was asked to look into getting specs for the windows and to standardize the quotes for Council's review.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mr. Googins, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the upcoming police contract negotiations. The Borough Manager was requested to copy the current contract and acquire police contracts from other municipalities of similar size for reference purposes.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT: The Borough Manager presented updates to Old Business items.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Borough Solicitor presented Council with an update regarding the following issues:

1. Beaver County Planning Commission – The commission has reviewed the comprehensive Zoning Map and has no objections. The next step is to advertise for a Public Hearing.
2. PZ Northern Condemnation – The Borough Solicitor presented Council with an overview of the strip of land that was condemned to create the roadway leading up to Walmart. Buchanan Ingersoll was retained

by PZ Northern to procure the fair market value of this property. The Borough Solicitor discussed preparations for the upcoming hearing scheduled for April 2016 by the Board of Review and the possibility of needing to retain an outside appraisal for the same. The Borough Solicitor has received a set of interrogatories for a lot of documentation which will be time consuming.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Deferred Retirement Option Plan DROP Ordinance No. 453 – The Borough Manager presented Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 453, which was approved for advertisement at the December 15, 2015, Regular Meeting of Council. The Borough Manager recommended approval of Ordinance No. 453 with an effective date of January 1, 2014. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler to adopt the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) Ordinance No. 453, effective January 1, 2014, was unanimously carried.**
2. Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) – The Borough Manager presented Council with a background of the proposed DAS Ordinance that is being re-recommended by Planning Commission. An amendment to Ordinance No. 417 was proposed by the Planning Commission in April 2015. There was discussion regarding whether it is the same proposed Ordinance or if it has changed and the reason it looks different which is due to it being presented in a codified format. The Borough Manager was asked to forward a copy of the original proposed Ordinance to Council for a comparison. There was some discussion regarding the height limitation extension portion of the amendment, which was determined to be for a clearance purpose. There was discussion regarding whether it is possible to prohibit these systems on utility poles in residential areas. The Borough Solicitor stated that the underlined areas are what were revised to the new language. Mrs. Mutschler, on behalf of Planning Commission, explained the background of the proposed amendments. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to authorize the advertising of the Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) Ordinance was unanimously carried with the exception of Mrs. Skonieczny, who opposed.**
3. Telephone System(s) - The Borough Manager presented an overview of the telephone systems and recommended Kapp Communications for the Borough Office and PGH Networks for the Police Department. There was discussion regarding whether cable television services were needed or not and that the bids are not comparing the same services. There was discussion regarding leasing or purchasing the equipment and the benefits of such. Mr. Googins reviewed the franchise agreement with Comcast and asked if this was looked into. The Borough Manager stated he would revisit and address these concerns.
4. Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Tall Sign(s)) – The purpose of the proposed amendment is to permit any commercial space over three hundred and fifty thousand square feet (350,000 sq. ft.) to erect a fifty foot (50 ft.) sign. The Planning Commission has reviewed this issue and recommends adopting an amendment to Section 180-88.C-(4)(b) of the Zoning Ordinance. There was some discussion regarding this amendment being presented in a codified format, which will need to be changed or an Ordinance format for approval. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to authorize the advertising of an Ordinance that will amend Section 180-88.C-(4)(b) of the Zoning Ordinance was unanimously carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Non-Union and Police Pension Fund Trustees – A Resolution by the Borough of Economy to appoint Trustees for the Fidelity Investments of the Police Pension Fund and the Economy Borough Non-Uniform Employee Pension Fund was recommended. There was discussion regarding who should be listed as a Trustee on the pension plans, which was determined to be the President and Vice-President as was done in the past. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to adopt Resolution No. 451 to appoint Trustees for the Fidelity Investments of the Police Pension and the Economy Borough Non-Uniform Employee Pension Fund was unanimously carried**

with the exception of Mrs. Skonieczny regarding the Police Pension, due to her son works in the department and the exception of Mr. Bucuren regarding the Economy Borough Non-Uniform Employee Pension Fund, due to his brother works in the department.

2. Borough Map and Guide – There was some discussion regarding an informational map and guide of the Borough in the past. The Borough Manager was asked to research the company that provided the Borough with this service and the cost of the service, which may have been paid with business ad sales.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mr. Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager

Motion(s) made and/or Council consensus decision(s):

1. Approve Minutes of January 12, 2016 and February 9, 2016.
2. Adopt the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) Ordinance No. 453.
3. Approval to advertise Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) Ordinance.
4. Approval to advertise an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for Tall Signs.
5. Adopt Resolution No. 451 appointing Trustees for the pension plans.