

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 12, 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, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Joshua Kail, Esq., and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

ABSENT: Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (Excused)

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Poling entered the meeting at this time. (7:16 p.m.)

Rudzik Excavating (West View Water Plant Line) – Mr. Ron Carielli and Mr. Joe Demyan, both representing Rudzik Excavating, were present to discuss the use of an access point at Sunset Hills Park. A letter dated April 12, 2016, was presented to Council regarding this issue. Mr. Carielli reviewed the intended for use/daily maintenance of the access and discussed the possibility of giving something back to the park area. There was discussion regarding the access not being proposed at the time of the request for an easement for the line. Rudzik Excavating has agreed to supply the Borough with a road restoration bond and a pre-construction photography/video to document the existing condition(s), if the access is approved. There was further discussion regarding what could be done to appease the residents in that area of the Borough due to the noise disturbance, truck traffic and other safety concerns. Mr. Carielli stated that the disturbance time frame should be three to four months (3 -4 mths.) with the hours of operation consisting of four (4) ten-hour (10 hr.) days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. There was discussion regarding a letter being sent to the residents of Sunset Hills inviting them to participate in a public meeting to inform them of the upcoming project and the roads that will be affected. After some review and discussion, Council requested Rudzik Excavating to co-ordinate with the Borough Manager to set up a public meeting at the Ambridge Jr. High School and to send a letter to all of the residents of Sunset Hills informing them of such.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief John Thomas presented Council with updates regarding the Economy Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD). Chief Thomas reviewed the following issues:

1. **Big Knob Fire Department Merger Consideration** – The EVFD received a letter from Big Knob Volunteer Fire Department (BKVFD) requesting the consideration of a merger between the two (2) departments. Chief Thomas stated that a meeting between the officers of both departments has been scheduled to discuss this request and that he has been told the Township Supervisors are on board with a merger. There was discussion regarding the possible reasoning behind a merger and that there would be a lot of legal issues that would need to be addressed.
2. **Pierce Ladder Truck** – The truck will be in service within the next couple of weeks. The EVFD members have been conducting training with this truck. There was some discussion regarding this truck being used in other municipalities who have mutual aid agreements with the EVFD. Chief Thomas stated that a strict policy is being created for this truck. Mr. Burns requested a copy of the policy be given to Council.
3. **Emergency Management Plan (EMP)** – An updated EMP has been sent to the County which will be placed on a cd in the standardized state format. There was discussion regarding the manuals being outdated and Chief Thomas stated that the office copy of the manual would be updated.

4. Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) Fire Hydrant Maintenance Agreement – The Borough Solicitor stated that he has not received a response from AWA’s attorney regarding this issue. There was some discussion regarding outsourcing the maintenance due to safety concerns since there is not a valid agreement currently in place. Chief Thomas stated that the water lines and hydrants are owned by AWA and that AWA is considering hiring staff to use new equipment to flush hydrants in the spring.

POLICE REPORT: Chief O’Brien presented Council with updates regarding the Economy Borough Police Department. Chief O’Brien reviewed the following issues:

1. Side Arm Purchase/Replacement – A background of the twelve year (12 yr.) old side arm hand guns currently being used by the department was presented to Council. Chief O’Brien reviewed a quote received from Sig Sauer (Quote No. 2016-RV-15005-1) in the amount of \$7,275.20 for twenty (20) P227s, which includes a trade-in for fifteen (15) P220s. There is available funding in the budget from donations received from Walmart and Norfolk Southern. There was some discussion regarding these hand guns being registered/owned by the Borough and that they would remain with the Borough at such time an officer leaves employ. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to approve the purchase of twenty (20) Sig Sauer P227 weapons in the amount of \$7,275.20 (which includes a trade in value of \$5,625.00) with the donation funding received from Norfolk Southern and Walmart was unanimously carried.**
2. Hiring of Full-time Officer – A breakdown analysis regarding scheduling and overtime hours for the part-time and full-time police officers was presented to Council for review. Chief O’Brien asked Council if the Borough was going to hiring one (1) or more officers. There was some discussion regarding the potential expenses of hiring full-time officers and how these expenses could be affected by the upcoming contract renewal. There was discussion regarding where the funding is coming from for all of the money being spent. The overtime hours outlined in the breakdown analysis and the reasoning for the overtime was reviewed and discussed. There was discussion regarding possibly making changes to the scheduling from eight-hour to twelve-hour (8 hr. to 12 hr.) shifts, which is being currently done in other municipalities including Franklin Park Borough. Chief O’Brien stated that he has no issues with sitting down to look into other alternatives.

Chief O’Brien presented Council with some concerns regarding Economy Way not being adopted by the Borough as of yet. Due to accidents along this roadway, there are concerns regarding who would be responsible for the repair/removal of a light pole should it be part of an accident. The Borough Solicitor stated that he would review the developer’s agreement and revisit this matter with their attorney.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) REPORT: Rich Dunn, PW Foreman, presented Council with an update report that is on file in the Borough Office for review. The PW Department has worked on repairs to the trucks/equipment, cold patched various roads, spread millings on Cooney Hollow Road and Friel Road and stock piled 200 ton of salt. There was discussion regarding the amount of stored salt and if there was a way to push the salt to the back of the storage building for more storage space.

PUBLIC HEARING for DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEMS (DAS): 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. 454. The Borough Manager verified that the public hearing and Ordinance No. 454 were advertised as required. Ordinance No. 454 is amending Chapter 180 of the Borough Code entitled “Zoning” to include Distributed Antenna Systems within the definition of communications antenna and revise the express standards and criteria for Conditional Uses to include DAS. Hearing no questions or comments, the Borough Solicitor requested a vote be taken to approve Ordinance No. 454. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler to approve Ordinance No. 454 was unanimously carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING for COMMERCIAL MONUMENT SIGNAGE: 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. 455. The Borough Manager verified that the public hearing and Ordinance No. 455 were adequately advertised as required. Ordinance No. 455 is amending Ordinance No. 417, adopted on March 25, 2008, entitled “Zoning” to increase the maximum surface area of a monument sign in a commercial district that has over 350,000 gross square feet of commercial building space to 400 square feet and increase the maximum height of a monument sign in a commercial district that has over 350,000 gross square feet of commercial building space to 50 feet. Hearing no questions or comments, the Borough Solicitor requested a vote be taken to approve Ordinance No. 455. **After some review, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve Ordinance No. 455 was unanimously carried.**

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:

Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley
 Mr. Joe Demyan of Rudzik Excavating
 Mr. Ron Carielli of Rudzik Excavating

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Celia Janosik (not signed in) was present to remind Council of an invitation to a public forum on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the Ambridge High School cafeteria to discuss the topic of Protect Your Drinking Water.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on March 22, 2016, were presented to Council. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mrs. Mutschler to approve the Council Minutes of March 22, 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 Report for the month of March 2016, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.
2. Budget Report for the month of March 2016, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.
3. Bills Payable entered for the period of March 06, 2016 through April 12, 2016, in the amount of \$138,983.31 from the General Fund and in the amount of \$1,149.02 from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund were presented to Council for review. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the list of Bills Payable was unanimously carried.**

General Fund

03/10/2016	24614	DCED Loan Acct.-Commonwealth of PA	2016 1st Qtr. DCED Loan-Salt Shed	2,764.55
03/10/2016	24615	MRM Workers' Comp Fund	2016 Worker's Comp Policies-CEO, Admin, Pol, PW	21,493.62
03/10/2016	24616	Reserve Account-Pitney Bowes	Replenish Postage Meter Funds	500.00
04/04/2016	24617	Postmaster - Aliquippa	2016 Postage Permit Renewal Fee	225.00
04/12/2016	24618	ADT Security Services	Monthly Security Service-Boro, PW	84.36
04/12/2016	24619	Aflac	Employee ACC Insurance	87.88

04/12/2016	24620	Ambridge Lumber Company	Misc Operating Supplies-PW	100.38
04/12/2016	24621	Ambridge Water Authority	2016 1st Qtr. Water Service	606.42
04/12/2016	24622	Amcom Office Systems, Inc.	Monthly Copier Maintenance-Pol	17.95
04/12/2016	24623	Beaver County Central Printing	2016 Revised Mun Bills-RE	25.00
04/12/2016	24624	Beaver County Times-Newspapers Inc.	Legal Ad-Zng Ordin(s)/Zng Hearing	626.90
04/12/2016	24625	Brkich Design Group	2016 Spring/Summer Newsletter Designing Dep.	462.50
04/12/2016	24626	Butler Gas Products Co, Inc.	Monthly Cylinder Rental-PW	20.90
04/12/2016	24627	Cargill, Incorporated	Salt-PW	13,432.84
04/12/2016	24628	CAT Financial-Cleveland Brothers	Misc. Interest/Finance Charges-PW	7.41
04/12/2016	24629	CDI Office Technologies, LLC	2016-2017 Copier Service Agreement-Admin	660.00
04/12/2016	24630	Clean Care, Inc.	Floor Mat Service-Pol	88.43
04/12/2016	24631	Columbia Gas	Monthly Gas Service	1,028.04
04/12/2016	24632	Comcast 0029740	Monthly Internet Service-Pol	180.75
04/12/2016	24633	Comcast 0029955	Monthly Internet Service-Admin, CEO, PW	230.50
04/12/2016	24634	Coverall North America, Inc.	Monthly Cleaning Services-Admin, Pol, PW	739.00
04/12/2016	24635	Voided	Voided	0.00
04/12/2016	24636	DeSanzo, Louis	Civil Service-Oral Exam Exp. Reimb.	41.94
04/12/2016	24637	Duquesne Light Company	Monthly Electric Service	1,862.50
04/12/2016	24638	Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	Misc Operating Supplies-Custodial/PW	110.32
04/12/2016	24639	Essek, James	Civil Service-Oral Exam Interviewer Fee	100.00
04/12/2016	24640	Fastenal Company	Misc Operating Supplies-Custodial/PW	575.78
04/12/2016	24641	FNB Commercial Credit Card	Misc. Purchases(Vests)-Admin/Fire Pol	74.81
04/12/2016	24642	FNB Equipment Finance	Peterbuilt Truck Payment	33,110.50
04/12/2016	24643	Grainger	Misc. Operating Supplies-PW	199.13
04/12/2016	24644	Harrington, Thomas.	Civil Service-Oral Exam Interviewer Fee	100.00
04/12/2016	24645	Herb Brittner Radiator Service, Inc.	Misc. Equipment Repair Service-PW	450.00
04/12/2016	24646	Hunter Truck Sales & Service, Inc.	Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	948.64
04/12/2016	24647	Incom Supply of Pittsburgh	Misc. Operating Supplies/Small Tools-PW	84.52
04/12/2016	24648	Iron City Workplace Services	Uniform Services-PW	748.44
04/12/2016	24649	JC Ehrlich Co., Inc.	Pest Control Services-Admin, Pol	125.98
04/12/2016	24650	Knepper Press	2016 Spring/Summer Newsletter Printing	1,475.00
04/12/2016	24651	Lacal Equipment Inc.	Equipment/Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	243.49
04/12/2016	24652	Larson Design Group, Inc.	SEO Engineering Services	713.75
04/12/2016	24653	Leindecker, Ronald	Civil Service-Oral Exam Interviewer Fee	100.00
04/12/2016	24654	M & M Uniforms, Inc.	Uniform Expenses-Pol	183.75
04/12/2016	24655	Maher Duessel	2015 Auditor Services	6,000.00
04/12/2016	24656	Marsilio Court Reporting Service	Stenographer Services-Zoning Hearing	388.20
04/12/2016	24657	MDIA	Building Permit Inspections	1,069.00
04/12/2016	24658	MGSoft-Net, Inc.	Troubleshoot Server/Windows Updates	75.00
04/12/2016	24659	Michael Baker Jr., Inc.	Planning Commission Consultant Fees	425.00
04/12/2016	24660	Mobile Radio Service, Inc.	2016 Radio Service Contract-Pol	171.00
04/12/2016	24661	Napa-Station Auto Parts	Equipment/Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	212.40
04/12/2016	24662	National Public Safety Info. Bureau	2016 National Directory-Law Enforcement	144.00
04/12/2016	24663	Nationwide Employee Benefits	Group Life Insurance Coverage-Admin, PW	195.34
04/12/2016	24664	Northern Tool & Equipment	Misc. Supplies-PW	43.10
04/12/2016	24665	Occidental Life Insurance Co of NC	Employee Paid Life Insurance	79.14
04/12/2016	24666	P.F. Pettibone & Co.	Misc. Office Supplies-Admin	95.95

04/12/2016	24667	PA Dept. of Labor & Industry-B	Vessel Certificate Renewals	66.00
04/12/2016	24668	PA One Call System, Inc.	PA One Call Services	68.58
04/12/2016	24669	PA State Association of Boroughs	2016-2017 TEAM Membership Renewal	300.00
04/12/2016	24670	PDR -Physicians' Desk Reference	2015 Physician Desk Reference Books-Pol	59.95
04/12/2016	24671	PENN Power Group	Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	248.88
04/12/2016	24672	PGH Networks	Telephone Maintenance-Pol	79.99
04/12/2016	24673	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Svcs	2016 1st Qtr. Lease Rental-Admin	168.30
04/12/2016	24674	Prof. Graphic Communications Inc.	Misc. Office Supplies-Admin	313.15
04/12/2016	24675	Reed Oil Company	Diesel Fuel-PW	1,510.20
04/12/2016	24676	Reliance Standard Life Insurance	Group Life Insurance Coverage-Pol	343.20
04/12/2016	24677	Russell Standard Corp.	Cold Patch-PW	1,015.00
04/12/2016	24678	S & D Calibration Services, Inc.	Acutrak, Enrad & Vascar Certifications-Pol	75.00
04/12/2016	24679	S & S Fastners, Inc.	Equipment Repair Parts-PW	7.36
04/12/2016	24680	Schomaker, Carole	Zoning Hearing Board Training Reimb.	50.00
04/12/2016	24681	Sharp n Fix	Equipment Repair Parts-PW	135.22
04/12/2016	24682	Shoup Engineering Inc.	Engineering Services	392.00
04/12/2016	24683	Snodepot	Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	1,705.00
04/12/2016	24684	Stanley's Economy Auto Supply	Vehicle Repair Parts/Services-Pol	1,103.55
04/12/2016	24685	Staples Advantage	Misc. Office Supplies-Admin/CEO	51.40
04/12/2016	24686	SWIF-State Worker's Insurance Fund	Wrkrs Comp Ins Payment-Fire	1,455.00
04/12/2016	24687	Taylor & Alsko	Zoning Hearing Legal Services	637.50
04/12/2016	24688	Teamsters Local Union 250	Union Dues-PW	557.00
04/12/2016	24689	Tomaszewski, Raymond	Mileage Reimbursement-CEO	39.91
04/12/2016	24690	Tracy Fennell Tree Service	Tree Service-PW	650.00
04/12/2016	24691	Trans Associates Engin. Cons., Inc.	2016 Traffic Signal Srvcs-ConwayWallroseRd/Dunlap Hill	480.00
04/12/2016	24692	TransAxle LLC	Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	882.22
04/12/2016	24693	Tri-State Hose & Supply Company	Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	265.89
04/12/2016	24694	Valley Can Inc.	Front/Rear Load Containers-PW	1,970.00
04/12/2016	24695	Verizon 0207-Pol	Monthly Telephone Service-Pol	211.58
04/12/2016	24696	Verizon 7877-Pol	Monthly Telephone Service-Pol	614.61
04/12/2016	24697	Verizon 838283708-Admin (4779)	Monthly Telephone Service (Long Dist.)-Admin	55.75
04/12/2016	24698	Verizon S0007576-Business	Monthly Telephone Service-Admin	71.66
04/12/2016	24699	Verizon Wireless-220027085-Laptop	Monthly Telephone Service (Laptop)-Pol	502.68
04/12/2016	24700	Verizon Wireless-902786759-MainCell	Mthly Cellphone Service-Admin, PW, CEO, Fire	192.60
04/12/2016	24701	Vi-HAUS	2016 Monthly Hosting Agreement Fees-Pol	850.00
04/12/2016	24702	W. PA Teamsters Emp Welfare Fund	Monthly Health Insurance-Admin, PW, Pol	26,084.10
04/12/2016	24703	Wex Bank-Sunoco	Monthly Gasoline Usage-Pol	1,720.82
04/12/2016	24704	Wine Concrete Products, Inc.	Catch Basin Risers-PW	395.00
04/12/2016	24705	Zee Medical, Inc.	Misc. Medical Supplies-Pol	125.10
				<u>138,983.31</u>

Highway Aid Fund

04/12/2016	116	Duquesne Light Company	Mthly Electric Service-Celestial Dr., Satellite Dr.	<u>1,149.02</u>
				1,149.02

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: No Report.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE: Mr. Fetkovich, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Council with inquiries he received from residents of Mary Reed Road regarding the lack of center lines. There was discussion regarding whether or not lines should be painted and whether a single or double center line is needed. The Borough Solicitor stated that if it is a Borough owned roadway then lines should be painted.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Borough Solicitor stated that there is only one item to discuss for executive session and no vote will be taken.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – The Borough Engineer presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s).

1. 2016 Roadway Improvement Project – The Borough Engineer presented Council with an overview of the proposed 2016 Roadway Improvement Project. The project will include three (3) roadways and five (5) alternate bids. The project will include milling of existing asphalt surfaces, hot mix asphalt paving, inlet adjustment, installation of asphalt wedge curbs and line striping. Base repair and backfilling of road edges would be performed by Borough forces. The Borough Engineer requested Council's approval to advertise for bids. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare and advertise the bidding of the contracted paving roadways was unanimously carried.**
2. Dunlap Hill Traffic Light – The Borough Engineer presented Council with an update regarding the proposed traffic light signal. There was some discussion regarding concerns for Ridge Road traffic and it was noted that this topic was included in the research conducted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Map Public Hearing – A public hearing regarding the proposed updated Zoning Map has been scheduled for May 10, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recreation Board Appointment – A written letter has been received from Mr. Frank Spinelli expressing his interest in being appointed to the Recreation Board. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins to appoint Mr. Frank Spinelli to the Recreation Board for a five year (5 yr.) term was unanimously carried.**
2. Solar Panel Ordinance – The Borough Manager presented Council with an overview of a proposed Solar Panel Ordinance. The purpose of the proposed amendment to Section 180 of the Zoning Ordinance is to establish regulations regarding solar photovoltaic systems. There was some discussion regarding whether the proposed Ordinance consisted of standard wording and it was determined that it did. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to authorize the advertising of an Ordinance that will amend Section 180 of the Zoning Ordinance was unanimously carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session in regard to a potential litigation matter at 9:11 p.m., as per the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to return to the regular session and adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager

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

1. Approval to purchase Sig Sauer P227s.
2. Adoption of Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) Ordinance No. 454.
3. Adoption of Commercial Monument Signage Ordinance No. 455.
4. Approve Minutes of March 22, 2016.
5. Approval of Bills Payable for April 2016.
6. Approve bid advertising for the 2016 Roadway Improvement Project.
7. Appoint Mr. Frank Spinelli to the Recreation Board.
8. Approve advertising for a Solar Panel Ordinance.