

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 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, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Tom Fetkovich, Mr. Larry Googins, Mr. Frank Morrone, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny, Mayor David Poling, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle and Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Joshua Kail, Esq. and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

ABSENT: Mrs. Courtney Barthelemy (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 Police Pension Fund and the Non-Uniformed Pension Fund for the First Quarter of 2015. Mrs. Skonieczny requested the First National Bank information be shown monthly instead of quarterly. Mr. Vescio stated that he would be happy to do this.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief John Thomas presented Council with updates regarding the Economy Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD). Chief Thomas stated that the new truck, which replaces a twenty-five year (25 yr.) old truck, would be delivered at the end of May. Chief Thomas stated that the updated fire hydrant list has been given to the Borough Secretary and Borough Solicitor. Chief Thomas expressed his gratitude to Council and the Public Works Department for all the help with installing of the water line located at the fire hall (3308 Conway Wallrose Road).

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

1. Click It or Ticket – The police department has been participating in the Click It or Ticket program, which is a reminder to drivers to use their seatbelts. There are a large amount of citations written during this program.
2. Bicycle Rodeo & Helmet Giveaway – The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and Kohl's will be sponsoring a bicycle rodeo on May 16, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Economy Elementary School.
3. Body Armor Policy – Chief O'Brien reviewed a proposed body armor policy for the police department. This is a simplified non-intrusive policy that when in place will benefit the Borough when applying for a grant. Chief O'Brien is requesting Council's approval to add this policy to the Procedures and Policies Manual. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the proposed body armor policy to the Police Procedures and Policies Manual was unanimously carried.**

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) REPORT: Rich Dunn, PW Foreman, presented Council with an update report, which is on file in the Borough Office for review. The PW Department has worked on repairs to the trucks/equipment, including adding a hitch to the new Peterbilt. The PW Department has installed a waterline for the Economy Volunteer Fire Department and repaired a waterline between the Community Room and the Pavilion.

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:

George Foltz of 61 Bock Lane, Baden
Debbie Cercone of 2464 Herr Road, Ambridge
Audrey Mutschler of 2820 Ridge Road Ext, Baden
Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley
Gene Snyder of 1352 Valleyview Drive, Ambridge

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Gene Snyder was present to express his concerns regarding dogs running loose in his neighborhood. Mr. Snyder stated that he has spoken with Chief O'Brien regarding the residents of 89 Valleyview Drive letting their two (2) dogs (German Shepard and Pit-bull type) running loose. These dogs are accosting (jumping) on the other residents, including the elderly (while sitting on their porch), young couples walking, and other people who used to walk their dogs. Mr. Snyder stated that he understands that three (3) citations have been issued and it is apparent that this step is not working. Chief O'Brien reviewed the Borough Ordinance when responding to a dog complaint and the citation process. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of posting private property signs and placing a criminal complaint with the District Magistrate. The Borough Solicitor asked if a letter has been sent to the dog's owner(s). Mr. Snyder stated no, but was willing to do so. The Borough Solicitor stated he would review the Ordinance and give a recommendation to Council.

Debbie Cercone was present to discuss her concerns regarding the upcoming Zoning Hearing for the Janicki property located at 2462 Herr Road. Ms. Cercone stated that notification letters were mailed to the abutting neighbors informing them of the upcoming Zoning Hearing for a variance in regard to a stable. Mr. Andrew Janicki paid Ms. Cercone a visit and informed her that the Borough Manager had the wrong information in the letters. He stated that it is building a house and also told her that she didn't need to attend the Zoning Hearing. Ms. Cercone asked for the correct information. The Borough Manager stated that the variance is requesting a reduced setback of twenty-five feet (25 ft.) from the permitted seventy-five feet (75 ft.).

George Foltz was present on behalf of himself and his neighbors to thank Council for their help with 59 Bock Lane. Mr. Foltz stated that there have been some improvements made to the property and/or dwelling.

Ray McClellan was present to ask what the status was for the 2015 Spring/Summer Newsletter. The Borough Manager stated that the newsletter was currently at the post office for mailing.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on April 28, 2015, were presented to Council. **After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2015, was unanimously carried.**

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

1. Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2015 was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.
2. Budget Report for the month of April 2015 was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

3. Bills Payable entered for the period of April 15, 2015 through May 12, 2015, in the amount of \$104,099.29 from the General Fund and in the amount of \$1,149.97 from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund was presented to Council for review. Mr. Fetkovich questioned check no. 23747, which was for envelopes for the police department. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Bucuren 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

04/16/2015	23694	Knepper Press	2015 Spring/Summer Newsletter Services	1,400.00
05/01/2015	23695	Beaver County Central Printing	2015 Per Capita Bill Printing-RE	2,059.90
05/01/2015	23696	Staples	Misc Office Supplies-Admin	35.37
04/30/2015	23697	Classic Tent Rentals	2015 Community Days Tent Rental (Dep.)	753.76
04/30/2015	23698	Smith, Terry	2015 Spring/Summer Newsletter Consultant Svc	2,930.00
05/04/2015	23699	Knepper Press	2015 Spring/Summer Newsletter Postage	1,570.43
05/06/2015	23700	PA Unemployment Compensation Fund	Reimbursable Benefit Charges-1st Qtr. 2015	12,755.99
05/08/2015	23701	ADT Security Services	Mthly Security Service-Boro/PW	79.98
05/08/2015	23702	Aflac	Employee ACC Insurance	87.88
05/08/2015	23703	American Express-COSTCO	Council Chamber Chairs	2,718.15
05/08/2015	23704	Approved Toilet Rentals, Inc.	(3) Standard Units w/Hand Sanitizer-Parks	416.78
05/08/2015	23705	Beaver County Central Printing	2015 Revised Mun. Bills (Mar-Apr) Printing-RE	50.00
05/08/2015	23706	Beaver Cty Dept. Waste Management	Recycling-Leaves (30 cy)	45.00
05/08/2015	23707	Beaver County Regional COG	2015 Membership Dues-Admin	703.65
05/08/2015	23708	Beaver County Times-Newspapers Inc.	Legal Ad-Zoning Hearing/2014 Borough Audit	710.15
05/08/2015	23709	Bob Sumerel Tire Co., Inc.	Tire Repair Services (Trk/Equip)-PW	745.98
05/08/2015	23710	Brkich Design Group	2015 Spring/Summer Newsletter Services	697.50
05/08/2015	23711	Brown, Harry & Rebecca	2015 RE Tax Refund	1.32
05/08/2015	23712	Building Inspection Underwriters of PA	Monthly Building Permit Inspections	140.80
05/08/2015	23713	Butler Gas Products Co, Inc.	Monthly Cylinder Rental-PW	20.60
05/08/2015	23714	C & K Wholesale, Inc.	Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	88.18
05/08/2015	23715	Clean Care, Inc.	Floor Mat Service-Pol	85.40
05/08/2015	23716	Columbia Gas	Monthly Gas Service	1,616.15
05/08/2015	23717	Comcast 0029740	Monthly Internet Service-Pol	183.13
05/08/2015	23718	Comcast 0029955	Monthly Internet Service-Admin/CEO/PW	103.63
05/08/2015	23719	Cummins Bridgeway, LLC	Generator Repair (Block Heater Rpl)-Pol	849.17
05/08/2015	23720	Custer, Mark T. Jr.	2015 Mileage Reimbursement (01-04/2015)	66.92
05/08/2015	23721	DeSanzo, Louis	2015 Civil Service Rules/Regulation Printing/Binding	116.10
05/08/2015	23722	Duquesne Light Company	Monthly Electric Service	1,180.34
05/08/2015	23723	Economy Electric Supply Co.	Bulbs-Veteran's Memorial	74.80
05/08/2015	23724	Economy Metals, Inc.	Steel-Chipper Hitch-PW	25.47
05/08/2015	23725	Economy Welding & Industrial Supply	Misc Operating Supplies-PW	234.80
05/08/2015	23726	FNB Commercial Credit Card	License(Admn)/HndbksUnfmExp,NRASbscrp,Supplys(Pol)	1,040.55
05/08/2015	23727	FNB Equipment Finance	2012 F550 Super Duty Trk Payment	15,423.74
05/08/2015	23728	Galls Inc.	Uniform Expense-Pol	125.89

05/08/2015	23729	Grainger	Misc Operating Supplies-Custodial/PW	605.44
05/08/2015	23730	Heglund, Dennis	2015 RE Tax Refund	56.23
05/08/2015	23731	Iron City Workplace Services	Monthly Uniform Services-PW, Custodian	339.35
05/08/2015	23732	JC Ehrlich Co., Inc.	Pest Control Services-Pol	78.56
05/08/2015	23733	Kunkle, Randy S.	2015 Mileage Reimbursement (03-04/2015)	136.81
05/08/2015	23734	Lowes	Misc Operating Supplies-Custodial/Pol	189.80
05/08/2015	23735	M & M Uniforms, Inc.	Uniform Expense-Pol	1,618.35
05/08/2015	23736	MDIA	Monthly Building Permit Insp (Mar-Apr 2015)	2,394.00
05/08/2015	23737	MGSoft-Net, Inc.	MozyPro Online Backup/Computer Services-Admin	15.00
05/08/2015	23738	Michael Baker Jr., Inc.	Planning Commission Consultant Fees	1,425.00
05/08/2015	23739	Mobile Radio Service, Inc.	2015 Radio Service Contract-Pol	171.00
05/08/2015	23740	Nationwide Employee Benefits	Group Life Ins. Coverage-Admin/PW	372.46
05/08/2015	23741	Northern Tool & Equipment	Salt Spreader Spinner Lights-PW	93.41
05/08/2015	23742	Occidental Life Insurance Co of NC	Employee Paid Life Insurance	79.14
05/08/2015	23743	Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC	2015 RE Tax Refund (205 Elizabeth St)	252.69
05/08/2015	23744	PA One Call System, Inc.	Monthly PA One Call Services	87.63
05/08/2015	23745	Pitt Chemical & Sanitary Supply Co.	Misc Vehicle Maintenance Supplies-PW	16.80
05/08/2015	23746	Point Spring Company	Misc Nuts/Bolts-PW	462.20
05/08/2015	23747	Postal Envelope Company, Inc.	Envelopes-Pol	2,459.00
05/08/2015	23748	Power Up Equipment Inc.	Mower Repair Parts-Custodial	129.27
05/08/2015	23749	Reed Oil Company	Diesel Fuel-PW	1,091.15
05/08/2015	23750	Reliance Standard Life Insurance	Group Life Ins. Coverage-Pol	343.20
05/08/2015	23751	S & S Fastners, Inc.	Misc Nuts, Bolts (Rd Signs)-PW	197.00
05/08/2015	23752	Sargent Internet Design Company	2015 Website Domain Renewal/Updates	161.48
05/08/2015	23753	Sharp n Fix	Misc Equipment Repair Parts-PW	65.23
05/08/2015	23754	Shoup Engineering Inc.	Engineering Services	245.00
05/08/2015	23755	Shultz Ford Lincoln Inc.	Misc Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	108.93
05/08/2015	23756	Soil Screeners Inc.	Screened Top Soil (44 cy)-PW	649.00
05/08/2015	23757	Stanley's Economy Auto Supply	Vehicle Repair/Tire Service-Pol	218.00
05/08/2015	23758	Staples	Misc Office Supplies-Admin	60.77
05/08/2015	23759	Staples Advantage	Misc Office Equip/Supplies-Admin/CEO	608.09
05/08/2015	23760	State Worker's Insurance Fund	Wrkrs Comp Ins Payment-Fire	1,534.00
05/08/2015	23761	Station Auto Parts-Napa	Vehicle Repair Parts/Supplies-PW	484.00
05/08/2015	23762	The Sherwin-Williams Co.	Equipment Maint. Supplies-PW	88.48
05/08/2015	23763	Tomaszewski, Raymond	CEO Mileage Reimbursement (04/2015)	18.31
05/08/2015	23764	Trans Associates Engin. Cons., Inc.	2015 Traffic Study Srvcs-Conway Wallrose Rd/Dunlap Hill	2,729.95
05/08/2015	23765	Verizon 0207-Pol	Monthly Telephone Service-Pol	113.27
05/08/2015	23766	Verizon 7877-Pol	Monthly Telephone Service-Pol	593.69
05/08/2015	23767	Verizon 838283708-Admin (4779)	Monthly Telephone Service (Long Dist.)-Admin	52.74
05/08/2015	23768	Verizon Wireless-220027085-Laptop	Monthly Telephone Service (Laptop)-Pol	498.38
05/08/2015	23769	Verizon Wireless-902786759-MainCell	Mthly Cellphone Service-Admin,PW,CEO,Fire	188.28
05/08/2015	23770	Vi-HAUS	2015 Mthly Hosting Agreement Fees-Pol	850.00
05/08/2015	23771	Viscuso, Daniel	Uniform Allowance-Pol Detective	39.90
05/08/2015	23772	W. PA Teamsters - COBRA	Monthly COBRA Health Ins. Pmt	774.16
05/08/2015	23773	W. PA Teamsters Emp Welfare Fund	Monthly Health Insurance-Admin, PW, Pol	23,628.60

05/08/2015	23774	Walsh Equipment	Equip. Replacement Parts/Street Signs-PW	621.81
05/08/2015	23775	Wex Bank-Sunoco	Monthly Gasoline Usage-Pol	2,137.27
05/08/2015	23776	Wine Concrete Products, Inc.	36" Catch Basin-Riser- PW	185.00
05/08/2015	23777	Witmer Public Safety Group	Ammunition (Rifle)-Pol	144.99
05/12/2015	23778	Postmaster - Aliquippa	2015 Postage Permit Fee Renewal-Newsletter	220.00
05/12/2015	23779	Building Inspection Underwriters of PA	Monthly Building Permit Inspections	973.20
05/12/2015	23780	Duquesne Light Company	Monthly Electric Service	170.69
05/12/2015	23781	Joseph A. Askar Law Offices	2015 Solicitor Services/Retainer (Apr 2015)	3,830.25
05/12/2015	23782	Pitney Bowes Global Fin. Svcs, LLC	2015 1st Qtr. Lease Rental-Admin	164.70
05/12/2015	23783	Verizon Wireless-902786759-MainCell	Mthly Cellphone Service-Admin,PW,CEO,Fire	190.12
				104,099.29

Highway Aid Fund

05/08/2015	105	Duquesne Light Company	Mthly Electric Service-Celestial Dr./Satellite Dr.	1,149.97
				1,149.97

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Fetkovich, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following:

1. Getting to Know Pickleball – There is a promotional session scheduled for May 16, 2015, from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Jeffrey Medock Park to teach anyone eighteen years (18 yrs.) or older who is interested in the game of Pickleball.
2. 2015 Community Days – Mr. Fetkovich presented Council with an update regarding the annual Community Days celebration plans.
3. ABE Baseball – Mr. Fetkovich stated that he was approached by a member of the ABE Baseball Board regarding their responsibility for the upkeep of the fields. Their mower broke and they are looking for help from the community with this expense. There was some discussion regarding the Borough making a \$250.00 dollar donation to ABE Baseball for the purpose of helping with the expense of a mower. The Borough Solicitor inquired if the group is non-profit and if the money would be refunded to the Borough in the instance that it was not spent. Mr. Googins requested the Borough Manager to review the Borough Code to make sure the group meets the permitted requirements for a donation. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mr. Morrone to approve a donation to the ABE Baseball in the amount of \$250.00 for the purpose of helping with the expense of a mower, contingent upon the group being non-profit and meeting any and all the necessary requirements was unanimously carried.**

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Skonieczny, Chairperson of the Public Utilities and Ordinance Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the following items:

1. Compton Heights Plan (Compton Court Drive) Public Water Request – Mrs. Skonieczny asked the Borough Manager whether or not a notification has been sent to residents of Compton Court Drive regarding a payment in full being a requirement by Ambridge Water Authority (AWA). The Borough

Manager stated yes, but the office has not received a response as of yet. Mr. Burns stated that a resident notified him that there are a couple of houses connected to public water on this road. There was some discussion regarding adding other residents to these lines. The Borough Manager explained that these are private lines and that it is a private agreement between the individual property owner and AWA.

2. Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS)) – Mrs. Skonieczny reviewed information that was discussed and distributed to Council for review at the last meeting. Mr. Burns stated that while traveling near Conneaut area, he actually saw these unsightly antennas placed on top of telephone poles, which looked to be four to five feet (4-5 ft.) high, eight to twelve inches (8-12 in.) wide and rectangular. Mrs. Skonieczny stated that technology has advanced beyond the regulations and it would be prudent on our part not to include the antennas in our Ordinance due to health and property impact concerns. After some review, a motion was made by Mrs. Skonieczny to amend the Zoning Ordinance to exclude the DAS antennas (mini tower), which after further discussion she rescinded. Mr. Googins recommended further research be conducted to ensure the Borough is not doing anything that will tie our hands in the future. There was some discussion regarding the Borough Solicitor drafting an Ordinance with the proper terminology for advertising and also draft an Ordinance requiring the Planning Commission and Zoning Board to submit a report showing the researched advantages and disadvantages and/or issues similar to this eliminating the need for double the research work by Council.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for April 2015 was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

The Mayor stated that a landscape business has looked at the Memorial site and submitted an estimate for approximately \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00 to cut the grass, pull weeds, mulch and remove dead shrubs. The site looks horrible with grass blown everywhere and the compost being put over top of the weeds. The Mayor stated that this expense can be reimbursed from the foundation with a submitted invoice. There was discussion regarding the entire amount can be refunded and that originally this site was not supposed to cost the Borough anything. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Morrone to authorize the landscape business to clean up, cut the grass, pull weeds, mulch and remove dead shrubs as estimated and not exceeding \$1,200.00 was unanimously carried.**

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

1. PIRMA Renewal – The renewal covers the property and liability insurance for the Borough and needs to be renewed by September 2015. The Borough Manager stated that he would be sending out a packet of information tomorrow for Council's review.
2. Dunlap Hill Traffic Light – There was some discussion regarding the proposed detours for the Crows Run Project and it was determined that Conway Wallrose Road will not be included. The Borough Manager explained that the next step for the traffic light is a financial commitment letter to PennDot. There was some discussion regarding funding and the Mayor suggested contacting Senator Vogel to see if there is any assistance available. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Googins to authorize a letter of financial commitment along with a copy of the traffic study to be sent to PennDot was unanimously carried.**
3. Flood Plain Ordinance – A sample Ordinance was forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for review and recommendation. The Borough Manager presented an overview of the sample Ordinance and explained that the most restrictive options on new construction helps residents get a lower rate when purchasing flood insurance.

4. Resolution No. 430 Amendments – The Borough Solicitor is still reviewing and amending this Resolution.

Mr. Burns requested an update regarding janitorial duties and the Code Enforcement position. The Borough Manager stated that he had met with one (1) company to review the buildings and that he is working on other contacts.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Borough Solicitor presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. Dwelling Demolition(s) – The Borough Manager has taken pictures of the dwellings that were recommended for the Beaver County Community Development Program. The Borough Solicitor stated that he has prepared the packet for the program and feels that a couple of the dwellings may not meet the requirements. There was some discussion regarding the Borough being able to file liens if the properties do not meet the county program requirements and that each case should be considered separately. The Borough Solicitor reviewed the steps that the Borough would need to follow to file a lien against a property. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to authorize the Borough Solicitor to move forward with taking action on the properties that do not meet the Beaver County Community Development Program requirements on a case by case instance was unanimously carried.**

The Borough Solicitor also presented an update regarding the Unfair Labor Practice and requested a copy of the Dog Ordinance for his review.

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

1. Beaver Road Project – A pre-construction meeting was held and the paving of the Beaver Road project will begin on May 14, 2015. There was some discussion regarding the mix designs. The paving should take three to four (3-4) days to complete and the road will be restricted to one lane. The Borough Engineer stated that the Borough Manager did a wonderful job in contacting the property owners in this area.
2. 2015 Road Improvement Project – The Borough Engineer stated that he will be meeting with Rich Dunn, Public Works Supervisor, to review a proposed list of roads for the road improvement project. There was some discussion regarding in house paving and out sourced paving. The Borough Engineer was asked to research the overlay depth to determine if it can be reduced in order to extend the paving miles.

Mrs. Skonieczny asked for an update regarding the Mack property located on Clover Road. The Borough Engineer stated that he had contacted the resident and instructed them to contact the Borough Secretary to finalize the paperwork. The Borough Secretary stated that she has not been contacted as of yet.

Mr. Burns asked for an update regarding the Petalino property located on Bock Lane. The Borough Engineer stated that the executed easement was misplaced and another document was mailed to Mr. Petalino.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session in regard to personnel matters consisting of ongoing employee litigation at 8:21 p.m.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager