

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 26, 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, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle and Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, and representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joshua Kail, Esq.

ABSENT: Mayor David Poling (Excused)

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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:

JoAnn Smith of 2736 Ridge Road Ext., Baden
Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley
Adam Benford, Landman for Penn Energy

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

JoAnn Smith, Senior Citizens President, was present to thank Council for their generous donation to the Senior Citizens of Economy Borough Group.

Adam Benford, representing Penn Energy, was present to give Council an update regarding the gas drilling activities within New Sewickley Township that effects Economy Borough.

Regis Leindecker (not signed in) was present to request an update regarding the old red lights. Mr. Burns stated that when it was discussed at a prior meeting, the consensus was for Mr. Leindecker to look at the lights available and make an offer. Mr. Leindecker stated that he did look at the lights and that he would be willing to pay \$35.00 for the aluminum red lights and \$10.00 for the plastic red lights. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Morrone to authorize the sale of available red lights in the amount of \$35.00 (each) for the aluminum red lights and \$10.00 (each) for the plastic red lights was unanimously carried.**

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 2015, were presented to Council. Mrs. Skonieczny presented Council with an amendment to page 116, second paragraph, last sentence, changing “proving they have researched matters” to “showing the researched advantages and disadvantages”. **After some review, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2015, as amended, was unanimously carried with the exception of Mrs. Barthelemy, who abstained due to she was not present at the meeting.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

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

1. 2015 Community Days – The annual 2015 Community Days celebration has been scheduled for June 20, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
2. ABE Baseball – Mr. Fetkovich presented Council with an update regarding a motion that was made at the last regular scheduled meeting of Council to donate monies to ABE Baseball for the purpose of helping with the expense of a mower contingent upon the group being a non-profit group. Mr. Fetkovich has learned that ABE Baseball is not a non-profit group, therefore, it does not meet the donation requirements. Mr. Fetkovich stated that ABE Baseball greatly appreciates the gesture by Council for the donation.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report.

Mr. Burns stated that Chief O'Brien contacted him regarding the police department copier has quit working at its fullest potential. Chief O'Brien submitted an overview of the Savin 4035 copier that was purchased in September of 2003 and a proposal for a Xerox 7220/7225 Multifunction Copier/Printer. The Borough Manager stated that he forwarded information on the copier the office purchased in 2014 to the Chief and that the Borough Secretary also forwarded the name of another company she has used. There was some discussion regarding the proposal price being high and if the proposed copier has any special features. **After some review, it was the consensus of Council to have the Chief acquire additional proposals for a new copier.**

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

1. Ordinance No. 444 (Repeal) – Mrs. Skonieczny reviewed the background of Ordinance No. 444 and Ordinance No. 354. Ordinance No. 444 amended the Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Fund to clarify how the pension benefit is calculated. **After some discussion, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Burns to advertise an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 444, which will reinstate Ordinance No. 354 in its entirety, was unanimously carried.** Mr. Kail stated that the situation started because an auditor for the Auditor General Office (AG) came into the Borough Office and found the wording in Ordinance No. 354 ambiguous, which is why Ordinance No. 444 was passed. Mr. Kail recommended waiting and reviewing this issue with the AG auditor to see what he/she thinks so that we do not get caught in another situation with a warning. Mr. Skonieczny disagreed due to the AG did not put the issue in writing but was done verbally which is illusive. Mrs. Skonieczny stated that when she contacted the AG she was informed that the Borough could do as it wishes and if there is a problem the Borough would be notified. The Borough Manager explained the audit process and that the AG auditor did put the issue in writing in the exit-interview notes. The Borough Manager explained that the AG auditor felt the old wording was ambiguous regarding the part of the highest three (3) years meaning the highest thirty-six (36) months or the highest three (3) years out of ten (10) years. The Borough Manager feels this may have been the issue. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of narrowing down the meaning. The Borough Manager stated that the AG auditor will be in the Borough Office beginning June 04, 2015, to conduct the next audit. Mrs. Skonieczny stated that she would like to be notified if the auditor has any issues with this matter. **After further review and discussion, Mrs. Skonieczny rescinded her motion above.** Mr. Kail stated that after receiving word from the AG auditor then the wording can be reviewed.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE: Mr. Bucuren, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the 2015 Road Improvement Project. Mr. Bucuren reviewed the proposal submitted by the Borough Engineer for contracted road paving and in-house paving. The contracted road paving includes seven (7) roadways and two (2) alternate bids for parking lots. The in-house paving includes seven (7) roadway portions with the possibility of in-house seal-coating of various roads. There was some discussion regarding what determines a road for contracted paving vs. in-house paving. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mrs. Barthelemy to authorize the Borough**

Engineer to prepare the advertising for the bidding of the contracted paving roadways was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Barthelemy explained that as stated in a public news article, Mr. Fitzgerald has been reinstated to his prior position as a laborer in the PW department.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report.

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

1. **PIRMA Renewal** – The Borough Manager presented Council with an overview of the still pending PIRMA insurance renewal. There was some discussion regarding the contract, which was distributed to Council last week for their review. The Borough Manager recommended renewal of the policy. The Borough Solicitor reviewed the policy and found it in order. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Morrone to approve the renewal of the PIRMA Insurance Policy was unanimously carried.**
2. **Flood Plain Ordinance** – A draft Ordinance has been forwarded to the Ordinance Committee and the Borough Solicitor for review. The deadline for adopting a Flood Plain Ordinance is August 17, 2015, and it must be reviewed by the state prior to adoption.
3. **Custodial Opportunities** – The Borough Manager presented Council with an update regarding the companies that have provided or will be providing a quote for custodial services.
4. **Code Enforcement Opportunities** – The Borough Manager presented Council with an update regarding the search for Code Enforcement services.

Mrs. Skonieczny inquired if all the Compton Heights Plan (Compton Court Drive) residents who requested public water received the appropriate information. The Borough Manager stated that he gave the information to the point of contact and requested that he/she forward the information along.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Kail stated that the Borough Solicitor has reviewed Resolution No. 430 and that he would be sending a copy with his thoughts to Council for review.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Barthelemy thanked the Economy Women's Club and the Economy Jr. Women's Club for all their help with the Memorial Day Service. Mrs. Barthelemy also thanked Mr. Googins and other Veterans for their service. The speaker for the Memorial Day Service was enjoyable.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager