

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2015

MEETING Was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. RJ Burns with the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Tom Fetkovich, Mr. Larry Googins, Mr. Frank Morrone and Mrs. Pat Skonieczny. Borough Manager Randy Kunkle and Solicitor Joshua Kail.

ABSENT: Mrs. Courtney Barthelemy
Mr. Gary Bucuren (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 2-5 minutes.

The following visitors were present:

Robert Szuch	118 Foxglove
Ray McClellan	196 Shaffer Rd
Glenda Yount	925 E Ridge Ave
David Zychowski	909 E Ridge Ave

HEAR THE PUBLIC (7:03):

Robert Szuch, Foxglove; is concerned with spending priorities for the Police and Public Works departments and that not enough is being put into roads. Too much salt is used and there is no pavilion at Meddock Park; he's heard a lot of complaints about the police and road openings aren't being restored properly. Mr Burns agreed with the road restoration and mentioned Council is ready to pave more roads than any other year in the recent past.

Glenda Yount, 925 E Ridge Ave, her neighbor at 917 has high grass, an unkempt pool and in the past had issues with shooting guns. She's aware the Code Enforcement Officer was notified at least 60 days ago and so far nothing has changed. The Borough Manager is to get with the CEO for an update and plan of action and will call Mrs. Yount.

(Mrs. Barthelemy arrived at 7:12 pm.)

Dave Zychowski, 909 E Ridge Ave, said he and another neighbor called the CEO and the CEO asked him to take pictures. The place is an eye sore.

Ray McClellan, Shaffer Road, there are plenty of volunteers in the community who should be recognized in the newsletter.

Mike Lucia, 416 Golden Grove Road, has the EBMA been audited? The Borough Manager is to demand a copy of their audit and most recent financials and a copy of their bylaws.

Robert Szuch asked why Council hasn't dissolved the Authority.

Paul Thompson, First Street, requested an update on the Dunlap Hill traffic light; it's being reviewed by PADot.

MINUTES: of the regular meeting held on June 9th 2015 were presented to Council. Mr. Burns recuses himself due to not being at the meeting. *After review, the motion by Mrs Skonieczny, was seconded by Mr Morrone, all voted aye.*

Property Committee: no report

Public Safety: Mr. Morrone will report the twisted traffic light on SR 0065 to Chief O'Brien.

Finance: no report

Public Works: no report

Parks: Mr. Fetkovich reported, in spite of the rain, Community Day went well on June 20th. Attendance was a little off but they had 30 vendors. He thanked everyone involved including the Parks and Recreation Committee, Fire Police, office staff, Council and the Road Crew.

Public Utilities/Ordinances: Mrs. Skonieczny commented on the following: the intention to repeal Ordinance 444; amend Ordinance 354 by deleting the reference to part time employees and to add "calendar year". She also wants an ordinance to exclude Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) from the Borough.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Poling would like to see the Borough join with the other municipalities within the Ambridge Area School District to write the School Board a letter stating they oppose tax increases. It was agreed the Mayor should carry through with that. He also mentioned they are getting prices on a copier.

Manager's Report: 2015 Paving Program. Mr. Kunkle noted Council has the bid tabulations, as prepared by Shoup Engineering, for the summer's paving program. Mr. Burns suggested Council consider awarding the base bid and the 3rd alternate (part of Shaffer Road); that alternates 1 & 2, borough parking lots, can be done in-house. Everyone agreed.

Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Googins, to award the 2015 paving program to Shields Paving for the base bid and alternate number 3, all voted aye. Bid tabulation to be attached to the minutes.

Zoning Hearing Board Appointment: Mr. Kunkle noted a packet of information was provided by an interested resident; *Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Morrone, to appoint Mr. Stewart, all voted aye except Mrs. Barthelemy who opposed.*

Former Chief Harrington Life Insurance: discussion regarding a \$5000 life insurance policy versus an in lieu payment of \$5000 took place; there was doubt a policy is obtainable. The Solicitor wants it made clear exactly what the check represents and will draw up language defining that.

Motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Burns, to provide former Chief Harrington with a check for \$5,000 along with a letter drafted by the solicitor explaining the check, and pending legal review;

Discussion touching on the these topics followed: consistency in the future, purchase policies for new hires, , setting policy, settling the present case once and for all, setting precedents, age/health of retirees, having Mr. Harrington sign-off on the letter, bringing this matter to a close. Mrs. Skonieczny recused herself for the record

Mr. Burns reiterated, there is a motion on the floor, *voting in favor were Mrs. Skonieczny, Mr. Burns and Mr. Morrone. Mr. Googins, Mrs. Barthelemy and Mr. Fetkovich opposed.*

More discussion followed, each side of the vote expounding on their rationale.

Mrs. Skonieczny reminded everyone there was a 3-3 tie vote, Mr. Burns asked the Mayor to break the tie, Mayor Poling said to give him the cash value of the policy.

Motion carries.

Office Assistant vacancy: Mr. Kunkle advises July 10th will be the Office Assistant's last day and that he and the Secretary feel very strongly that the position be maintained. Discussion about capping the hours took place and updating the job description. To be talked about in Executive Session.

Solicitor's Report: Resolution 430: Mr. Kail stated Resolution 430 is in Mr. Askar's hands. He has one personnel item for Executive Session.

New Business: Mrs. Barthelemy expanded on thanking those who helped with Community Day including Rec Board members Dave Hershberger, Earl Fitzgerald, Brian and Laurel Westrom and Mary Jo Sivy. She also thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for bringing a fire truck, and the West View Fire Police who helped the Borough's Fire Police direct traffic. She also wondered why there was no police presence and hopes that Fire Works will become part of the Day.

Mr. Fetkovich also wanted to thank Eve Studebaker and Jill Creese.

Motion by Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:22, all voted aye.

Motion by Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mr. Morrone to go back into regular session, all voted aye.

Discussion regarding the Office Assistant motion took place, Mr. Kunkle to furnish an updated job description by the following Tuesday.

Motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Morrone to adjourn at 9:04, all voted aye.

Respectfully submitted

Randy S Kunkle
Borough Manager