

Economy Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 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, Mayor David Poling, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Joshua Kail, Esq., and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

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 Nine Months of 2015. There was some discussion regarding the recent news revolving around (IMF) removing the American dollar and replacing it with the Chinese exchange and how it would affect investments. Mr. Fetkovich requested the Trustee Names be updated. Mr. Vescio stated that the appropriate documents need signed. The Borough Manager stated that all of the signatures have been received except for one and numerous attempts to contact him has been made. Mr. Vescio stated that a resolution could be done by Council to make the necessary changes.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief John Thomas presented Council with updates regarding the Economy Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD). Chief Thomas stated that there have been twenty-eight (28) calls with several bad fires and a missing child search within the last few weeks. The EVFD is preparing for Santa.

Mr. Fetkovich stated the Detrick Family lost everything in a recent fire. A Go Fund has been set up for the family and donations are being accepted.

POLICE REPORT: Chief O'Brien presented Council with updates regarding the Economy Borough Police Department. Chief O'Brien stated that he is receiving part-time police officer applications.

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, leaf pickup program, storm damage clean-up, back filled and repaired road bases to various roads within the Borough.

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 Borato of 2001 Conway Wallrose Road, Freedom
Bob Emig of 105 Compton Circle, Sewickley
Linda Grinnik of 329 Compton Court Drive, Sewickley
Ray McClellan of 196 Shaffer Road, Sewickley

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Steve Borato (not signed in) was present to request the miles paved by both the Public Works Department and Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. There was some discussion regarding the paving equipment owned by the

Borough not being used a lot. Mr. Dunn stated that the equipment is used for oversized paving. Mr. Borato expressed his thoughts on buying a leaf machine due to the discontinuing of leaf burning in the Borough. Mr. Burns and the Borough Manager stated that the Borough owned a leaf machine in the 1990's, which was sold to another Municipality. Mr. Borato expressed concerns regarding drivers passing school buses with their lights on. Chief O'Brien stated that the officers are out patrolling during the bus times and complaints received from various locations have been addressed. Chief O'Brien stated that the bus driver needs to call and report the incident(s) along with a license plate number.

Elizabeth Burns (not signed in) was present and stated that she has seen some buses pulling at an angle over the double yellow lines, which keeps cars from passing. Chief O'Brien stated that he has witnessed this as well and it could pose another hazard should an accident occur due to the bus being over the center lines endangering the children on board.

Michael Sotirake (not signed in) was present to inform Council that the brackets that hold the swings up in Meddock Park are missing bolts. Mr. Burns requested Mr. Dunn to have the missing bolts replaced. Mr. Fetkovich inquired if the volley ball pole has been repaired. Mr. Dunn stated yes. Mr. Sotirake asked what the process was for acquiring speed bumps on Mary Reed Road. The Borough Manager stated that there is a process in place to obtain speed bumps that can be emailed to you to get you started. Mr. Sotirake stated that the neighbors are in agreement to only wanting a couple of bumps. The Borough Manager stated that it is a long process that follows the state rules and guidelines, which includes bumps being installed every so many feet.

Bob Emig was present to discuss the issue of installing a water line on Compton Heights Plan. Mr. Emig stated that there has been a meeting with Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) and asked if AWA has been in touch with the Borough. The Borough Manager stated that the last time there was contact with AWA was at a meeting during the summer where it was stated the tap-in fees needed to be paid in full. There was some discussion regarding fire hydrants and the number of homes that need public water. Mr. Emig also expressed concerns regarding the fracking well being put in on Hoenig Road and the potential damage to the water wells. Chief Thomas presented a background of how water lines were installed in the past.

John Pitaro (not signed in) was present to review the history of the last attempt to acquire water lines. The Ambridge Water Authority (AWA) told the residents that they were third (3rd) on the list and tap-in fees were needed. Then as years went by this area was knocked off the waiting list. Mr. Burns stated that if the tap-in fee(s) were paid and AWA retained the fees then that is wrong. There was discussion regarding whether the prices would be cheaper for the owners to install the line according to the AWA specs and then the line would be owned by AWA. The residents are looking for support from the Borough. Mr. Burns stated that the residents should go to an AWA meeting and come back to the Borough with the information they receive.

Michael Lucia (not signed in) advised the other residents to keep copies of the tap-in fee(s) were paid, because the Ambridge Water Authority denied that they had received his payment.

Mrs. Barthelemy thanked all of the Veterans present for their services.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on October 13, 2015, were presented to Council. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2015, was unanimously carried with the exception of Mrs. Skonieczny who abstained due to she was not present at the meeting.**

Mrs. Barthelemy left the meeting at this time (8:00 p.m.)

MINUTES of the Work Session Meeting held on October 27, 2015, were presented to Council. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Googins to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2015, was unanimously carried with the exception of Mrs. Skonieczny who abstained due to she was not present at the meeting.**

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 October 2015, were presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.
2. Budget Report for the month of October 2015, were presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.
3. Bills Payable entered for the period of October 14, 2015 through November 10, 2015, in the amount of \$99,336.15 from the General Fund and in the amount of \$1,149.97 from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund were presented to Council for review. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Googins, seconded by Mr. Morrone 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

10/15/2015	24198	Beaver County Humane Society	2015-2016 Afterhours Program	100.00
10/22/2015	24199	Knepper Press	2015 Fall/Winter Newsletter Printing	1,400.00
10/22/2015	24200	U.S. Postmaster	2015 Fall/Winter Newsletter Bulk Postage	1,572.57
10/27/2015	24201	Beaver County Recorder of Deeds	Easement Recordings (3)	216.00
11/10/2015	24202	ADT Security Services	Monthly Security Service-Boro, PW	79.98
11/10/2015	24203	Aflac	Employee ACC Insurance	87.88
11/10/2015	24204	Amcom Office Systems, Inc.	Monthly Copier Maintenance-Pol	113.32
11/10/2015	24205	Approved Toilet Rentals, Inc.	(3) Standard Units w/Hand Sanitizer-Parks	285.00
11/10/2015	24206	Beaver Agway	Tri-Rye Grass Seed-PW	89.99
11/10/2015	24207	Beaver County Dept. of Waste Management	Recycling-Brush (30 cy.)-Grass (90 yd.)	247.50
11/10/2015	24208	Beaver County Times-Newspapers Inc.	Legal Ad-Pension Ord.	285.90
11/10/2015	24209	Brkich Design Group	2015 Fall/Winter Newsletter Designing	695.00
11/10/2015	24210	Building Inspection Underwriters of PA	Building Permit Inspections	44.00
11/10/2015	24211	Butler Gas Products Co, Inc.	Monthly Cylinder Rental-PW	20.60
11/10/2015	24212	Columbia Gas	Monthly Gas Service	1,321.29
11/10/2015	24213	Comcast 0029740	Monthly Internet Service-Pol	366.26
11/10/2015	24214	Comcast 0029955	Monthly Internet Service-Admin, CEO, PW	103.63
11/10/2015	24215	Coverall North America, Inc.	Monthly Cleaning Services-Admin, Pol, PW	281.24
11/10/2015	24216	Duquesne Light Company	Monthly Electric Service	1,718.09
11/10/2015	24217	E. Reid Powell Refuse, LLC	Roll-off Box Swaps & Orange Refuse Bags	2,245.00
11/10/2015	24218	Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	Commode Service	70.00
11/10/2015	24219	Economy Volunteer Fire Department	2015 Fire Prevention (Child Activities/Promotions)	1,000.00
11/10/2015	24220	Economy Welding & Industrial Supply	Welding Supplies-PW	28.00
11/10/2015	24221	Elder AG & Turf Equipment Co, Inc.	Equipment Repair Parts (Mower)-PW	168.19
11/10/2015	24222	First National Bank	Commercial Letter of Credit	2,532.83
11/10/2015	24223	FNB Commercial Credit Card	Misc. Purchases/Postage/Training/Uniforms-Admin, Pol	647.53
11/10/2015	24224	Galls Inc.	Uniform Expenses-Pol	22.68
11/10/2015	24225	Guth Laboratories, Inc.	Certified Premix Solution-Pol	38.29
11/10/2015	24226	Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc.	Asphalt-PW	15,333.57
11/10/2015	24227	Herzog Truck Service, Inc.	Vehicle State Inspections-PW	180.00

11/10/2015	24228	Hovis Auto Supply	Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	61.95
11/10/2015	24229	Hunter Truck Sales & Service, Inc.	Vehicle Repair Parts-PW	336.83
11/10/2015	24230	Iron City Workplace Services	Uniform Services-PW	552.26
11/10/2015	24231	JC Ehrlich Co., Inc.	Pest Control Services-Boro, Pol	44.00
11/10/2015	24232	Kunkle, Randy S.	Mileage Reimbursement-Mgr.	162.27
11/10/2015	24233	Lynn Peavey Company	DNA Swab/Supplies-Pol	49.00
11/10/2015	24234	M & M Uniforms, Inc.	Uniform Expenses-Pol	435.65
11/10/2015	24235	Maher Duessel	2014 Audit Services	3,150.00
11/10/2015	24236	MDIA	Building Permit Inspections	2,522.00
11/10/2015	24237	Michael Baker Jr., Inc.	Planning Commission Consultant Fees	425.00
11/10/2015	24238	Mobile Radio Service, Inc.	2015 Radio Service Contract-Pol	171.00
11/10/2015	24239	Napa-Station Auto Parts	Equipment/Shop/Vehicle Supplies-PW	1,051.81
11/10/2015	24240	Nationwide Employee Benefits	Group Life Insurance Coverage-Admin, PW	372.46
11/10/2015	24241	Occidental Life Insurance Co of NC	Employee Paid Life Insurance	79.14
11/10/2015	24242	PA One Call System, Inc.	Monthly PA One Call Services	96.52
11/10/2015	24243	PA State Association of Boroughs	2016 Borough/Council Assoc. Membership Dues	1,510.00
11/10/2015	24244	PA Unemployment Compensation Fund	Reimbursable Benefit Charges	8,631.73
11/10/2015	24245	PGH Networks	Monthly Telephone Maintenance-Pol	79.99
11/10/2015	24246	Power Products Unlimited, Inc.	Radio Batteries-Pol	115.71
11/10/2015	24247	Precision Laser & Instrument, Inc.	Marking Paint-PW	75.00
11/10/2015	24248	Professional Graphic Communications Inc.	Permit Signs-CEO	82.54
11/10/2015	24249	Reed Oil Company	Diesel Fuel-PW	1,130.65
11/10/2015	24250	Reliance Standard Life Insurance	Group Life Insurance Coverage-Pol	343.20
11/10/2015	24251	Sharp n Fix	Equipment Repair Parts-PW	141.93
11/10/2015	24252	Shoup Engineering Inc.	Engineering Services	3,432.00
11/10/2015	24253	Simtac Services	Milo Range Adv. Simulator Training-Pol	725.00
11/10/2015	24254	Soil Screeners Inc.	Screened Top Soil-PW	1,770.00
11/10/2015	24255	Stanley's Economy Auto Supply	Vehicle Repair Parts/Services-Pol	1,582.40
11/10/2015	24256	Staples Advantage	Misc. Office Supplies-Admin/PW	94.71
11/10/2015	24257	Teamsters Local Union 250	Union Dues-PW	549.00
11/10/2015	24258	Tomaszewski, Raymond	Mileage Reimbursement-CEO	36.28
11/10/2015	24259	Trans Associates Engineering Cons., Inc.	2015 Traffic Signal -Conway Wallrose Rd/Dunlap Hill	1,343.00
11/10/2015	24260	Verizon 0207-Pol	Monthly Telephone Service-Pol	230.65
11/10/2015	24261	Verizon 838283708-Admin (4779)	Monthly Telephone Service (Long Dist.)-Admin	50.98
11/10/2015	24262	Verizon S0007576-Business	Monthly Telephone Service-Admin	74.46
11/10/2015	24263	Verizon Wireless-220027085-Laptop	Monthly Telephone Service (Laptop)-Pol	501.92
11/10/2015	24264	Verizon Wireless-902786759-MainCell	Mthly Cellphone Service-Admin, PW, CEO, Fire	304.85
11/10/2015	24265	Vi-HAUS	2016 Monthly Hosting Agreement Fees-Pol	850.00
11/10/2015	24266	W. PA Teamsters Emp Welfare Fund	Monthly Health Insurance-Admin, PW, Pol	24,810.03
11/10/2015	24267	Wine Concrete Products, Inc.	Misc. Storm Drain Repair Parts-PW	115.00
11/10/2015	24268	Witmer Public Safety Group	Uniform Expenses-Pol	240.68
11/10/2015	24269	Beaver County Times-4-7248694779	Help Wanted Ads-Assist Sec/Part-time Police	513.86
11/10/2015	24270	Blaster Bouncer Pittsburgh, Inc.	2015 Community Day-2nd Generator Exp.	70.00
11/10/2015	24271	Butler Gas Products Co, Inc.	Monthly Cylinder Rental-PW	21.17
11/10/2015	24272	Coverall North America, Inc.	Monthly Cleaning Services-Admin, Pol, PW	739.00
11/10/2015	24273	Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	Light Bulbs (Pavilion)-PW	16.17
11/10/2015	24274	John Deere Financial	Equipment Repair Parts (Mower)-PW	30.12
11/10/2015	24275	MRM Workers' Comp Fund	2015 Audit Premium Due-CEO, Admin, Pol, PW	3,926.00

11/10/2015	24276	SWIF-State Worker's Insurance Fund	Wrkrs Comp Ins Payment-Fire	1,455.00
11/10/2015	24277	Terry Smith	2015 Fall/Winter Newsletter-Consulting Service	1,360.00
11/10/2015	24278	Wex Bank-Sunoco	Monthly Gasoline Usage-Pol, PW	<u>1,578.89</u>
				99,336.15

Highway Aid Fund

11/10/2015	111	Duquesne Light Company	Mthly Electric Service-Celestial Dr., Satellite Dr.	<u>1,149.97</u>
				1,149.97

Mr. Googins presented Council with an update regarding the 2014 Audit that was distributed. A review meeting was held with the Auditors and no findings were found. The Borough Manager will be able to answer any questions Council may have regarding the review.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Fetkovich, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, stated that he would have an updated report for the next meeting.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mr. Fetkovich, Chairperson of the Property and Building Committee, stated that an email was received from Mayor Poling regarding the leaf recycling dumpster located behind the Borough building. The location of the dumpster is too far from the wall and is posing a problem for residents who are attempting to use it. Mr. Dunn, Public Works Foreman, was asked to have all the leaves that fell behind the dumpster removed when the E. Reid Powell Refuse truck comes to empty it so that the dumpster may be placed in the correct spot.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES and ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Skonieczny, Chairperson of the Public Utilities and Ordinance Committee, stated that the Non-uniform Pension Ordinance is ready for adoption. **After some review, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Burns to approve adoption of Ordinance No. 451 that repeals the codified Ordinance No. 444, Ordinance No. 374, Ordinance No. 366 of the Borough and Ordinance No. 354 and replacing the above mentioned Ordinances in their entirety was unanimously carried.**

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE: Mr. Bucuren, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, stated that he spoke with the Borough Engineer regarding some drainage issues.

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

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

1. Community Building Furnace(s) – The Borough Manager stated that he has been playing phone-tag with Economy Plumbing to request a quote.
2. 2016 Tax Ordinance – A proposed Ordinance establishing a tax rate of 13.5 mills for the year 2016 was presented to Council. The Borough Manager recommended advertising the proposed 2016 Tax Ordinance. There was some discussion regarding reducing the tax millage by a half (1/2) mill. **After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to postpone the 2016 Tax Ordinance.**
3. 2016 Proposed Budget – A proposed budget for the year 2016 was presented Council for review. The Borough Manger stated that the budget needs to be approved by December 31, 2015, and it must be

available for viewing by the public for not less than fifteen (15) days prior to adoption. There was discussion regarding the lack of days available for viewing prior to the next regular scheduled meeting of Council. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mr. Morrone to advertise the rescheduling of the December 8, 2015 meeting to December 15, 2015 and cancelling the December 22, 2015 meeting was unanimously carried.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report. The Borough Solicitor has two issues for executive session regarding litigation and unemployment matters.

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

1. **Fernwood Drainage** – The property owners have agreed to the proposed plan to correct the drainage issue. The Borough Engineer stated that the drawings are being worked on and made a recommendation to present the drawings to the Public Works Committee for review prior to making a recommendation to Council.
2. **2015 Roadway Improvement Project** – Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. has completed the 2015 Roadway Improvement Project and an invoice will be forthcoming. The Borough Engineer stated that both the paving company and the public works department have done a good job with all aspects of the project.
3. **McClellan (Shaffer Road) Drainage Issue** – The Borough Engineer and Mr. Dunn, Public Work Foreman, hiked the site from the Linwood Plan through the woods down to the McClellan property. The Borough Engineer made the recommendation to present the findings to the Public Works Committee for review prior to making a recommendation to Council.
4. **Dunlap Hill Traffic Light** – Trans Associates Engineering Const., Inc. has contacted the Borough Engineer indicating that it may make sense to have a prohibition on pedestrian traffic. A meeting with PennDot, Trans Associates Engineering Const., Inc., the Borough Manager and Borough Engineer has been scheduled for November 13, 2015, to discuss the project. There was some discussion regarding possible stipulations in using grant funding vs. Borough funding.
5. **Pedestrian Crossing** – The Borough Engineer stated that Trans Associates Engineering Const., Inc. has made the recommendation of removing the push button poles and installing a walking light. This recommendation will cause some delay in the vehicle traffic flow. There was some discussion regarding who would be liable for the expense of this change. There was discussion regarding the Borough not accepting ownership of Economy Way as of yet and that the liability would then fall to Walmart. Mr. Burns requested the Borough Manager to contact Walmart to discuss the safety issues involved with this matter. There was some discussion regarding billing Walmart for previous repair expenses made by the Borough. There was some discussion regarding there being a possible eighteen (18) month time limit for a maintenance bond which the Borough Engineer will look into.
6. **Economy Way and Route 65 Intersection** – The topic of having a dual left turning lane from Economy Way onto Route 65 will be discussed with PennDot, Trans Associates Engineering Const., Inc., the Borough Manager and Borough Engineer on November 13, 2105.
7. **.Zoning Map Update(s)** – The Planning Commission will be reviewing the updated Zoning Map and a recommendation will then be ready for Council for adoption. A public meeting will need to be advertised prior to adopting the Zoning Map.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Office Assistant Position** – This matter will be discussed further in executive session.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lt. Jerry Droz – A letter, dated November 09, 2015, requesting Council’s consideration to reinstate his used sick days and to inform Council that he wishes to enter into the DROP Plan on December 31, 2015. There was discussion regarding the background of the used sick days in regard to the workers compensation arbitration. The Mayor reviewed the benefits to having an officer retire with the maximum wages compared to a newly hired officer. There was some review in regard to how the reinstatement of sick days is related to the DROP Plan. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the reinstatement of fifty (50) sick days to Lt. Jerry Droz was unanimously carried.**
2. Northern Lights Shopping Center (NLSC) Pylon Sign Special Exception – The Borough Manger presented Council with a background of the Special Exception request for a sign from NLSC. The proposed sign is 50 ft. tall and 395.83 sq. ft. which is smaller than the previous sign. The sign would be erected in place of the WesBanco sign presently erected along Route 65. The shopping center has been without a sign since the condemnation for Economy Way by the Borough. The Borough Manager stated that he received a call from Concordia who expressed concerns regarding the proposed sign blocking their existing sign along Route 65. The Borough Manager will be attending the Zoning Hearing for this issue, should Council feel a need to express any concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session in regard to personnel and litigation matters at 8:36 p.m., as per the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mrs. Skonieczny.

On the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mr. Morrone to reconvene at 9:20 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Office Assistant Position – After some review, the motion of Mr. Fetkovich, seconded by Mrs. Skonieczny to extend the vacant Office Assistant position to Elizabeth Petalino for a twelve (12) month basis with the first one hundred-eighty (180) days being a probationary period along with the other terms and conditions was unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to return to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 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 of Minutes for October 13 and October 27, 2015.
2. Approval of Bills Payable for November 2015.
3. Adoption of Ordinance No. 451
4. Consensus of Council to postpone the 2016 Tax Ordinance
5. Approval to advertise Council Meeting date change from December 8th to December 15, 2015 and to cancel the December 22, 2015 meeting
6. Approval to reinstate fifty (50) sick days to Lt. Jerry Droz