

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
November 28, 2017

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, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny, Mayor Jo Ann Borato, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joshua Kail, Esq.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Doug Hiltz (not signed in) was present to express his concerns regarding his termination with the Borough. The Borough Solicitor stated that his concerns would be taken under advisement and if there is a need to contact him, the Borough Manager or he would do so.

George Foltz (not signed in) was present to express his displeasure and concerns regarding the removal of the Lords Prayer at the meetings.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2017, were presented to Council. **After some review, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Bucuren to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2017, as presented was unanimously carried.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE: No Report.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE: Mrs. Mutschler, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. **Ford F550 Truck Repairs** – Mr. Bucuren explained the background of the repairs that have been completed and stated that a decision to repair two (2) o-rings for the injectors or all of them should be considered. Mr. Bucuren recommended repairing all the o-rings for an approximate cost of \$3,100.00 and Mr. Burns agreed. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Burns to repair the F550 diesel engine was unanimously carried.**

2. Public Works Truck Repairs and/or Replacements – This matter is on hold for further information and discussion.
3. Cooney Hollow Road Slide – A Public Works Department employee, filling in for the Public Works Foreman, presented Council with an explanation of what has occurred and the temporary repair until he meets with the Borough Engineer to review the matter.
4. Public Works Contract – This matter will be discussed in executive session.

Mayor Borato thanked the Public Works Department for fixing the culvert on Mary Reed Road.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Borato presented Council with information and/or updates regarding the following issues:

1. Knox Boxes – No discussion or update at this time.
2. Video Camera/DVR Replacements – The Mayor stated that the new DVR has been installed and no additional expenses occurred. Mrs. Mutschler asked the Mayor to research if there is a way to add cameras to the system for the Borough building and Public Works Department areas. The Mayor stated she would review this matter with Chief O'Brien.

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

1. Skonieczny Lawsuit – A hearing has been scheduled and an update will be presented at the next regular scheduled meeting of Council.
2. Economy Borough Volunteer Fire Department Tax Exoneration Request – The Borough Solicitor stated that a copy of the letters from both Beaver County and the Ambridge Area School District still need submitted and reviewed.
3. Zoning Hearing Board Increase – The Borough Solicitor recommended postponing this until the new Council is active and whether there will be interested applicants to increase the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Stormwater Management Ordinance No. 464 – An Ordinance amending the Code of the Borough of Economy by repealing and replacing Chapter 155 entitled “Stormwater Management” with an updated Chapter 155 was presented to Council. Members of Council discussed concerns regarding 102.A regarding Statement of Findings. The Borough Manager verified that Ordinance No. 464 was adequately advertised as required. Having satisfied any questions and comments, the Borough Solicitor recommended approval of Ordinance No. 464 as per the recommendations of the Borough Engineer and Department of Environmental Protection of Pennsylvania. **After some review, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Burns to accept Ordinance No. 464 was unanimously carried.**
2. 2018 Proposed Budget – On display for public view.
3. Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Non-conforming Lot Sizes) – This matter is on hold while the Borough Engineer reviews some concerns with the Planning Commission Consultant.

4. Fee Resolution – This matter is still on hold while waiting for input from the Planning Commission.
5. Piano Disposal – This matter is on hold while waiting for a reply from the interested party.
6. Discretionary Trading Authorization (Vescio Asset Management, LLC) – This matter is on hold while waiting for new appointed Trustees.
7. Unemployment Request Status – Mrs. Mutschler asked if the employee is getting unemployment. The Borough Solicitor presented Council with an update regarding this matter. Members of Council discussed who normally fills the forms out, if/why the appeal date was not done, who receives the paperwork stating if the employee is receiving unemployment, the length of time the employee was employed, and the need of a reprimand placed on file of the person responsible because the deadline was missed. The Borough Manager stated that this issue was presented to Council and no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2018 Reorganization Meeting and Council Meeting Dates – Members of Council discussed advertising the 2018 Reorganization Meeting for January 2, 2018, and setting the Council Meeting dates for the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Morrone to approve advertising the 2018 Reorganization Meeting and 2018 Council Meeting Dates was unanimously carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Committee Re-appointments – The Borough Manager stated that the re-appointments made at the last meeting pending a letter of interest have been confirmed.
2. Economy Borough Municipal Authority Minutes – The minutes of October 17, 2017, were distributed to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Burns requested Council go into Executive Session regarding a contractual matter at 7:35 p.m., as per the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich.

On the motion of Mrs. Skonieczny, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to reconvene at 9:00 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Upon re-entering the public meeting, the following item(s) were reviewed:

1. Doug Hiltz Termination – No further action.
2. Public Works Contract – No vote was taken.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager

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

1. Approve the Minutes of November 14, 2017.
2. Approval to repair the F550 Diesel Engine.
3. Adoption of Ordinance No. 464.
4. Approval to advertise the 2018 Reorganization Meeting and the 2018 Council Meeting Dates.