

**Economy Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
10 Apr 2018**

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Brian Westrom with the following members of Council and officials present; Mr Gary Bucuren, Mr Tom Fetkovich, Mr Frank Morrone, Mrs Audrey Mutschler, Mrs Pat Skonieczny, Mayor Jo Ann Borato, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, and representing the Solicitor Attorney Joshua Kail.

ABSENT: Vice President RJ Burns arrived at 7:10
Mrs Pat Skonieczny (excused)

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mr Westrom welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested the discussion(s) regarding borough business be kept to 3 – 5 minutes.

No one spoke.

Minutes: of the March 27th 2018 meeting were presented; after review ***motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Morrone to approve the minutes, all voted aye.***

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Property & Building Committee: No report.

Finance: Mrs Mutschler asked if everyone had reviewed the List of Bills and if there were any questions, there being no questions, ***motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Bucuren, to pay our bills that have been reviewed and properly signed-off by each department head, all voted aye.***

Public Works Committee: Mr Burns summarized the semi-monthly Public Works Report, which will be on file in the Borough Office.

Parks & Recreation: Mr Fetkovich asked when the playground equipment will be installed; Mr Shoup stated he is waiting to hear back from the sales rep regarding drawings and dimensions, as soon as he has these he will stake out the area, the Public Works department will dig out the area then Mr Shoup will stake out where the various posts will be installed. Room for a swing set will be included.

Ordinance Committee: No report.

Mayor: Mayor Borato stated it's up to Council what they want to do regarding the Vector camera proposal for the Municipal Building and Public Works department. Mrs Mutschler thinks it should be maintained at the PD. Mr Fetkovich asked if labor is included in the cost. Mr Westrom said the total is \$7,924. Several questions were left unanswered.

Mayor Borato mentioned she and the Chief were able to lower the cost from Mazzant to remodel the PD to \$15,000. Line item 410.372 will be used to cover the costs. There was discussion whether or not additional bids need to be obtained. Mayor Borato stated no one else was interested in doing the work.

Mayor Borato mentioned the Beaver County Foundation (the custodian of our Veteran's Group funds) reported the Group has over \$10,000 in their account. The Group wants to replace the lights at the memorial with LED lights to save the Borough in electric costs and Duquesne Light is offering a \$500 refund, which she feels should go back to the Borough. Messrs. Burns, Fetkovich and Morrone feel the refund should go back to the Veteran's Group. The Solicitor will see how the County handles this in other municipalities.

Solicitor: Nothing new on the Skonieczny lawsuit or the Heart & Lung policy. The Borough will have to approve the Division Order with Penn Energy in order to receive royalty checks for the natural gas withdrawn beneath the borough property. Prior to that the Solicitor would like the Engineer to verify the amount of acreage being used in the calculation.

The Fees Resolution should match up with the soon to be adopted Grading Ordinance.

Engineer: Mr Shoup is still getting prices to fix the drainage issue in the Ridgewood Plan and will have them at the next meeting.

Mr Shoup presented a proposed 2018 paving Plan that was compiled with the help of the Public Works Working Foreman and Borough Manager. The base bid will include Amsler Road (provided Penn Energy won't be using it to access a well site) and about half of Mary Reed Road from Bradford Park Road to High Meadow. Alternates to the bid include: Nettle Creek Rd, Shady Spring Rd and the following roads in Sunset Hills; Moon Ridge, Gemini, Apollo and Nova. Approximately \$50,000 worth of paving will be done in-house, the roads to be determined later and approved by Council. Upon **motion by Mr. Bucuren, seconded by Mr. Fetkovich, to Let For Bid the 2018 Road Paving Plan as presented by Mr. Shoup, all voted aye.**

Old Business: Non – Organized Employees Resolution; will be discussed in Executive Session with a possible vote.

Assistant CEO; Mrs Mutschler, Mr Fetkovich and Mrs Skonieczny interviewed the applicants yesterday and will have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Grading Ordinance; is on hold until accurate wording for the advertisement is received from the Planning Consultant.

Council Pay Ordinance; will be on the next agenda.

Interviews for summer help will be scheduled soon.

New Business:

Commercial Overlay Districts: Mr James Blumling, Chairman of the Planning Commission, presented the rationale for the Commission's potential recommendation of forming two Commercial Overlay Districts on Conway Wallrose Road. One district would start at the former Keystone Creamery (a non-conforming use) and include an existing commercially zoned portion of the road and end on the Borough's property. This also includes the former Grange, another non-conforming use. The second district is at the far end of Conway Wallrose Road to Big Sewickley Creek Road, which abuts a commercially zoned area. Mayor Borato asked if three small residential lots could be merged to form a lot suitable in size to accommodate a commercial business and if so she is opposed to the overlay districts. Mrs Mutschler agreed. Mr Blumling stated that would be possible. No formal response from Council was forthcoming.

Mrs Mutschler suggested the Public Works department needs to be cleaned up.

Mayor Borato stated the lights out front in the parking lot are not working.

At 8:27 pm the meeting was suspended to go into executive session to discuss a resolution regarding non-organized employees and a personnel issue involving a Public Works employee.

Council resumed the regular meeting at 8:42 pm where upon *motion by Mrs Mutschler, seconded by Mr Fetkovich, to adjourn, all voted aye.*

Submitted by

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