

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
October 13, 2020

Council President Mr. Frank Morrone called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Economy Municipal Building.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL –

Mr. Frank Morrone, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester, Mr. Roger Kowal and Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (via teleconference) and Mayor Jo Ann Borato. There were also 6 participants via teleconference.

STAFF PRESENT –

Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Assistant Manager/Secretary Travis Cavanaugh, representing the Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar, Esq. and Borough Engineer Mr. Scott Shoup.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

Mr. Morrone welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested the discussion(s) regarding Borough business be kept to 3 – 5 minutes in length.

Casey Bowers (PennEnergy Resources, LLC) of 1000 Commerce Drive, Pittsburgh
Laurel Beitsinger of 554 Pioneer Lane, Freedom
Sandy Rollins of 2 Pine Court, Sewickley
Roger Kowal of 479 Amsler Ridge Road, Sewickley

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Bowers introduced Amanda Peterson from Penn Energy Resources. Also, gave an update on the Amsler Ridge Road Well Pad.

Ms. Beitsinger and the citizen's team expressed concern pertaining to the Right-To-Know request that was submitted for items they believe are missing. Also, expressed concerns pertaining to hard copies of applications that are turned in not given to Members of Council, Borough Manager, Borough Solicitor, Borough Engineer, Members of the Planning Commission, Code Enforcement Officer, Mayor and one complete set of documents to be maintained as the public files. Lastly, Ms. Beitsinger expressed concerns for Energy Transfer Company.

Ms. Rollins expressed concerns for the noise level compliance, guide rails and truck traffic for the B-50 Well Pad along Amsler Ridge Road.

Mr. Kowal asked questions pertaining to Energy Transfer Company.

MINUTES –

Discussion occurred pertaining to the September 22, 2020, minutes.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 22, 2020, were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2020, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE –

Mr. Morrone, Chairperson of the Property and Building Committee, presented Council with a quote pertaining to the painting project and the chemical cleaning project on the outside of the Borough Municipal Building.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the painting project on the outside of the Borough Municipal Building by Mazzant Painting & Disaster Restoration in the amount of \$ 9,832.21. Motion was unanimously approved.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the chemical cleaning project on the outside of the Borough Municipal Building by Mazzant Painting & Disaster Restoration in the amount of \$ 7,688.24. Motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

Mr. Kowal asked a question pertaining to the Tucker & Arensberg Attorneys bill.

Mayor Borato asked a question pertaining to the SunSetz Lawncare bill.

1. Bills Payable for the period of September 4, 2020, through October 8, 2020, in the amount of \$ 869,963.82, from the General Fund with Check No. 29021 to 29163, and in the amount of \$ 2,584.29, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 194 to 197, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the list of Bills Payable that have been reviewed and signed off by the department heads was unanimously carried, with the

exception of Mr. Bucuren regarding the Public Works bills, due to his brother works in the department.

2. Budget Report for the month of September 2020, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.
3. Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2020, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE –

Mr. Sivy, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Council with PW Report for September 2020. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

The Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for September 2020, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

Borough Solicitor mentioned to Council, the early retirement incentive is ready for a vote. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the early retirement incentive offer to the employees that work for the Borough that are eligible.

A roll call vote was taken.

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| Mr. Bucuren | Yes |
| Mr. Kowal | Yes |
| Mr. Ruckert | Yes |
| Mr. Sivy | Yes |
| Mrs. Skonieczny | Yes |
| Mr. Sylvester | Yes |
| Mr. Morrone | Yes |

Motion carried – 7-0.

Borough Solicitor also mentioned that going forward any discussion that may occur pertaining to Compton Road and/or BLS Transit & Supply should be discussed in Executive Session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

1. Compton Road – No agenda item at this time.

2. Energy Transfer Company Grading Permit – Borough Engineer gave an update pertaining to the ETC grading permit.

Discussion continued on the ETC grading permit.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Morrone** to issue the Energy Transfer Company grading permit once they have received the DEP permit for this project. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. 2020 Road Program – Borough Engineer gave an update pertaining to 2020 Road Program.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Huey Claim – No agenda item at this time.
2. Cable Franchise Agreement – No agenda item at this time.
3. Appointing Pension Trustees Resolution – **On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve Resolution No. 472, Appointment of Pension Trustees. Motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion occurred pertaining to the Oil and Gas Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Commercial Overlay along portions of Conway Wallrose Road – Planning Commission Member Robert Meegan presented Council the Commercial Overlay District along Conway Wallrose Road.

Discussion continued pertaining to the Commercial Overlay District.

OTHER BUSINESS –

Mr. Sivy asked questions pertaining to the Energy Transfer Company.

Chris Koop from Energy Transfer Company, discussed their process for any slide mediation work that they do and also the history of Energy Transfer Company.

Discussion occurred pertaining to the repaving of Shaffer Road after the Ambridge Water Authority project is complete.

Mayor Borato asked if/when the section of Conway Wallrose Road was going to be repaired from the Ambridge Water Authority water main break.

Code Enforcement Officer gave an update pertaining to Northern Lights Shopping Center.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Sheila Dattilo of 408 Independence Lane, Freedom, expressed her concerns with Energy Transfer Company.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone requested Council go into Executive Session regarding potential litigation. Motion was unanimously approved. There will be no motions after the Executive Session therefore the Regular Meeting can adjourn before going into the Executive Session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary