

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
October 27, 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.

STAFF PRESENT –

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

PENSION UPDATE – Mr. Bill Vescio of Vescio Asset Management reviewed the current year first nine (9) months performance of the police and non-uniform pension plans. Both did very well with the police earning 15.03% and the non-uniform at 15.84%.

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.

Sheila Dattilo of 408 Independence Lane, Freedom
Laurel Beitsinger of 554 Pioneer Lane, Freedom
Linda Stanley of 139 Winterset Road, Baden
Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom
Sandy Rollins of 2 Pine Court, Sewickley

There were also 10 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Dattilo expressed her concerns with Energy Transfer Company.

Ms. Beitsinger introduced herself as part of the new Citizen's Group called Community Advocates for Economy (CAFE). She expressed her concerns pertaining to the Act 14 Municipal Notification letter dated September 16, 2020, from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. pertaining to Energy Transfer Company.

Discussion occurred pertaining to Ms. Beitsinger's comments.

Ms. Stanley asked if Ms. Dattilo could read her statement. Ms. Dattilo read Ms. Stanley's statement expressing her concerns for Energy Transfer Company.

Mr. Andrews wanted to clarify items pertaining to the CAFE group meeting with Attorney Robb.

Ms. Rollins asked questions pertaining to millings along Amsler Ridge Road and an update on the guide rail installation along Amsler Ridge Road.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 13, 2020, were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2020, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE –

Mr. Kowal asked questions pertaining to the Act 14 Municipal Notification letter from Penn Energy Resources.

Discussion continued pertaining to the Act 14 Municipal Notification letter.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PROPERTY and BUILDING COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT –

Mayor Borato mentioned about the polling locations safety protocols and that Beaver County will cover the cost associated with adding extra Patrolman for the election day. Also, mentioned about weapons in the polling places.

Discussion continued pertaining to the safety protocols at the polling locations.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

Borough Solicitor mentioned to Council, that there was a counteroffer from certain employees pertaining to the early retirement incentive.

Discussion occurred pertaining to the early retirement incentive.

Mr. Ruckert mentioned that an Executive Session needs to occur with a vote pertaining to personnel.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

Mr. Kowal asked if the Borough Engineer could attend both meetings for each month.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Huey Claim – No agenda item at this time.
2. Cable Franchise Agreement – No agenda item at this time.

Mr. Kowal asked if the driveway repairs pertaining to 124 Howard Road, Sewickley were completed.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Attorney Robb – Mr. Kowal mentioned that he would like Attorney Robb to attend an Executive Session and then possibly a public meeting session.

Discussion continued pertaining to Attorney Robb attendance at an Executive Session.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to have Attorney Robb attend an Executive Session meeting at either meeting in November 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested Council go into Executive Session regarding contract clarification and personnel, following which a vote will be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 8:10 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 8:51 p.m.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to approve the amended early retirement incentive offer to the employees that work for the Borough that are eligible.

A roll call vote was taken.

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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Morrone to adjourn the Regular Meeting.
Motion was unanimously approved.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary