

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
May 25, 2021

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.

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.

Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom
Cathy Preuhs of 91 Firethorn Road, Baden
Sheila Dattilo of 408 Independence Lane, Freedom
Lauren Metz of 195 Celestial Drive, Freedom

There were also 8 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Andrews read a letter pertaining to the Oil and Gas ordinance and conflict of interest with PennEnergy Resources.

Ms. Preuhs asked questions pertaining to the second amendment Special Meeting.

Ms. Dattilo has concerns for Borough Council members actions last couple meetings.

Ms. Metz expressed concerns for speeding and running stop sign in front of her house.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 11, 2021, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

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.

MAYOR’S REPORT –

Mayor Borato mentioned that the body camera money is not available to the Borough. Also, in June there is a hard time with scheduling because there is not enough Officers to cover all the shifts. There will probably be 14 shifts with overtime.

Mayor Borato asked Borough Council to consider hiring two (2) Full-Time Officers.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT –

Borough Solicitor mentioned that Borough Council will need to go into Executive Session for the Estate of Terry Kifer lawsuit, with no motions.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – No agenda item at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. **Comcast Franchise Agreement** –

Discussion occurred on the franchise agreement.

Mr. Kowal asked for an update pertaining to the staff review, cracks in the road on Compton Road, Sewickley and asked why the Police Department was doing speed control on Amsler Road, Sewickley.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Sale of Fixed Assets –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to authorize the Assistant Borough Manager to advertise for the sale of any unused police vehicle parts through Municibid. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS –

Mr. Kowal asked for an apology from the President and Vice-President actions the last couple months.

Both the President and the Vice-President apologized for their actions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Kowal requested Council go into Executive Session regarding the Estate of Terry Kifer lawsuit and the Collective Bargaining Agreement for both the Police Department and the Public Works Department. 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 was unanimously approved at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Borato excused herself from the Executive Session when the Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement was going to be discussed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary