

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
June 8, 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 Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

ABSENT –

Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (Excused)

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.

Kasi Devinney of 484 Amsler Ridge Road, Sewickley
Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom
Elizabeth Hawkins of 53 Merriman Road, Ambridge
Robert Mihalnic, Jr. of 308 Sunset Drive, Baden
George Foltz of 61 Bock Lane, Baden
William Metz of 195 Celestial Drive, Freedom

There were also 8 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Devinney mentioned about her Comcast franchise fee was going to Conway Borough.

Mr. Andrews read a letter pertaining to the second amendment Special Meeting.

Ms. Hawkins asked Borough Council for an update to the second amendment Special Meeting and thanked Borough Council for holding the meeting.

Mr. Mihalinic expressed concerns for water runoff in his property.

Mr. Foltz mentioned to Borough Council to approve the second amendment resolution.

Mr. Metz expressed concerns for speeding and running stop sign in front of his house.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 25, 2021, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

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

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No agenda item at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE –

Mr. Ruckert, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, wanted to thank the fire department for using their banquet hall for the second amendment meeting and the police department for their safety protocols during the meeting. Mr. Ruckert also, mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss the collective bargaining agreement, with no vote.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of May 7, 2021, through June 3, 2021, in the amount of \$ 165,482.50, from the General Fund with Check No. 29856 to 29942, and in the amount of \$ 1,350.63, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 223 to 225, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** 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.
- B. Budget Report for the month of May 2021, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.
- C. Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2021, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

MAYOR’S REPORT –

The Mayor’s Monthly Police Department Report for May 2021, was presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

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

Discussion occurred on hiring any new Officers.

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

A. Resolution 476 – Borough’s Act 537 Plan –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to approve the Resolution No. 476, Borough’s updated Act 537 Plan. Motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER’S REPORT –

Borough Engineer mentioned that Shields Asphalt Paving was going to be starting to pave in the Borough.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Comcast Franchise Agreement –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the franchise agreement with Comcast. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Borough Employee Bonds –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to approve the bond increase for the Borough Manager and the Assistant Borough Manager from \$ 250,000 coverage to \$ 400,000. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Ordinance No. 475 –

An Ordinance updating Chapter 160, Article IV, Street Excavations, was presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to adopt Ordinance No. 475, updating Chapter 160, Article IV, Street Excavations. Motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS –

Mr. Sivy wanted to that everyone that was involved for the second amendment meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested Council go into Executive Session regarding personal 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 7:49 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. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary