

Economy Borough Council  
Council Minutes  
August 10, 2021

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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 (via teleconference), Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester and Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (via teleconference) and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

**ABSENT** –

Mr. Roger Kowal (Excused)

**STAFF PRESENT** –

Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Assistant Borough 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.

Christopher Bucuren of 3461 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley  
George Foltz of 61 Bock Lane, Baden  
Lauren Metz of 195 Celestial Drive, Freedom  
Economy Borough Senior Citizens  
Joan Broussard of 2704 Ridge Road Extension, Baden

There were also 9 participants via teleconference.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC** –

Repository Sale 3475 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley –

A request for the consent to purchase an abandoned home located at 3475 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley, with a Parcel ID No. 60-185-0143.000 and 60-185-0128.003, was received from Mr. Christopher Bucuren The Borough Solicitor explained what a repository purchase is

and that in consenting to this purchase it would benefit the Borough by placing it back on the tax records. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Morrone** to approve the repository purchase for 3475 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley, with a Parcel ID No. 60-185-0143.000 and 60-185-0127.003. Motion carried 5-1, with Mr. Bucuren abstaining.

Mr. Foltz ask Borough Council for an update pertaining to the second amendment resolution.

Ms. Metz expressed her concerns with the Police Department pertaining to a Patrolman not patrolling during the annual Sunset Hills garage sale, Patrolman caught sleeping on the job and three (3) Patrolman parked in the Northern Lights Shopping Center for an extended amount of time.

Discussion occurred on the Police Department.

Economy Borough Senior Citizens requested a donation for their organization.

Ms. Broussard asked Borough Council questions pertaining to speeding along Ridge Road Extension and about the possible waterline being installed by PennEnergy Resources.

#### **MINUTES** –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 13, 2021, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 27, 2021, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Morrone** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE** –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of July 9, 2021, through August 5, 2021, in the amount of \$ 631,132.63, from the General Fund with Check No. 30052 to 30122, and in the amount of \$ 1,368.38, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 229 to 231, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** 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 July 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 July 2021, 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 Borough Council with PW Report for July 2021. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Sivy mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss collective bargaining agreement, with no vote.

**PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE –**

Mr. Bucuren, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, mentioned that there will be a free concert by the Beaver County Symphonic Wind Ensemble on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. located at the Economy Municipal Complex. The concert is sponsored by Economy Volunteer Fire Department.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** – No agenda item at this time.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE –**

Mr. Ruckert, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss the collective bargaining agreement, with no vote.

**MAYOR'S REPORT –**

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

Mayor Borato mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel, with a possible vote.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT –**

Borough Solicitor mentioned that a new Act 65 of 2021, pertaining to the Sunshine Act must be prepared to be implemented in time for the September monthly meetings.

Discussion occurred on the Sunshine act.

Borough Solicitor acknowledged that Mr. Garrone satisfied the municipal liens pertaining to 2 Orchard Drive, Baden.

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

**OLD BUSINESS** – No agenda item at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

A. **Economy Borough Senior Citizen Donation** –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the donation request from Economy Borough Senior Citizens organization in the amount of \$ 1,000.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. **Tax Refund Request** –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mrs. Skonieczny; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the tax refund request from Mr. Semovoski from 437 River Glen Drive, Baden with Tax Parcel Id No. 60-044-0518.000. Motion was unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS** –

A. **Valley Waste** –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** to renew the refuse service contract with Valley Waste Service for one (1) year ending December 31, 2022. Motion was unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** –

**On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** requested Council go into Executive Session regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Police Department and the Public Works Department and for personnel, which a possible vote may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 7:51 p.m.

**On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Morrone** requested Borough Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 8:48 p.m.

There were no motions after the Executive Session therefore the Regular Meeting can adjourn.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.



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Travis Cavanaugh  
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary