

Economy Borough Council  
Council Minutes  
August 24, 2021

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Council Vice-President Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert 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. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Glenn Sylvester, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (via teleconference) and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

**ABSENT** –

Mr. Roger Kowal (Excused)  
Mr. Frank Morrone (Excused)  
Mr. Don Sivy (Excused)

**STAFF PRESENT** –

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** –

Mr. Ruckert 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  
Robert Mihalnic, Jr. of 308 Sunset Drive, Baden  
George Foltz of 61 Bock Lane, Baden

There were also 6 participants via teleconference.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC** –

Mr. Andrews asked questions pertaining to Energy Transfer.

Discussion occurred on Energy Transfer.

Mr. Mihalnic expressed concerns for water runoff on his property.

Mr. Foltz ask Borough Council for an update pertaining to the second amendment resolution and about burning throughout the Borough.

**MINUTES** –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2021, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2021, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

**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.

**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.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** –

Mayor Borato mentioned that the overtime tally for around the middle of August was around \$ 57,000.00.

Mayor Borato mentioned that Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel, with no vote.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** –

Borough Solicitor mentioned that the new Act 65 of 2021, goes into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Borough Solicitor gave an update pertaining to the second amendment resolution and 2 Orchard Drive property taxes.

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

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

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

**OTHER BUSINESS** –

Mr. Ruckert mentioned that the concert was a very nice event. If anyone has any other suggestions for events within the Borough, please let us know.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

**On a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Bucuren** 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 7:33 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN –**

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



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Travis Cavanaugh  
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary