

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
November 9, 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. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester, Mr. Roger Kowal and Mayor Jo Ann Borato.

ABSENT –

Mrs. Pat Skonieczny (Excused)
Mr. Gary Bucuren (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.

PUBLIC HEARING –

Hernandez Zoning Map Change Public Hearing

Stenographer, Marsilio Court Reporting Services, was present to record the testimony.

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Sylvester to approve the petition to amend the Borough Zoning Map regarding the Hernandez property with Tax Parcel ID No. 60-174-0121.001, from Zoning District Suburban Residential (R-2) to Rural Agricultural (RA). Motion was unanimously approved.

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.

George Foltz of 61 Bock Lane, Baden
Mike Andrews of 200 Patriot Lane, Freedom

Chris Koop (Energy Transfer) of 6051 Wallace Road Extension, Wexford

There were also 5 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Foltz congratulated the newly elected Officials, Thanked the Veterans for their service, and commented on the Peterbilt.

Mr. Andrews asked questions pertaining to the 2022 Budget, Act 14 notices and PennEnergy Resources, LLC.

Mr. Koop gave an update pertaining to the Act 14 notifications.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 26, 2021, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sylvester** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 26, 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 –

- A. Bills Payable for the period of September 8, 2021, through October 7, 2021, in the amount of \$ 120,452.33, from the General Fund with Check No. 30321 to 30403, and in the amount of \$ 1,365.23, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 237 to 239, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the list of Bills Payable that have been reviewed and signed off by the department heads was unanimously carried.
- B. Budget Report for the month of October 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 October 2021, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

Discussion occurred on the 2022 Budget.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE –

Mr. Sivy, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Borough Council with PW Report for October 2021. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Kowal mentioned that there were a couple of locations where the road program paving occurred this year that the water was not flowing to the catch basins.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

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

A. New Hire –

Discussion occurred on hiring a Full-Time Officer.

B. Vacation Buy Back –

Discussion occurred on the vacation buy back.

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 Executive Session will follow after the Regular Meeting to discuss both Collective Bargaining contracts.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

A. Summerfield Drive Traffic Study –

Borough Engineer gave an update to Borough Council pertaining to the Summerfield Drive traffic study results.

B. 112 Clover Road Water Run-Off – No agenda item at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Collective Bargaining Agreement (Economy Borough Police Officers Association) –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Economy Borough Police Officers Association. Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Act 14 Notice- B50 to B15 Natural Gas Pipeline Project –

Discussion occurred on the Act 14 notice on the B50 to B15 natural gas pipeline project.

B. Act 14 Notice- Temporary Above Ground Waterline- B15 to B46 –

Discussion occurred on the Act 14 notice for the temporary above ground waterline from B15 to B46.

C. Resolution 479 – Beaver County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to approve the Resolution No. 479, Beaver County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion was unanimously approved.

D. Repository Sale – Tax Exoneration Request –

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Kowal** to accept the tax exoneration for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, on the property located at 3475 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley, with Tax Parcel ID No. 60-185-0143.000 and 60-185-0127.003. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS –

A. Social Media –

Mr. Kowal mentioned that facts not fiction should be used on social media platforms.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

On a motion by Mr. Sivy; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested Council go into Executive Session regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Public Works Department and for personnel, which a possible motion may be needed. Motion was unanimously approved at 8:38 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Kowal; seconded by Mr. Ruckert requested Borough Council go into Regular Session. Motion was unanimously approved at 9:07 p.m.

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

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 9:07 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Travis Cavanaugh", written over a horizontal line.

Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary