

Economy Borough Council
Council Minutes
March 8, 2022

Borough Council President Mr. Frank Morrone called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Borough Council Chambers of the Economy Municipal Building.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL –

Borough Council President Mr. Frank Morrone, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Bill Metz, Mr. Jeffrey Ruckert, Mr. Don Sivy, Mr. Glenn Sylvester 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 Ms. Sandy Nelko.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

Borough Council President Mr. Morrone welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested the discussion(s) regarding Borough business be kept to 3 – 5 minutes in length.

Tom Applequist of 98 Firethorn Road, Baden
Amanda Peterson (PennEnergy Resources, LLC) of 1000 Commerce Drive, Pittsburgh

There were also 4 participants via teleconference.

HEAR THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Applequist wanted to thank the Ambridge Water Authority for fixing a water main break near his home and the Borough Road Foreman for checking on the water main break during the weekend.

Ms. Peterson gave an update for the drilling work going on within the Borough.

MINUTES –

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2022, were presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Sivy** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2022, 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 February 3, 2022, through March 4, 2022, in the amount of \$ 188,694.76, from the General Fund with Check No. 30676 to 30774, and in the amount of \$ 109,442.39, from the Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) Fund with the Check No. 255 to 262, were presented to Council for review. After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sivy; 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 February 2022, was presented to Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.
- C. Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2022, was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS (PW) COMMITTEE –

Mr. Bucuren, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Borough Council with PW Report for February 2022. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

- A. 2022 Road Paving Program –

Discussion occurred on the 2022 Road Paving Program.

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

The Mayor's Monthly Police Department Report for February 2022, was presented to Borough Council. After some review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

- A. PZ Northern Limited Partnership (Northern Lights Shopping Center) Reassessment Appeal –
Discussion occurred on the reassessment appeal.

After some review and discussion, **on a motion by Mr. Sylvester; seconded by Mr. Ruckert** to approve the Borough Solicitor to retain an appraiser to appraise the Northern Lights Shopping Center with the cost to be split with the Ambridge Area School District. Motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Resolution 482, Tax Collector Appointment to collect 2021 Borough Property Taxes –

On a motion by Mr. Bucuren; seconded by Mr. Ruckert to approve Resolution No. 482, authorizing the Tax Collector the authority to collect and account for outstanding 2021 Borough Property taxes. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Resolution 483, Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant –

On a motion by Mr. Ruckert; seconded by Mr. Metz to approve Resolution No. 483, authorizing the Borough Council President and the Asst. Borough Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Economy and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS – No agenda item at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – No agenda item at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN –

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Travis Cavanaugh
Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary