



ECONOMY BOROUGH

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HISTORY OF ECONOMY BOROUGH

From the time of its incorporation as a township in 1827 until it became a borough in 1958, Economy Township was governed by a three-man Board of Supervisors. The primary concern of the township was the building and maintenance of its roads. In the early days there wasn't any Police Department or Fire Department or vandalism or shoplifting problems; but there were often impassable roads, axle deep in mud or snow.

Supervisors' meetings were held in various places over the years. They were held at the Election House in Wallrose, in individual homes, and later at the Economy School, the Fire Hall, the Grange, rented space in the Northern Lights Shopping Center and finally the present Municipal Building erected in 1971.

In order to preserve the boundaries of the township and to prevent further annexation by surrounding communities, the necessary steps were taken in 1957 to become a borough. On January 1, 1958, Economy became officially known as Economy Borough with a Burgess-Council government.

Taxes in the past were quite different from what we have today. In 1929, the County "Poor" and personal tax on property valued at \$450 was \$4.28. The 1937 road tax for Economy Township on property valued at \$100 was just fifty cents. The 1940 school Per Capita Tax was \$5 – today it is \$10. Tax collectors from about 1910 to the present have been Michael McGuire, Leo McGuire, Howard Gross, Herman Ludwig, Walter Amsler, Fred Knoedler, Francis J. Kenney, Barbara K. Fitzpatrick, Maryann Nelson and Dorothy Gnarra, Nicole Thompson and Amy Miller.

In 1958 when Economy became a borough, Paul R. Merriman was elected Burgess and the following Councilmen were elected: William Livitski, Fred Bohn, Fred Engel, Dennis Poling, Arthur Cress, Albert Amsler and Frank Westerman. Felicia Polliard served as the first Borough Secretary until 1973 when she retired. Borough business was conducted in a small, cramped storeroom in the Northern Lights Shopping Center until 1971 when the Municipal Building was completed.

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AS A RESIDENT OR FUTURE RESIDENT OF ECONOMY BOROUGH, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY PROVE INTERESTING AND VALUABLE TO YOU

Economy Borough is a vital, caring, growth-oriented community with a population of 9,098 residents according to the 2020 US Census. The Borough consists of 19.42 square miles and was incorporated in January 1958. Because Economy Borough does not have its own post office, residents receive their mail through five different post offices in the area. Consequently, your address will either be an Ambridge, Baden, Conway, Freedom or Sewickley mailing address.

Economy Borough is part of the Ambridge Area School District. The School Board Meetings are held as follows: Meet and Discuss Meetings – the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and Regular Board Meetings - the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise changed by approval of Board).

The Borough is home to the Northern Lights Shopping Center on Rt. 65 (Ohio River Boulevard), Beaver County's Old Economy Park and Swimming Pool located on Rt. 989 (Ridge Road Extension), a small park on the grounds of the Municipal Building, one located in the Sunset Hills Plan of Homes and another, 'Jeffrey B. Meddock Recreation Park' on Recreation Drive for your recreational and shopping convenience.

The Economy Borough Community Building is available for meetings of Borough Non-Profit Organizations. The following is a list of some of the organizations presently using this facility: Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Bridger Baseball, Bridger Beavers 4H Club, Economy Jr. Women's Club and Economy Women's Club.

2023 Real Estate Taxes

16 ml.	Borough	elected Tax Collector Amy Miller
83.4709 ml.	Ambridge Area School District	elected Tax Collector Amy Miller
26 ml.	Beaver County	Beaver County Treasurer

Earned Income Tax: Collected by Berkheimer Associates, Inc., (EIT) 1% total on Earned Income ½ of this is collected on behalf of the Ambridge Area School District and ½ for the Borough of Economy.

The Economy Borough Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 2856 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden, PA 15005. All meetings are open to the public.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

The Borough enacted the 911 system in case of emergencies. In an emergency call 911 and specify that you live in Economy Borough.

The Economy Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD) is an all-volunteer company which relies on donations. The Borough contributes yearly to help maintain the department.

The Economy Ambulance Service is a paid/volunteer corporation that relies on memberships to maintain emergency services.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mayor	JoAnn Borato		mayor@economyboropd.com
President of Council	Frank Morrone		f.Morrone@economyborough.org
Vice President	Don Sivy		sivyfamily@comcast.net
President Pro Temp.	Jeff Ruckert		jruckert@economyborough.org
Councilman	Gary Bucuren	724-266-9586	
Councilman	Roger Kowal		rmk10@yahoo.com
Councilman	Bill Metz		metzw39@gmail.com
Councilman	Glenn Sylvester	724-622-9566	
Borough Manager	Travis Cavanaugh*	724-869-4779 x1	travis@economyborough.org
P.W. Foreman	Ted Brickner	724-869-4779 x4	ted@economyborough.org
Code Enforcement Off.	John (Jake) Thomas	724-869-4779 x5	john@economyborough.org
*Right to Know Officer			

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Recycling not only works, but is mandatory for all residents in accordance with the [Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act \(Act 101 of 1988\)](#). We wish to thank everyone for their cooperation. For your Recycling pick up schedule, please contact Valley Waste Service, Inc. 724-843-9373.

Recycling bins are available to all Borough Residents free and may be picked up at the Borough Office.

Recycle Cans

Some things just seem to go together and in Economy Borough [Boy Scout Troop 414](#) and recycling have become synonymous. If you are not recycling your cans at home, you're encouraged to help Troop 414 by bringing those items to the Road Department Garage. Boy Scout troop 414 and Economy Borough appreciate your support.

Plastic, glass and cans

Glass – Empty clear, amber and green glass from beverage bottles and food jars.

Metal Cans – Empty aluminum, steel, bi-metal food and beverage cans, empty & dry foil trays.

Plastics (PET, HDPE) – Empty plastic bottles stamped #1-#7 on the bottom, milk and water jugs, liquid detergent, bleach and softener bottles.

Plastic tops and metal can lids must be removed and discarded. Food particles must be rinsed out to avoid odor and insect problems. Recyclables can be co-mingled and will be separated at the collection center. If you have not already received one, please see the Borough Secretary at the Economy Borough Municipal Building to receive a recycling bin.

Yard waste and tree trimmings – A \$50.00, Yard Waste Permit is required.

Economy Borough's residential yard waste collection program is available from April through November and consists of two parts: yard waste drop-off and tree trimmings pickup. Collection programs are for residential use only; commercial use is not allowed.

Yard waste can be deposited in the bin located behind the Economy Borough baseball field & basketball court. Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, & garden waste. Cardboard boxes and paper bags containing yard waste material is permitted, however garbage bags and plastic material is not permitted. Tree trimmings, shrubs, root balls, etc. are not allowed to be deposited here. The drop-off facility is open from sunrise to sunset.

Tree trimmings, small branches 8' x 4" or less and shrubs, etc. can be scheduled for curbside chipping & pickup. Yard waste material that cannot be chipped will not be picked up. For more information or to schedule a curbside pickup call 724-869-4779.

A single annual residential permit is required to participate in either program. A nominal fee is assessed to help defray the cost of transporting the material to the authorized dumping area. The permit can be obtained, and fee paid, at Economy Borough Municipal Office during normal business hours.

For additional information, call the borough office at: 724-869-4779

More information on Beaver County's Recycling Programs can be found at: [Beaver County Recycling](#).

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Beaver County Recreation

Beaver County's Old Economy Park:	
Barn/Shelter Reservations	724-770-2062
Beaver County Economy Park Pool	724-266-2200

Building Inspector

Middle Dept. Inspection Agency (MDIA)	
Patrick Duffy, Inspector	800-922-6342

Code Enforcement Off. John (Jake) Thomas

john@economyborough.org	724-869-4779x5
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30-1:30PM	

Building Permits are issued, and zoning questions answered at the Municipal Building, 2856 Conway Wallrose Rd., Baden, PA 15005

Economy Police Dept.	Michael O'Brien, Chief of Police 1000 Kenneth Campbell Way Baden, PA 15005	724-869-7877 (office)
Economy Fire Dept.	Ted Brickner, Chief 2854 Conway Wallrose Road Baden, PA 15005	724-266-3714
Economy Ambulance	2060 Ridge Road Ext. Ambridge, PA 15003	724-266-9111 (non-emergency #)
EIT Collector	Berkheimer Assc. 800-360-8989 P. O. Box 25132 Lehigh Valley, PA 15002-5132	www.hab-inc.com
Hospitals	AGH Wexford Hospital UPMC-Cranberry UPMC-Passavant-McCandless Veterans Affairs Medical Center Heritage Valley-Beaver Heritage Valley-Sewickley	878-332-4000 724-772-5300 412-367-6700 412-822-2222 724-728-7000 412-741-6600
Post Offices	Ambridge 724-266-2891 Baden 724-869-2145 Conway 724-869-2328 Freedom 724-775-0484 Sewickley 412-741-1925	
Real Estate Tax Collector	Amy Miller economytaxcollector@gmail.com Hours: Mon & Wed. 9-2PM, Tues. & Thurs. 5:30-8:00PM, Sat. 9-Noon	724-390-0226
	<u>Tax Schedule:</u> March-April @ Discount May-June @ Face amount July+ @ Penalty amount	
Refuse Collections	Valley Waste Service, Inc., 261 Wallace Run Rd. Beaver Falls 15010 Collection fees \$75.54/qtr. for 2023.	724-843-9373
Schools In Economy Public	Ambridge Area School District Ambridge Area Middle School Economy Elementary	724-869-2822 x 3239 724-869-2833 x 6238

Sewage Enforcement	Mike Groves, AG Squared Services, LLC Septic inspections by appointment	724-321-2952
State Representative	Jim Marshall, 14 th Legislative District 2811 Darlington Road, Suite 1 Beaver Falls, PA 15010	724-847-1352
State Senator	Elder Vogel, Jr., 47 th Senatorial District 488 Adams Street Rochester, PA 15074	724-774-0444
State Congressman	Conor Lamb, 17 th Congressional District 3468 Brodhead Road Center Township, PA 15061	724-206-4860
Utilities	Economy Borough Municipal Authority-Sewage Ambridge Water Authority Columbia Gas Company Comcast Cable Services Duquesne Light Company	724-869-3201 724-266-4847 800-942-2204 800-532-3779 888-393-7100