

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on January 19, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Campbell, Councilmen Glass, and Patterson. Councilman Pernisek was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Norman Willow. Visitors were Jacqueline Aylsworth, EMA Bill Heald and Abbey Hudson.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to approve the agenda as presented.
APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2016 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2016 Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16352-16355, Sewer Fund #7051, and payroll #15686-15692 and (Sewer) 10076. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Voting in favor were Patterson, Glass and Campbell. Abstaining was Feikles as a reimbursement check to Mayor Feikles was being approved. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave the following verbal report: During the recent snowstorm, the International single-axle truck was stuck and a tow truck had to be called, at a cost of \$550.00. One of the main sewer pumps is down and repairs cost \$9,000.00 for a re-build of the pump. Costs for a replacement pump is being investigated, as the current the marine/ land pumps are too costly to purchase, repair and maintain. The Ford plow truck hydraulic pump needs replaced at a cost of \$900.00, and the crew will try to rebuild said pump as this truck is slated for replacement in 2016. The staff has finished with the Mahoney right-to-know request and mailed said information to Mr. Mahoney.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A water rate notice from the Borough of Edinboro and an update on oil and gas regulations. Manager Anthony reiterated that if the Borough of Edinboro and Washington Township had formed joint water and sewer authorities, that costs for both communities may have been stabilized. A discussion ensued concerning the Planning Commission's time spent on oil and gas regulations, with pending changes by the State and Federal governments. Councilman Patterson expressed his concerns that Planning Commission needs to focus more on the existing Code and updating current regulations to meet today's needs. The Planning Commission's focus is to review issues and concerns of Council. A discussion ensued and Councilwoman Campbell suggested that Council have the Planning Commission move oil and gas regulations to the back burner but keep abreast of possible changes and focus on issues such as snow removal and placement within commercial parking lots.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the Aylsworth minor subdivision for final approval and the monthly Enforcement Report. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to approve the Aylsworth subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER & WATER AUTH. Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting and the monthly Flow Report.

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FIRE DEPT. Councilman Pernisek was absent; no report.

WATERSHED ASSOC. No meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PRIOR It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the 2014 interim tax report as
YEARS TAX presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by
CLOSE-OUTS Campbell, to approve the 2015 interim tax report presented. Motion carried unanimously.
It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the 2015 real estate tax settlement
as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

TIGHE RESIGN/ Manager Anthony presented a resignation letter from Zoning Hearing Board Laura Tighe
OPEN POSITIONS whose term would expire April 1, 2017. Manager Anthony also reminded Council the position
of the Borough's Sewer Authority has remained vacant for some time. No action taken.

AG SECURITY Manager Anthony presented an agricultural security application for Council's review. A position
REQUEST on said Committee needs filled by Council. The hearing has been properly advertised for public
comment.

PLANNING/ ZHB Manager Anthony presented a list of those matters brought before the Zoning Hearing Board
ANNUAL ACTIVITY and the Planning Commission in 2015. No action required.

VISITORS EMA Bill Heald addressed Council for his quarterly report.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn at 4:46 P.M. Motion
carried unanimously.