

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 3, 2012

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on January 3, 2012 at 8:05 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Glass, Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Engineer Halmi, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were Chris Roth, Steven Renick, Kathy Pernisek, Samuel Kim and Noelle Kim.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Agenda with the addition of Correspondence 7A, Wynn Woods letter. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of December 20, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13859-13895, Water Fund #4993-5003, Sewer Fund #6211-6223, and payroll checks #10000061, 10000198, #995922-995933. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The continued mild weather for the majority of the month of December certainly lightened the burden on a struggling budget. As we prepare for a New Year, we will be monitoring line items closely as the cushion of previous years no longer exists. Our goal is to reestablish that cushion and get back in to a comfort zone. This is all predicated on the results of the winter weather and its effect on our delicate road system. We always hope that when the bad weather finally arrives that it remains frozen as the freeze/thaw cycles are what hurt the roads more than anything. The small increase in the budget from the minimal increase in real estate taxes has been placed directly in the road improvement line item. We anticipate a strong road program this summer and as always we will prioritize the roads in need come Spring. The plow crew is prepared for the onslaught and we are anxious to see if our planning will improve our service. We recognize that in no way can we please everyone, but we strive to earn the respect of our residents and take pride in a job well done.

The addition of a snowplow on the Water Department truck, which will be used exclusively for lift stations and plant sites, will allow for more time on Township Roads. In an emergency situation involving snow removal, we will call in the Water Department to man a plow truck as part of our back up plan. We fully expect there to be problems and concerns as the situations and results change yearly, but I am confident that our crews are well prepared. I encourage you to take a ride with a member of the plow crew sometime and experience first hand the complexity of this task. It is an ever-changing process and safety has to be priority. It is unfortunate that the majority of people chose to ignore a flashing yellow light and risk the safety of themselves and the plow drivers, but they do not hesitate to call upon them in their time of need when snow is piling high in Washington Township.

We stand ready for the challenge of 2012.

Manager Anthony verbally added a reminder that it is a violation of the Township Code to plow snow across Township roads.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter Wynn Woods of Water Street Extension concerning a drainage issue on his property caused by stormwater run-off. After a discussion, Council directed manager Anthony to meet with Mr. Woods and report possible solutions back to Council at the next meeting.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the 2011 Year-end Zoning Report and the monthly Building Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the December 27, 2011 Meeting. Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Year-end planning Report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION No report.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Minutes were unavailable for the December 18, 2011 Meeting.

VERTERAN PARK COMM. No Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

YEAR-END INVESTMENTS Manager Anthony presented a report for the year-end investments. Due to the current economic conditions, Manager Anthony informed Council that at this time the funds would remain in the General Fund. No action was required.

ORD. #1-12 It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve Ordinance #1-12, a **RESIDENTIAL LERTA** Residential LERTA district within Washington Township, as presented. Voting in favor were Glass, Feikles and Campbell. Voting opposed were Patterson and Pernisek. Motion carried.

AG SEC It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to set a public hearing date during the **ADDITION** January 17, 2012 Council meeting for the Agricultural Security request of Rick & Bonnie Showman for their property located on Crane Road. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINES

2011 LIEN UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a list of outstanding water and sewer liens for Council's review. No action was required.

ECATO POSITIONS Manager Anthony presented a list of open positions for ECATO. No action was required.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:42 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.