

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – JANUARY 3, 2012

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called to order the Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance #1-12 at 7:32 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building, 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412 on January 3, 2012.

VISITORS Visitors were Steven Renick, Chris Roth, Kathy Pernisek, Samuel Kim and Noelle Kim.

RULES FOR COMMENT Mayor Feikles explained that persons wishing to comment should stand, state their name, and to direct their comments to Council. The purpose of this hearing to receive public comment.

ORD. #2-11 RESIDENTIAL LERTA Ordinance #1-12 creates a residential LERTA district within Washington Township in the R-1, R-2, and R-3 zoning districts.

ADVERTISEMENT COPY Manager Anthony presented a copy of the advertisement for this Public Hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENT No written comment was received.

ORAL COMMENT Oral comment was received via the Zoning Officer from the Washington Township Planning Commission asking Council to consider a commercial LERTA district.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS Steven Renick commented he was not in favor of a residential LERTA without a commercial LERTA in place. Also speaking opposed to the proposed ordinance were Kathy Pernisek and Samuel Kim, concerned for the impact of the proposed LERTA districts on current residents.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS Councilman Pernisek stated he had contacted realtors in the community to find out what price range and availability of housing was available in the proposed LERTA districts. Pernisek is concerned because of the annual increases in school taxes that have occurred 19 out of the past 26 years in the General McLane School District, and that the taxes are projected in to increase over the next 4 years. Councilman Patterson questioned how many new enrollees would be needed to maintain the School District at current costs, and stated that the LERTA should include commercial districts and be available Township-wide.

ADJOURNMENT The Public Hearing adjourned at 8:04 P.M.