

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 3, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on January 3, 2017 at 7:13 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson and Campbell. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Engineer Halmi, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Kathy Pernisek and Abbey Hudson.

**AGENDA** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL** Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of December 20, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2016 Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16918-16962 and manual check #16910, Water Fund #5687-5698, Sewer Fund #7254-7270, Developer's check #1086, and payroll checks #15906-15918, and (Sewer)10107. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Manager Anthony presented following report:

Another year has come to a close and we can feel confident that a lot was accomplished. We had major improvements to our roads, a few more customers added to the sewer and water users and cleared major hurdles with the location of the EVFD satellite station and social club. All of these undertakings required a team effort and Council can be proud to have spear-headed the process.

The heavy ice that we received during December proved to be a challenge, as it became packed down and difficult to remove. Our residents have grown accustomed to our plowing services and when we get this type of event, it is difficult to have them cleared quickly and in a manner to which they have grown to expect. We continually evaluate each snow event and consider different ways in which we could have handled the situation better. Many times the only answer is increased equipment and manpower, of course we all know that this is an expensive proposition and doesn't fit into our lean manner of operation. We also look at our limited salt usage, but we still feel that increasing its use would be VERY expensive and dangerous not only to the environment but also to our road's base structure.

We have vastly improved our snow-fighting equipment and our dedicated drivers work hard to get the snow removed quickly and safely too. If one compares our process now to what it was even ten years ago, you will see many improvements. The Edinboro winter season always challenges us and we strive to meet it head on each year.

The Sewer and Water Department had minor operation malfunctions to report. Water is monitoring its chlorine injection, as fluctuations in the temperatures causes it to require changes while the sewer department found the need to replace floats and electrical equipment at a couple of lift stations, no major concerns and just part of the ongoing oversight of these important public services.

The Parks Department has begun the rehabilitation of pull behind mowers and plans for the construction of a swing set for Point Park as part of the yearly improvement in one of the many Washington Township parks.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented an invitation to Council members attend the PA Farm Show this month.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Building Report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** No report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** Engineer Halmi updated Council on the Lay Road culvert replacement project the Township employees will undertake in August 2017.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the December 20, 2016 Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** No meeting. Councilwoman Campbell presented a sign-up sheet for ECATO committees.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** No meeting.

**VERTERAN PARK COMM.** No Meeting.

**EMA** Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the December 2, 2016 Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** None.

### NEW BUSINESS

**EQUIPMENT** Manager Anthony presented a spreadsheet of the equipment depreciation for Council's review.

**DEPRECIATION** No action required.

**YEAR-END INVESTMENTS** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the year-end investments as presented by Manager Anthony, adding \$25,000 to the Equipment Fund and \$50,000 to the Unappropriated Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:38 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.