

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 4, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on January 4, 2016 at 7:14 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Campbell, Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson and Glass. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Engineer Halmi, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Kathy Pernisek, Jennnna Strohmeyer, Palma Leone, Mike Tann, and stenographer Sharla Polach.

**AGENDA** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the Agenda with the **APPROVAL** Executive Sessions moved to the end of the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of December 15, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2015 Public Hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16300-16348 and manual checks #16349-16351, Water Fund #5531-5543, Sewer Fund #7036-7050, State check #2070, payroll checks #15672-15685, and (Sewer) 10074-10075. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

As we progress with the subdivision of our land for the future site of the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department's new facility, we are reviewing how to rearrange our existing operation in order to better utilize the remaining grounds. One major problem has been the recycling bins. The big picture is to someday build on to the existing garage and attach it to the pole barn. The pole barn will need a floor installed in it. We must get the salt storage out of this building and under cover on the existing concrete pad we have. This is now occupied by the recycling bins. By moving the bins to a new location on the grassy area on the southeast corner fronting Route 99, we can increase our operational area considerably. This new bin location will need to have the sod removed and gravel installed to stabilize the area. We most likely should fence this area to help contain materials that blow around. We hope that by putting it out in plain sight, it will discourage those that have abused it in the past. It will receive light from the existing street light as well.

The plan is to look into the expansion of the garage once the existing one is paid for. This next move will greatly improve the overall operation and should provide enough space for years to come. The plan is to pay off the existing loan as soon as possible and then borrow for the small expansion. This will be incorporated in future budgets as Council allows.

We are now reviewing our needs for the replacement truck for 2016 as we budgeted to sell the 1995 Ford. We have to make some changes to the International that will be the plow truck for Lakeside area, so that the new truck is set up for more rural plowing. This rotation of equipment is getting better each year and will continue to lessen our annual repair costs by eliminating older well-worn equipment. The key is to find that break point of low maintenance and better resale value verses just holding on to a piece of equipment until its unrepairable and getting nothing for it.

Sewer and Water had no major issues to report this past month. We will need to replace the reader for Water meters for 2017 at a cost of between \$8 to \$10 thousand. Another budget item for the future to consider.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Building Report and a year-to-date permit graph.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** No report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the December 22, 2015 Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Minutes were unavailable. Vice-Mayor Campbell informed Council of the list of committees in the Reorganization packet that are available for Council members to consider serving on.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** Minutes were unavailable.

**VERTERAN PARK COMM.** No Meeting.

**EMA** Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the December 4, 2015 Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**EMTA INVOICE/ DIR. MIKE TANN** Mike Tann, director of the Erie Metro Transit Authority, addressed Council on the EMTA's invoice for \$97,650.00 and a copy of check #105154 issued from EUSGA, Inc. to cover the cost of the invoice for "route guarantee money." Council has expressed concern in the past that this EMTA funding should be done by the Borough of Edinboro. Mr. Tann explained the EMTA's current Tuesday and Thursday routes, usage numbers and the proposed future routes being considered. The EMTA must comply with ADA performance measures and is required to stop for disabled residents within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of the regular Route 6 and Route 99 routes. A lengthy discussion ensued. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to deposit said check and pay the EMTA invoice as presented. **Voting in favor** were Campbell, Feikles, and Glass. **Voting opposed** were Pernisek and Patterson. **Motion carried.**

**LEONE COND. USE** **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve the Leone conditional use #4-15 request without any conditions. A lengthy discussion ensued. The **motion was amended** by Glass, second by Feikles, to include lighting for the rear parking lot and require RAMP-trained bartenders at those events serving alcohol provided by the events participants. Another lengthy discussion ensued. The **motion was amended** again by Glass, second by Feikles, to include as conditions of maximum capacity of 80, require a RAMP-trained bartender for groups serving alcohol but not for BYOB groups, require safety lighting in the rear parking lot, and no parking allowed on Route 99 or the inlet driveway. **Voting in favor** were Pernisek, Feikles, and Glass. **Voting opposed** were Campbell and Patterson. **Motion carried.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**YEAR-END INVESTMENTS** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to approve the year-end investments as presented by Manager Anthony, with \$27,162.79 deposited to the General Fund for employees' time and benefits. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS** Council convened in Executive Session at 8:32 P.M.

to discuss litigation pertaining to the Zoning Hearing Board request of Debra Brace, 5500 Woods Drive, Edinboro, PA 16412, for change in floodplain designation and litigation pertaining the granted Abdallah conditional use for 11851 Eureka Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Council returned to regular session at 9:14 P.M.

**VISITORS** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 9:14 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**