

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 5, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on January 5, 2009 at 7:43 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Foulkrod, Councilmen Stefano and Patterson, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Carcella. Visitors were Frank and Charlene Huyck and Mike Feikles.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to amend the Agenda with the move-up of Visitors after Secretary's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of December 16, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2008 CDBG Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12001-12054 and manual checks #11389 and 11393, Water Fund #4501-4507, Sewer Fund #5501-5520, and payroll checks #10000023, 10000105-10000106, #995327-995336. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

Due to the early winter season and its intensity, we have purchased additional anti-skid material to replenish our supply. An additional 500 tons was hauled in by the vendor and was piggybacked on the current agreement with that vendor at the original price per ton. This will be paid for out of the Liquid Fuels money remaining in that State account. We had to replace a pump on one of the plow trucks. The pump is expensive and we are hoping that it will be covered under warranty. Even though our snowplowing season has been busy so far this year, we have been fortunate not to need additional personnel to cover the routes at the Lakeside area. Our new employee (Mr. Robinson) has been doing an excellent job of keeping that area in good condition during the snowstorms.

We had two instances of sewage backups occurring at the Camboro Vet Clinic. Both happened on Saturdays prior to Christmas. The first one did require some minor carpet cleaning, but the blockage actually cleared itself on its own. The second incident didn't back up much at all, but action by the Sewer Department determined that the mainline had to be flushed to insure no further problems in the near future. The Vac Company was called in and the line was cleared of any buildup. The Sewer Department will investigate the line to see if grease is the culprit or other possible obstructions are to blame.

The two pumps that operate the Decker Lift Station both burned out. We believe it was due to a brown-out. We have not had any problems with this site for more than two years and the additional pump installed a few years back has performed well. Unfortunately with a brown-out, the electrical system in its entirety is at risk. Crews had to work Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and through this past week to keep the station pumped out while pump repairs could be completed. This was a costly situation for that reason. It only serves six homes, but it still requires regular maintenance to guard against a back up.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Deiss-Halmi outlining the Perry Lane Bridge Project timeline and a letter from Laurie Triola concerning the 2009 sewer rate. No action was taken.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report, but presented the 2008 Zoning Year-end Report. Mayor Glass appointed Planning Commission member Gary Grant, Zoning Officer Carcella, and himself to the Joint Planning Commission, that will be updating the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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PLANNING COMMISSION No Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION No Report.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the October 16th and the December 18, 2008 Meetings.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No meeting.

EDINBORO LIAISON No report.

OLD BUSINESS

SKELTON EASEMENT AGREEMENT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve the Skelton Easement Agreement for the Perry Lane Bridge Project as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** This agreement addresses possible tree damage on their property from the upcoming Perry Lane Bridge reconstruction.

6N CORRIDOR STUDY Manager Anthony presented each Council member with a copy of the PennDot 6N Corridor Study for their review. No action was required.

NEW BUSINESS None.

VISITORS Mike Feikles addressed Council concerning the significant sewer rate increase. Council informed Mr. Feikles of the lengthy timeline and difficult decisions that were made to comply with the State regulations and keep the sewer users fees as low as possible.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:35 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**