

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 7, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on January 7, 2013 at 7:19 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Pernisek, Glass, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Engineer Halmi, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were Kathy Pernisek and Bunny Bucho.

**AGENDA** It was voted on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Agenda as presented.  
**APPROVAL** 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 18, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #14456-14499 and manual check #14448, 14454-14455, Water Fund #5131-5140, Sewer Fund #6422-6439, Developer's checks #1029-1030 and payroll checks #10000 (Water), 10000 (Sewer), 10000198, #15000-15011. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

December finally brought us some snowstorms to deal with. We felt prepared but failed to provide the level of service we aspired to due to a couple of factors. To remind you, our current plow fleet is four main trucks of various size for road plowing and a pickup that is equipped to clear out lift stations and parking lots. The storms in mid-to-late December caught us without one driver who was ill for several days in a row. This caused an early weak link to be exposed particularly during a heavy snow event. While trying to get three trucks to do the work of four we pushed too hard and ended up getting two of them stuck in snow and mud, deep enough that our large loader couldn't pull them out. It required the help of a large wrecker to free them. We lost time and incurred additional costs. While performing clean up between storms the smaller plow truck accidentally caught the rear rim of a passing SUV damaging the wheel and tire. Upon the return of the fourth crew member we battled the second round of snowplowing but found that the Ford Truck was having trouble holding up to the demands of the heavier snow and open conditions we have on the upper west side of the Township. It caused the rear window of the truck to explode into pieces while in service. After a make shift repair, the truck then lost a wheel due to a severely worn rear hub. We are trying hard to make necessary repairs to the truck and are now looking into obtaining a larger truck for that upper west side and returning the Ford to the Lakeside area where it doesn't demand so much upon it. It worked very well there in the past. The 2013 Budget should withstand the purchase and we will report to Council in the near future of our findings. After these events, we discussed the situations and how we can improve upon them. Obviously, we need to make some adjustments and I am confident we will succeed.

The Sewer Department had three capacitors blow out on the Highland Drive lift station on Christmas day. It required a truck to pump the station down until an electrician could solve the dilemma. It is now operational and the only station that still uses a roto-phase. All others have been updated or not needed.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** No report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION** No Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the November 29, 2012 Meeting.

**WATER AUTHORITY** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the December 13, 2012 Meeting.

**VERTERAN PARK COMM.** No Meeting.

**EMA** Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the December 7, 2012 Meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**YEAR-END INVESTMENTS** Manager Anthony presented a report for the year-end investments. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles to approve the year-end investments as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **NEW BUSINES**

**TANDEM TRUCK PURCHASE** Manager Anthony presented information on a new 2013 International tandem plow truck for Council's consideration. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to accept the quote via State contract from Walsh Equipment and Five Star International for said plow truck. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**VISITORS** Bunny Bucho requested Council adopt a policy for displaying artwork in the Township Office.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:51 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**