

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on October 20, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Pernisek, and Patterson. Councilwoman Campbell was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Norman Willow. Visitors were Debra Brace, Jim Cardman, Barbara Bol, Robin Green, Don Ickes, Leslie Hooven, Jeff Lewis, Sue Ickes, Darrell Stoner and Abbey Hudson.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16195-16201, Sewer Fund #7006, and payroll #15628-15635 and (Sewer) 10067. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave the following verbal report: The Water Department has found the leak that has plagued the water system at the DEP site on Route 6N. The copper line had pinholes that allowed the leak to drain to the under-drains the DEP had installed. The drainage kept the leak from surfacing and easily traced. A new line will be installed and the meter will be moved closer the road. The Township has been several employees off on sick leave with pneumonia. Hopefully all will be back to work soon. The old sewer plant roto-phase was sold on Municibid in the amount of \$435.00 to Robert Lucarelli of Medina, Ohio.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: An email from Linda Madara concerning traffic on Skyview Drive. Councilmen Feikles and Pernisek live on Skyview and attested to the speeding problem. Council directed Manager Anthony respond to Ms. Madara and to contact the Pennsylvania State Police and request an officer patrol said street.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Officer Willow had no subdivisions but presented the Enforcement Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER & WATER AUTH. No meeting. Councilman Feikles presented the monthly Flow Report.

EDINBORO LIASISON Councilman Feikles did not attend the last Meeting.

FIRE DEPT. No Meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Councilwoman Campbell was absent; no report.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. CHANGE REQUEST Manager Anthony presented an email from Joe Mansfield informing Council that he is no longer pursuing the purchase of property located on Route 6N west, and no longer wishes to pursue a possible ordinance change.

FLOODPLAIN ISSUE Manager Anthony presented a letter from Zoning Office Willow sent to Debra Brace as advised by Township Solicitor Paul Burroughs concerning the issue of her home in the floodplain that stated the Township's position in reference to FEMA regulations.

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Ms. Brace presented a letter stating her situation and asking the Township to correct the issue. Ms. Brace purchased her home at 550 Woods Drive in 2006 and at that time received a statement from the previous owner that the home was not in the floodplain but recommended she purchase flood insurance, and she was aware of the floodplain issue but continued with the home purchase. Ms. Brace applied for a zoning permit in 2010 for an addition to said home, and was then notified the home was in the floodplain. The home was built in 1987 and the floodplain boundaries were not as accurate as today's FEMA floodplain mapping. It was common for homes to be built in floodplains during this timeframe as long as the homeowner was aware of the situation and considered floodplain insurance. Washington Township adopted its current floodplain codes in 2014. FEMA has now informed the Township it must comply with its floodplain codes and bring the home into compliance or fine Ms. Brace. FEMA will also ask for a statement on the property deed informing any future home buyers the home is located within the floodplain. Jim Cardman, Fairview Township Zoning Officer, questioned Manager Anthony that the Township should not have issued said permit for the home to be built. Manager Anthony stated that no improper issuance of the building permit has been determined. Woods Drive residents Donald Ickes and Darrell Stoner with concerns if their homes were within the floodplain. Jeff Lewis of Cambridge Springs, stated the Township should have their insurance company pay for Ms. Brace flood insurance or purchase said home to rectify the situation.

Manager Anthony will continue to work within the Solicitor's recommendations for FEMA compliance and any possible way to rectify the issue.

BUDGET Manager Anthony presented an updated draft of the 2016 Sewer Fund budget for Council's review.

UPDATE Council will hold a Workshop for the proposed budget on October 28, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

CAVAS Manager Anthony presented a copy of the letter Council directed him to send to Cambridge Springs

LETTER Borough concerning their Fire Department's call-out staffing shortage that is affecting the Edinboro

Fire Department's coverage of said call-outs and the effect on the Edinboro Fire Department's ability to serve their own service areas. No response has been received.

NEW BUSINESS

PERM PART-TIME Manager Anthony requested Council consider a permanent part-time position be added for

POSITION Clayton Ciffelli after a 6-month probation period, consisting of no more than 37 hours per week, allowing Mr. Ciffelli to be eligible for pension benefits and at a pay rate of \$13.00 per hour. **A motion** by Feikles was made to approve said position at the \$13.00 per hour rate. A discussion ensued concerning benefits and wages. **Motion died** due to lack of a second. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve said position at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Glass, to adjourn at 5:010 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**