

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on October 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Patterson and Pernisek. Councilwoman Campbell was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Abbey Hudson, David Wallace, Colin Wylie, and Nancy Weil.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of September 19, 2017. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #17390-17445, Water Fund #5799-5807, Sewer Fund #7433-7445, State Fund #2100, and payroll checks #16078-16091 and 10053 (Water) and 10125 (Sewer). **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

One might think that with the conclusion of our subcontracted 2017 road projects that would be slowing down and just doing routine chores, not in Washington Township. We worked for Millcreek Township in exchange for more asphalt millings and then hauled in our share. We were able to have a considerable amount crushed placement with our paver and immediately began the improvements to Washington Drive back into Wainer Park. The results are quite nice and I encourage Council to view the work. A cross pipe was extended on the road, while a full replacement was done on Meadow Lawn. All the tar and chip roads were swept by the contractor and we are happy to report we received only minor complaints. We will be completing the improvements on Florek Road down to our lift station. The Leacock Bridge has been reduced to a 3-ton limit until we replace the steel beams. This will be done in-house to keep costs at a minimum for this low volume bridge. The beams, which will be coated with epoxy therefore giving them extended life, will be put in sometime in September. The cost will be about \$9,000 and is relatively inexpensive for a bridge repair. I am confident this will buy the Township many years of continued use. The County Bridge Engineer will perform an analysis of the structure and make a recommendation as to the new load rating. We anticipate that no rating will be required as new beams and a firm existing undercarriage should be ample support for anticipated traffic. Other duties include, continued mowing with the extended boom mower on various roads and hauling of antiskid for the winter season.

The Water Department has exercised and flushed certain areas to ensure proper levels of chlorine in the water. We had a broken valve within the water plant itself two weekends ago. This resulted in minor flooding of the plant floor, but due to our internal system alarms and visual capabilities via the internet, the operator was able to avoid additional damage and concerns and made the appropriate repairs in a very timely manner. The sewer department is using a new manhole sealer to reduce further inflow at those locations. Rain events still elevate our flows and are attributable to direct influx of rain water. We continue to take every effort to reduce that inflow as it results in a reduction of billing from the Boro of Edinboro system. As you know, it is a battle we will never win, but certainly we can keep on top of it to reduce overall costs in budget strapped department.

Manager Anthony verbally informed Council the Township's health insurance cost will rise by 66% in 2018; a meeting is scheduled with the broker to review all the options.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMM Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the September 19, 2017 Meeting.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the July 27, 2017 Meeting and a notification of the upcoming ECATO Convention.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the September 13, 2017 Meeting. Manager Anthony informed Council of the Committee's intent to disband but there are concerns about the remaining monies collected by the Committee and how it will be used to insure the Vets Park maintains its commitment for veterans memorials. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to send a letter to the Committee explaining the Township will continue to maintain and update Vets Park.
Motion carried unanimously.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the September 8, 2017 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

REPOSITORY Manager Anthony presented a request from Karen McMinn to purchase a mobile home located **SALE REQUEST** at 6 Duke Drive, Edinboro, PA 16412 from the unsold Repository properties in the amount of \$250.00. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the sale as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS None.

VISITORS Colin Wylie commended the Road Crew for the snow plowing. Nancy Weil addressed Council on recent developments concerning the trash issue on the Fry Road property.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:25 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.