

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 4, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on October 4, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilman Patterson, and Councilwoman Campbell. Councilman Stefano was absent. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were Al Pernisek, Chris Roth, Christopher Dirr, Chuck Scalise, David Uram, and Dennis Porto.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Agenda, with the move-up of #12B and 12C, NPR and PIRHL Developers, after the Secretary's Report, move 9A, the Executive Session, to after Visitors and add 10 G, Fire Department. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting of September 20, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing of September 20, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13725-13765, Water Fund #4959-4967 and manual check #4932, Sewer Fund #6159-6171 and manual check #6082, State check #2023, and payroll checks #10000057, 10000192, #995878-995889. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the fund checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Crew has been working diligently on the clearing of limbs and brush along Township roads. We anticipate this chore to continue well into Fall. So far the residents' concerns about the removal process have been few and handled well by the Crew. We do anticipate some resistance as the process continues though. Be aware that the Crew will be judicious with their choices in cutting, but the problem is well over due to be rectified and must be done. This is an ongoing project that has been neglected in the past. I have informed all DPW employees that a zero tolerance policy is in place for any negligent acts with Township equipment. Those that are guilty of misuse of Township equipment will be immediately discharged as outlined in the current Employee Handbook.

We loaned our steel drum roller to West Mead Township in Crawford County for a couple days of paving work. I anticipate that we will be able to exchange for needed assistance of some sort in the future from them. I am a strong believer in partnership with other municipalities that are willing to share equally.

The Sewer and Water Department experienced a problem during a recent power outage caused by a traffic accident on Rte. 99. The Wal-Mart store was without water for several days due to their pumps having an electrical problem due to that situation. Wal-Mart was adamant that the problem was caused by the low water pressure. We were sure that it was not the problem as all levels and pumping has remained constant during this outage. The Water Department met with them several times and assisted in determining the real problem, which turned out to be a damaged pressure switch. The Hotel always lost a large booster pump during the same time and we experienced a problem with a small blower at the Kline Road sewage treatment plant.

We will be flushing hydrants this week as part of our ongoing bi-yearly program for purging the system.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a notification of the upcoming PSATS Convention at Nick's Place. No action required.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT See Executive Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the September 27, 2011 Meeting.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano was absent; Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the September 8, 2011 Meeting.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the August 15, 2011 Meeting.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the September 8, 2011 Meeting.

VETS PARK Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the August 9, 2011 Meeting.

FIRE DEPT. Vice-Mayor Feikles gave a verbal report of the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

TRUCK BIDS The following bids were received via Municibid for the 2003 GMC pick-up and the 2004 Dodge Durango: A bid in the amount of \$2,300.00 was received from Robert Rodrigues for the 2003 GMC pickup. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to accept the bid from Mr. Rodrigues as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** A bid in the amount of \$5,600.00 was received from Michael Herrin for the 2004 Dodge Durango. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Campbell, to accept the bid from Mr. Herrin as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADEVERTISE BACKHOE BID **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to advertise a 1998 CAT backhoe for bid via Municibid, setting a reserve for the bidding. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CENSUS REPORT Manager Anthony presented an updated Census Report of the Township's demographics.

NEW BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve a bonus in the amount of \$500 each for Joe Yurcak and Norman Willow for exemplary service in the Water and Sewer Departments. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NPR DEV. Christopher Dirr, representing the NRP Group, presented a proposed Marketplace Drive senior housing development for Council's review.

PIRHL DEV. Chuck Scalise of Hands, David Uram of PIRHL, and Developer Dennis Porto presented a proposed YMCA Drive senior housing development PIRHL Group for Council's review.

LETTER OF SUPPORT **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to direct Manager Anthony to draft Letters of Support for both PIRHL and NRP Group for their bid to secure State grants for their proposed Senior-housing projects in Washington Township. **Voting in favor** were Glass, Feikles, and Campbell. **Voting opposed** was Patterson. **Motion carried.**

SUPPORTERS THANK-YOU presentation **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Campbell, to investigate the costs of wooden plaques for the purpose of thanking those who have volunteered their time and equipment for Washington township's projects. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SETBACKS **A motion** was made by Patterson to draft an ordinance that zoning setbacks be uniform throughout the Township, and said setbacks should be seven (7) feet for front and side yards. **Motion died** due to a lack of a second.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION Council convened in Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. to discuss pending Kranick litigation. Council re-convened in regular session at 9:12 P.M.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 9:13 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.