

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 4, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on October 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Campbell, Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson and Glass. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Abbey Hudson, Kathy Pernisek, and Ed Abdallah.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of September 20, 2016. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16772-16816, Water Fund #5646 -5654 and manual check #5615, Sewer Fund #7188-7206, State Fund #2087, Developer's Fund #1083, and payroll checks #15850-15863, #10040 (Water), and (Sewer) 10101. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

The two 48" metal culvert pipes located in the Obed Heights subdivision have been replaced with smooth bore plastic. This was a challenging project for our crew and the limited resources we have to draw from. This certainly was a job well done by all those involved. We are now returning to ditching and brush removal at various locations. We remind Council that the lakeside area will be seeing the return of ditching and berming. This area has been ignored for quite some time and many of the driveway pipes are nearly full of debris. Many of the ditches are nearly nonexistent and must be reestablished. This will no doubt cause some discontent among those affected residents. They have grown accustomed to yards with no ditches and high berms. The problem this has created is that water now channels on the road way rather than shedding off into the ditches. The water then saturates the road allowing for more freeze/thaw damage and in the winter we have icier roads in general.

Unfortunately, we had another accident with a natural gas line. A crew member was operating the boom mower on Lay Road and hit a gas meter/service line. Luckily, no sparks were emitted that caused a fire to ignite. The valve was quickly shut off by our DPW Coordinator and immediate contact was made to the gas company. The affected homeowner was assured that we would cover all costs associated with the damage and that we would attempt to get service restored as soon as possible. The repair required a plumber certified in gas line work. Regrettably, a new meter connection was not available until the next morning, but gas was restored that day. The homeowner was very understanding throughout the process. Further discussions have ensued with the crew to alert them to these dangers and the importance of caution when operating equipment around any utilities.

The installation of the E-One system near the home of Mr. Barone should be completed by time of the upcoming meeting. This will reduce cost of operation for that single home lift station and all equipment will be retained for future use in other areas. We are glad to see this small change finally completed.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper to ECATO informing them of the retirement of Mr. Bob Buhl, the Pennsylvania Conservation District Director for Erie County and the search for his replacement, and a 'Keep PA Beautiful' letter informing Washington Township did not receive the grant for trees for the parks. Manager Anthony will again in the future apply for said grant.

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

**SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT** None.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the September 20, 2016 Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Vice-Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of July 28, 2016 Meeting, the PSATS nominees, an SEO update and a County Convention notice. Campbell will attend said County Convention.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** No report.

**VETERAN PARK COMM.** Mayor Feikles did not attend the last meeting but presented the Minutes of the August 9<sup>th</sup> and the September 13, 2016 Meetings.

**EMA** Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the September 2, 2016 Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** None.

### NEW BUSINESS

**BORO SEWER PAYMENTS UPDATE** Manager Anthony presented the 2017 estimated sewer payments made to Edinboro Borough for treatment of the Township's sewer. No action required.

**VISITORS** Ed Abdallah of Whispering Trees Manor, addressed Council concerning the ongoing noise issue caused by his outdoor events. The Township has received several complaints from neighboring property owners. Mr. Abdallah stated the official report received by the Township from Mr. Ferelli of Penn State University, has many discrepancies and he requested the Township rescind the violation notice for noise above the Township's Code levels.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Council convened in Executive Session at 7:47 P.M. to discuss litigation. Council re-convened in regular session at 7:56 P.M. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to rescind the Township's noise violations he was served, and have Mr. Abdallah further abate the sound levels during his events. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:58 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**