

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 5, 2010

CALL TO Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order October 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

ORDER at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

Those present were Vice-Mayor Campbell, Councilmen Patterson, Stefano and Feikles. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Carcella. Visitors were Christy Reed and Colin Wylie.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Agenda as presented.

APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the September

MINUTES 21, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13128-13171, Water Fund#4808-4818, Sewer Fund #5938-5949, Developer's check #1005, and payroll checks #10000044, 1000068, #995660-995674. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

As previously reported, Washington Township performed some road maintenance work with the Asphalt Zipper in Elk Creek Township. The process took several days and was deemed a success. The process netted over \$6,000 for the Township after the cost of seal coating a portion of Eureka Road (shared with Elk Creek Township) was deducted from the total invoice. The seal coating was approximately \$3,500 for our share. This saved the Township expending those additional monies and also generated some much needed revenue to help defray the cost of the Asphalt Zipper and related equipment. This test run in a neighboring municipality will hopefully bring forth some other interest in using this unique piece of equipment too. I am comfortable that we will be making significant improvements to our road program in the coming years due to this purchase.

Washington Township was the host site for a Boom Mower safety training course. Tiger Mower and Walsh Equipment Company provided the instructors and materials for an extensive course on this critical operation. It was extremely well attended with over 40 participants from the NW Pennsylvania area. The daylong program offered other municipalities the opportunity to see our operation as well. We are pleased to report that many positive comments were received.

We are in the midst of working to present the first draft of the 2011 budget for all four funds. This is never an easy task and there so many variables that determine the final outcome. As always, we caution Council that it is a guideline and not an exact science. As you will see upon review, some line items are well within the limits while others have exploded out of bounds. An example is the costs associated with repairs to equipment. This particular line items has gone considerably out of bounds. But due to the necessity to keep the equipment operational, we must swallow these costs. In the future, all department heads will be required to make as many repairs and preventive maintenance procedures in house. Both the Sewer and Water Departments as well will be instructed to utilize the Township Garage to work on their Department's equipment themselves. We must reduce this line item in the future for all departments.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Jim Marshall requesting a speed limit reduction for Kinter Hill Road and an update from the Erie County Tax Collection Committee informing Washington Township that the Committee has appointed Berkheimer, Inc. as the Collecting body for the EIT Tax.

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the review of the speed limit on Kinter Hill Road via a PennDot traffic study, and at no cost to Washington Township. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented two subdivisions, a land development plan, and the monthly Building Report.

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to approve the Glazier minor subdivision revision #10-10 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass,

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seconded by Stefano, to approve the Hecker minor subdivision #10-10 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to table American Legion's preliminary land development plan #12-10, contingent upon the applicant meeting the conditions as set by the Planning Commission. Those conditions are: 1. Setback lines noted on the final plan; 2. Storm water review and submittal is complete; 3. NPDES and E & S approval; 4. Alternate landscape plan submitted. After discussion, the **motion was amended** by Campbell, second by Stefano, to table the approval until the next Council meeting when more information is available. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs updated Council on the Kranick litigation, stating Erie Insurance has refused coverage to Washington Township because the claim did not meet the coverage criteria.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Feikles presented the Minutes of the September 28, 2010 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano presented the Minutes of the September 9, 2010 Meeting.

EDINBORO VFD Councilman Feikles gave a verbal report on the Fire Department's last meeting.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Vice-Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the September 9, 2010 Meeting.

EDINBORO LIAISON No meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. No meeting.

VETS PARK No report.

OLD BUSINESS

HILL ROAD TRAFFIC STUDY Manager Anthony presented the results of the Hill Road traffic study for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to advertise for public hearing of the proposed speed limit reduction for Hill Road. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MINOR CODE UPDATES Manager Anthony presented more suggested Code updates for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Feikles, to advertise for public hearing the proposed Code changes as presented, and to include the renaming of the official newspaper. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FRANKLIN/ WASHINGTON TWP. PUBLIC WORKS ANAL. Manager Anthony presented an email notifying Washington Township that the Franklin Township Supervisors voted to terminate the proposed joint services agreement in which Washington Township would provide summer maintenance to Franklin Township's roads.

CDBG MOD. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the modification of the FFY 2007 CDBG water/ sewer lateral project and redirect the project funds to the 2007 housing rehabilitation funding. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINES None.

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VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:55 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

