

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 6, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on October 6, 2015 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 Pernisek, and Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Steven O'Neill, Abbey Hudson, Harry Glunt, Gierlak, Lori Bearfield, Ed Abdallah, Ken Meyer, Ron Weigel, Joe Mansfield, Jan Bischoff, and Barry Bischoff.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Agenda with the move of the Executive Session to the end of the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES** **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of September 15, 2015, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16142-16191, Water Fund #5498-5508, Sewer Fund #6985-7005, Developer's Fund check #1074, and payroll checks #15615-15627, (Water) 10028 and (Sewer) 10065-10066. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

The final touches have been completed for the Dirt and Gravel Roads Projects in Washington Valley. The final step will be the placement of the top coat of approved material by Russel Standard Corporation. We are the last Township on the list of several that will be utilizing this product. We anticipate it to be completed very soon. Once done, we will fill out a final report and seek additional funds from the grant process. The Road Crew has done an outstanding job of preparing these roads to the specifications desired by the Grant Program. Roadside mowing continues with the use of the boom mower and will do so until the snow arrives. I encourage Council to visit Wainer Park and witness firsthand the placement of the screened asphalt millings on the entrance way and circle. We are extremely pleased with the outcome. In the future we will hopefully be able to apply a seal coat to the surface and obtain an even a better product. Also, the walking trail installation will begin very soon utilizing the same process. We are hoping that we have enough millings left to complete the desired circumference of the park and establish a trail that we feel will be very popular once word spreads. As we have said before, improvements that encourage more usage helps to prevent vandalism due to higher visibility at the location.

The upgrade approved in the budget for the Highland Drive lift station has been completed. Residents in the area are appreciative of the improvements as it is considerably quieter than the old setup. We are fortunate to have concerned neighbors that keep an eye on area for us and alert us regularly to any abnormal behavior of the lift station. This was the last roto-phase setup to be removed from the entire system. Due to a limited budget, we try very hard to complete at least some improvements every year and focus on the most important ones that we can afford with the money allotted.

The Water Department fears we have a leak in the system somewhere. These can be difficult to locate sometimes, so we ask that if you hear or see anything remotely unusual in the water district please alert us for further investigation.

Manager Anthony verbally informed Council of the completion of the 2,000' walking trail at Wainer Park and that a press conference will be held on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> announcing said trail. The trail was completed with millings provided by Millcreek Township and will promotes inter-municipal cooperation.

The Erie County Recycling Program is in negotiations with waste haulers for recycling drop-off centers at various locations throughout Erie County and the proposed contract requires waste haulers to be responsible for maintaining the drop-off sites. There may be considerable cost savings to Washington Township by changing existing street light bulbs with Led lighting.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions but presented the American Legion Land Development Plan the monthly Building Report. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Legion's Land Development Plan, contingent upon the receipt of a highway

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occupancy and a NPDES permit. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the September 22, 2015 Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the September 15, 2015 Meeting.

**ECATO** Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the August 27, 2015 Meeting and a notice for the upcoming ECATO Convention.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Pernisek gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

**VETERAN PARK COMM.** Minutes were unavailable.

**EMA** Councilman Pernisek did not attend the last meeting but presented the Minutes of the September 4, 2015 Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**2006 FIRE DEPT. AGREEMENT** Manager Anthony brought the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department's 2006 Agreement with Washington Township back for Council's review to consider the Fire Department's request that Washington Township send a letter to Cambridge Volunteer Ambulance Service pertaining to their lack of staffing for emergency calls that Edinboro Fire Department must cover, taking emergency services away from the Edinboro service area. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve sending said requested letter. **Voting in favor** were Pernisek, Glass, Feikles, and Campbell. **Voting opposed** was Patterson. **Motion carried.**

**MANSFIELD SANITATION REQUEST** Manager Anthony presented a letter from Mansfield Sanitation concerning a parcel on Route 6N the company wishes to purchase to locate their sanitation business. Mr. Mansfield had addressed Council previously concerning said request and Council suggested the company may need to store the port-a-johns in a building, so as to not affect the neighbors. Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Weigel again addressed Council proposing privacy fencing to shield the port-a-johns view from neighboring property owners. Manager Anthony cautioned Council that the Code is not clear for this type of business in the A-1 zoning district and to approve said business would require a Code amendment that could affect all A-1 zoning in Washington Township. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to advertise for public hearing on November 17, 2015 at 4:30 P.M to amend the Township Code and have the Planning Commission review and possibly recommend conditions for approval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RES. #10-15 RESCIND COND. USE #1-15** Manager Anthony presented Resolution #10-15, rescinding the Abdallah Conditional Use for outdoor venues approved May 5, 2015. Mr. Abdallah informed Council of the improvements he has invested in on the property and the business has already booked 30 weddings for 2016, which would create a financial hardship should the Council deny his future requests for approval on said property. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Glass, to approve Resolution #10-15 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to set a conditional use hearing for Mr. Abdallah's outdoor venue on November 17, 2015 at 4:30 P.M. and have a review by the Planning Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**MONAHAN & MONAHAN AUDIT QUOTE** Manager Anthony presented a quote for the 2015 audits from Monahan & Monahan. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the quote as presented.

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**Motion carried unanimously.**

**2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET** Manager Anthony presented the draft budget for 2016 for Council's review. No action required.

**AUCTION ITEMS** Manager Anthony presented a list of items he suggests Council consider selling on Municibid, including a 10' sluice pipe, a 2007 GMC 5500 single-axle dump truck, and possibly the 2004 GMC pick-up (if needed). **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve said sale items for bid as presented and open said bids at the November 17, 2015 Council meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**VISITORS** Lori Bearfield thanked Council for allowing Township residents to use the Township Building for a meeting of residents that own property within Edinboro Borough to discuss zoning issues affecting their rental units.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:57 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**