

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on October 6, 2020 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 Renick, and Councilpersons Laythe and Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors was Steven O'Neill.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of September 15, 2020. **Motion carried unanimously**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #19153-19202, Water Fund #6184-6193, Sewer Fund #8073-8093, and Developer's Fund check #2133, payroll checks #16784-16799, (Water) 10083 and (Sewer)10196. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Renick, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

We are pleased to report that our supply of antiskid for the winter has been fully replenished. Due to joint cooperative measures that we have taken with LeBoeuf Township, we were able to exchange equipment and manpower time for trucking. This was a significant savings to the Township as we only paid for the material and not the transportation of it. In exchange we helped with the placement of millings and gravel on various roads within LeBoeuf Township, saving them money as they did not have to hire additional help. The crew has been busy road side mowing, installing blocks for erosion control and working in the parks. October will see us preparing equipment for the oncoming winter season. We are confident that we will be well prepared this year's snowy onslaught.

We want to give a special thank you to Councilman David Patterson for the many hours he gave to the Township while operating the brush hog at Inspiration Park. This has made a tremendous improvement to the area and will allow us access to trees that must be removed and presents a more park like setting for our community to enjoy. The crews finished graveling and placing millings on the road that extends from the new parking lot up the pavilion on the hill, this is very scenic location and should encourage more visitors. It is thrilling to see hikers, walkers, joggers, bicyclist and others using this facility more and more each day. Of course the weather has played a big role in that, but the word is getting out and our recreational use is on the increase.

The Sewer Department's nine laterals scheduled to be sealed at the mainline has been completed. The manholes relining should be completed shortly. The Water Department will have done its semiannual hydrant flushing. As you know, we do this in the middle of the night to reduce any inconvenience to our residents. We advertise it in the local paper and our website to let people know they may have some cloudy water for a very short time but it is all in an effort to keep the system in top working order. Although somewhat labor intensive, the process has kept our system clean and fresh year round.

The Blue Star group has mounted the plaque on the large rock at Veterans Park and will be doing the plantings soon. In 2021 they will hold a formal dedication.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from Erie County Board of Elections notifying Washington Township the polls will not be located in the Township Building for the November 3rd elections, but will relocate to the McLane Church with larger accommodations, a letter from Erie County Planning to apply for a grant to implement a parks and recreation plan, and a request from the Red Cross for a blood drive at Washington Township. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Campbell, to approve the blood drive in the Township Administration building on November 2, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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SOLICITOR/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilperson Campbell gave a verbal report of the last meeting.

EMA Mayor Patterson presented the minutes of the September 4, 2020 meeting. Mayor Patterson informed Council of the recent hiring of a new EM Coordinator to replace Steve Kanaar with a yearly wage increase of \$10,000.00. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to approve the wage increase presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

PENSION AUDIT FINDINGS Manager Anthony presented the annual Pension Audit for Council's review. No action required.

TAX COLL CERTIFICATION Manager Anthony presented a copy of Jon Foulkrod's certification for continuing education as Washington Township's Tax Collector. No action required.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:24 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**