

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2008

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Foulkrod called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on October 7, 2008 at 7:00P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Stefano Councilmen Glass and Patterson and Councilperson Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, Zoning Officer Carcella and Solicitor Burroughs. Visitors were Matthew Seagren, Amber Wellington, and Ryan Smith.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Stefano to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of September 16, 2008, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #11260-11324 and manual checks #11136-11137, Water Fund #3953-3973, Sewer Fund #4635-4657 and manual check #4597, Developer's checks #331-334, and payroll checks#10000020, 10000093-10000094, #995284-995294. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

As reported, the severe wind storm in September destroyed the cover on the Antiskid Building. Fortunately it was covered by our insurance and a replacement was received within four days of ordering it. Our crew quickly completed the rehabilitation and the material in storage never received any rain on it. Extensive brush cutting along Township roads as been the primary duties of the road crew for the past month. It will continue until the weather changes. We have purchased a minimal amount of new cutting edges and shoes for the Winter season. Like most everything, prices have sky-rocketed and therefore prohibits the purchase and storage of large quantities for future use.

Repairs to the Ford one-ton were made by the crew. It required the replacement of all ball joints and tie rods on the front end of the truck. This will allow for the proper alignment of this vehicle now before Winter. The road has been encouraged to make as many in-house repairs as the feel confident in performing in order to save money.

The Sewer Department is researching the availability of a repair kit in case of an emergency break in the main discharge line. Due to the type of pipe installed and the high pressure is uphill side of this line, special clamps etc. will be required. The Operator estimates the cost to be a couple of thousand dollars. No one within a reasonable distance keeps the required materials in stock and on the self. It appears that having one available at our location may be a worthy investment if and when the need did appear. Let us hope that it never does, but preparedness is certainly in order.

The Parks Department installed the new plaque dedicated to the Veterans Memorial Park Committee's hard work in the continual evolution the Washington Township Veterans Memorial Park. I encourage everyone to take a look at its new location in the Gazebo at the Park.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a email from Edinboro Volunteer Fire Dept. concerning the ISO Certification testing for the Township's water system, a letter From PNC Bank concerning the Township's investments, a letter from Agresti, Morton & Moore concerning the upcoming lien-free tax sale, and a letter from the First Baptist church concerning highway signage near the church entrance on Route 99. Edinboro Fire Chief Matthew Seagren addressed Council about the ISO certification process. Edinboro Fire Department will test the Washington Township water lines in November after the Township flushes the lines. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to allow the First Baptist Church purchase signs via the Township and the Township will maintain the signs thereafter. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Brown/ Laskowski re-plot #11-08 and the Building Permit Report. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve the Brown/ Laskowski re-plot #11-08, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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Also discussed was the need to convene the Joint Planning Commission to update the Comprehensive Plan because of recent zoning changes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the August 23, 2008 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD Councilman Glass presented an update concerning the vacancy on the Board and discussed those interested in the position vacated by Mr. Milligan. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to move Janet Kelly to full member status, replacing Neil Milligan's seat, that expires on April 1, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to appoint Merrick Owen to the 2nd alternate seat expiring April 1, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Vice-Mayor Stefano presented the Minutes of the August 28, 2008 Meeting and The County Convention notification.

EDINBORO VFD Matthew Seagren addressed Council on the Fire Department's future plans.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON No Meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Mayor Foulkrod updated Council on the Borough's refusal to pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of the cost of the Edinboro Lake study as previously agreed. The Mayor also presented a letter from the Watershed Association concerning the future weed spraying in Edinboro Lake; 2010 will be the last year the Watershed Association will participate.

VETS PARK No report.

OLD BUSINESS

AG SEC. Manager Anthony presented Council with the Agricultural Security request from the last meeting to set a Public Hearing for October 21, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to set the Agricultural Security Public Hearing on October 21, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VANCO **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Bio-solids Sludge Land **BIO-SOLIDS** Application Agreement with Tim Vanco as presented, on a monthly basis for the cost of \$250.00 **AGREEMENT** per month for 2009. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINES

RES.#15-08 Manager Anthony presented the Volstad small flow treatment request for Council's consideration. **VOLSTAD SFT** **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the SFT as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RES.#16-08 Manager Anthony presented the Burkell small flow treatment request for Council's consideration. **VOLSTAD SFT** **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve the SFT as presented. **WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 6, 2008**

Motion carried unanimously.

RECYCLING Mayor Foulkrod informed Council of the recent \$648.00 Washington Township received for allowing Erie County Recycling to place recycling bins at Washington Township's complex, and the the program is successful.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:44 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**