

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on October 7, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Pernisek, Councilmen Feikles, Glass and Patterson. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Lorie Bearfield, Steve Kopac, Stephen O'Neill and Abbey Hudson.

AGENDA **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the agenda, with the move up **APPROVAL** of 11C, Wesbury, after 8B and 11B, Manager's contract in Executive Session to the end of the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of September 16, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15494-15549 and manual checks #15446 & 15450, Water Fund #5356-5366, Sewer Fund #6789-6807, State check #2059, Developer's check #1068, and payroll checks #10019 (Water), 10035 (Sewer), and #15392-15404. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Patterson, to approve all payables as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve all payroll as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

While other municipalities may be winding down on their yearly projects, Washington is taking advantage of some good weather to keep the momentum going. The dust oil and stone have been applied to the gravel portion of Florek between Fry and Capp Roads. This is after extensive repairs were made to help stabilize the base including geo-textile, crushed concrete, and weep lines. We will cautiously observe this road in the spring of 2015 to see if our work was successful and decide if the conditions and financing are right to consider it for possible paving.

We would like to thank Rural Electric for this help in the ongoing erection of the used storm siren located adjacent the water tank near I-79. The crew hopes to have this first installation done soon and ready for testing. This will be a first for the Township, once completed we will turn our attention to the second yet to be determined site. Our goal is to have the second siren installed prior to spring in order to be prepared for tornado season.

We are continuing the roadside mowing with the boom mower to clear further back in the right of way than we can get with the side mower. This keeps down the vegetation growth along the roads, as it is very important to get as much sunlight on them as possible for maintenance reasons. Occasionally we do receive complaints about the look of the area after the mower passes, but this short-lived condition is a small price to pay for financial benefit an open roadway provides. We ask that those in the vicinity of the mower while in operation exercise caution. The operation of this piece of heavy equipment makes for some unusual maneuvers and accidents can happen if not watchful.

Now that budget time is upon us, we are reviewing the needs for each department for 2015. Although we don't anticipate any major changes, in order to keep these working as efficiently as possible with financial restrains, some items will have to be purchased. We have gained significantly in each department and hope to maintain that momentum.

It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, for Manager Anthony to send a thank-you letter to Rural electric for their contribution of poles for the mounting of the storm siren. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from the General McLane School District concerning the extension of the LERTA Program and an update concerning the County's proposed radio system.

A discussion concerning the LERTA Program ensued. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Patterson, to remove LERTA districts within Washington Township. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had presented the Bearfield minor subdivision and the monthly Building Report. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the Bearfield subdivision as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICITOR/ ENGINEER'S REPORT Engineer Halmi was not present; Manager Anthony presented a flow chart to Council showing the reduction of Township sewer flows due to the aggressive search for I & I. No action required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the September 23, 2014 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Minutes were unavailable. Mayor Campbell presented the 2014 County Convention notice.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Vice-Mayor Pernisek presented the Minutes of the August 4th and the September 11th, 2014 Meetings. Council discussed the recycling center provided by Washington Township and questioned Manager Anthony if the dumping situation has slowed. A future security camera was discussed.

VETERANS PARK COMM. Minutes were unavailable.

EMA Manager Anthony did not attend but presented the Minutes of the September 5, 2014 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ROUTE 99 SEWER PROJECT SURVEY Manager Anthony presented a copy of the letter mailed to those residents that are required to connect to the new sewer lines installed along Route 99. No action required.

2015-2016 MANAGER'S CONTRACT/ EXEC. SESSION Council entered in to Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. to discuss the proposed Manager's contract for 2015-2016 that was recommended by Contract Committee. Council re-convened at 7: 58 P.M. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve the contract as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

WESBURY UPDATE Steve Kopac, representing Wesbury, requested final approval for the subdivision and land development plans for the Wesbury senior living complex located on Route 6N. **It was voted** for on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve said plan contingent upon the following conditions: obtain an easement from the Orr Brothers for the water line and provide Washington Township with easements for water, sewer and stormwater, sign the Developer's Water Agreement with Washington Township, approval from Erie County Planning, obtain an obstruction and encroachment permit from the DEP for wetlands mitigation, obtain an NPDES permit from DEP, and a fiscal surety/ financial guarantee for public improvements. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DELINQUENT WATER & SEWER ACCTS. Manager Anthony presented a list of delinquent water and sewer accounts for Council's review. No action required.

NEW BUSINESS

UNSOLD PROP. SALE Manager Anthony presented a letter from the Erie County Repository concerning the possible sale of a mobile home located in Edinboro Mobile Home Village. Joseph Dorn offered \$250.00 for said mobile home, identified by tax #31-47.3-1.89, located at 83 Penn Drive. **It was voted** for on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve the sale as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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PENSION AUDIT Manager Anthony presented a copy of the recent Pension Audit findings for Council's review.
FINDINGS No action required.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:59 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**