

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 1, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on November 1, 2011 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 Patterson, and Councilwoman Campbell. Councilman Stefano was absent. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were Al Pernisek, Chris Roth, Morris Wickham.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Agenda, with the move 9A, Executive Session to after Visitors. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting of October 18, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13774-13810, Water Fund #4968-4980 and manual check #4957, Sewer Fund #6173-6191, and payroll checks #10000059, 10000194, #995895-995902. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to approve the fund checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

We are prepared for wintertime chores as all the trucks and related equipment have had a thorough going over. This resulted in some additional costs associated with hose and battery replacement, but it should significantly reduce our down time this winter. The snowplowing team will perform a dry run to see if the changes that we discussed as to the restructuring of plow routes will achieve the desired results. I ask the crew to forget how we did it in the past, but to concentrate on how to improve our overall performance and prioritize based on traffic, hills, and timing. We are anxious to see if this gives us the edge we need to improve our service. The new JCB Backhoe arrived last week and was immediately put to work. The sale of the old unit will help to defray the cost of the new one.

I continue to make small adjustments to the draft budget for 2012. Nothing substantial as of yet, but I am waiting on the health insurance cost before submitting a recommended draft to Council. Once Council decides to advertise the proposed budget for public review, it then can be submitted for final adoption. This must take place before December 31, 2011. An incoming newly elected Council person can chose to reopen the budget for discussion if they see fit.

Sewer and Water Departments report no major concerns at this time. We are experiencing a small increase in flows due to the wet weather. All flows are closely monitored.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Building Report and the Enforcement Report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** See Executive Session.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the October 25, 2011 Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

**ECATO** Councilman Stefano was absent; Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the September 22, 2011 Meeting and reported on the ECATO Convention.

**WATER AUTHORITY** Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the October 20, 2011 Meeting.

**ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM.** Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the September 8, 2011 Meeting.

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**VETS PARK** No report.

### OLD BUSINESS

**BACKHOE BIDS** A high bid via Municibid for 1999 Caterpillar backhoe model 416C was received from Earl Thoma in the amount of \$22,925.00. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to accept the bid as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**LERTA UPDATE** Manager Anthony presented the School District's proposed LERTA language for Council's review. A discussion ensued concerning what Township zoning districts should be considered for the LERTA district. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to contact the School District and ask them to reconsider including commercial zoning district in their LERTA plan. **Voting in favor** were Campbell, Feikles, and Glass. **Voting opposed** was Patterson. **Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Council convened in Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss the Kranick litigation. Council re-convened in regular session at 8:54 P.M.

**VISITORS** Morris Wickham, the lone resident of Florek Road West of I-79, addressed Council on the road condition and if anything could be done to improve it. Council directed Manager Anthony to have the road graded as soon as possible, but noted that funding to gravel the road estimated to \$10,000 plus, just isn't available at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:55 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**