

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on November 17, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Councilmen Foulkrod, Stefano, Patterson and Councilperson Campbell. Councilman and Zoning Officer Carcella. Also present were Manager David Anthony, Engineer Steve Halmi, Zoning Officer Carcella and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitor Were Carrie Winslow, Cynthia Kuhn, Annette Mackay, Fr. Bill Sutherland, and Amber Wellington.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Agenda with the additions of 11B ECATO Meeting, and 11C Act 1500. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2009 Council Meeting with the correction to 11D, adding "Manager Anthony provided to Vice-Mayor Foulkrod...." Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund checks #12598-12602 Sewer Fund check #5736, CDBG check #579 and ADP Payroll checks #995,490-993, and 10000147. It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Campbell, to approve all Fund checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Manager Anthony gave a verbal report on the delay of the paving at the Perry Lane Bridge due to damp conditions keeping the gravel fill from drying out, to which the gravel did not pass the roll test for paving; also, the overdraft of the Sewer Authority bank account due to an anticipated direct deposit not debiting the account in time to clear a check. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to approve Money Fund check #96 in the amount of \$55,000.00 to be deposited into the Sewer authority's account, that will be reimbursed back to Council. Motion carried unanimously. Vice-Mayor Foulkrod questioned Engineer Halmi if the Township will incur more costs from Urban Engineers for the prolonged construction timeframe for the Perry Lane Bridge; Engineer Halmi reported it should not effect the costs. Manager Anthony proposed to Council the sale of the sewer vacuum truck and two 20,000 gallon tanks from the Sewer plant. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Patterson, to advertise for bid on the Municibid website and appropriate newspapers. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Erie County Planning concerning the County's subdivision and land development ordinance, two letters opposed to the placement of the Salvation Army drop box in the Township's recycling center, and a notice of the COG Meeting on November 20, 2009. Members of the Our Lady of the Lake congregation addressed Council on the location of the Salvation Army container and its effect on their "Thrifty Threads" program. It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Stefano, to remove the Salvation Army clothing container at the recycling center. Voting in favor were Foulkrod, Campbell, Stefano, and Glass. Voting opposed was Patterson. Motion carried.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report but gave the monthly Enforcement Report concerning three burning complaints and a follow-up to a Fry Road nuisance complaint.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** Engineer Halmi presented the PennDot Conneauttee Bridge Agreement and an update on the Flow Meters at the Township's plant. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve Mayor Glass signing the said Agreement that was previously approved at another Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Engineer Halmi updated Council on the calibration of the flow meters installed at the Borough's sewer plant and the at the Angling Road lift station.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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**SEWER AUTHORITY** Minutes unavailable. Councilwoman Campbell presented the monthly Flow Report.

**EDINBORO LIASION** Councilwoman Campbell gave a verbal report on the last meeting.

**JOINT PLANNING** Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the November 11, 2009 meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**CDBG WETLANDS DELIN. RFP AWARD** It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to approve PA Soil and Rock to do the wetlands delineation for the Kline Road and Lovett's CDBG Program projects. Motion carried unanimously.

**ECATO HEARING** Councilperson Campbell gave a verbal report on the ECATO gaming revenues hearing.

**ACT 1500** Mayor Glass reported on H.B. 1500, and its affect on Washington Township as it requires all municipalities over the population of 1,700 that do not have their own police force to compensate the PA State Police for call-outs within Washington Township. Council will monitor the House Bill's amendments and its consequences to the Township.

It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to approve Mayor Glass to sign letters to Rep. John Evans and Senator Jane Earll opposing H.B. 1500. Motion carried unanimously. Councilman Stefano urged Council to review the most current amended bill before making any future decisions.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**DRAFT NEWSLETTER** Manager Anthony presented the draft newsletter for Council's review. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to re-write the Salvation Army Drop Box article to include the removal of said drop box from the Township's recycling center. Voting in favor were Foulkrod, Campbell, Foulkrod, and Glass. Voting opposed were Stefano and Patterson. Motion carried. Manager Anthony updated Council on receipt of the H<sub>2</sub>O Grant and its impact on the sewer service rates that Manager Anthony proposes be set at \$69.00 per month, down from \$99.00 per month during the 2009 fiscal year.

**PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET** Manager Anthony presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Council's review. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the 47% health care cost increase and discussed several options. Council directed Manager Anthony to draft some options for the health care cost for Council's review at the next Workshop.

Council discussed the combining of the Water and Sewer Authorities. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to direct Solicitor Burroughs to investigate the combining of said authorities. Motion carried unanimously.

**RES. #23-09** It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Nesbitt/ Coates SFT small flow treatment request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:35 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.