

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on November 17, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Councilmen Pernisek, Councilwoman Campbell and Patterson. Vice-Mayor Feikles was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Norman Willow. Visitors were Bill Heald, Steve Renick, Ed Abdallah, Linda Swift, Kathy Brady, Ben Zelina, Ken Meyer, Sam Kim, Misty O'Connor, Jeet Saberwahl, John Hromyak, Sean Kineston, Ken Hass, Peggy Hass, Paula Campbell, Joseph Mahoney, Alex Christensen, Patrick Avery, Mary Christensen, Hannah Mason, Cheryl Mason, Steve Dickson and Abbey Hudson.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Patterson, to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16246-16248, Sewer Fund #7020-7021, and payroll #15647-15653 and (Sewer) 10070. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave the following verbal report: The Road Crew has stockpiled anti-skid for the coming Winter season. Manager Anthony investigated to possibility of switching all the street lights over to LED bulbs for a cost savings of 40% by 2017. Penelec will commence the changeover of bulbs beginning in 2016 and continue throughout the year. The street light assessment is currently done by Tax Collector Laurie Showman, but is being considered to be done in house. Manager Anthony informed Council that two street lights for which the Township covers all costs: one located on Woodbriar Way and one on Fry Road. The Fry Road light illuminates the Route 6N and Fry Road intersection; the Woodbriar Way light is located up the street and does not illuminate the Route 99 and Woodbriar intersection. Manager Anthony asked Council if the Township should continue to cover said costs or survey homeowners located within the illumination of said lights for assessment. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to continue to cover said costs for the Fry Road street light and survey the Woodbriar residents if they would be willing to be assessed for said light. Voting in favor were Patterson, Pernisek, and Glass. Voting opposed was Campbell. Motion carried.
Manager Anthony informed Council that 3 of the 4 administration staff members will be off on November 27, 2015, the day after Thanksgiving, and asked Council if the Administration office may be closed for that day. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Patterson to close the administration building for November 27, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from Mark Musante concerning a beaver dam located on Conneauttee Creek that threatens to flood his property due to the water obstruction. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Officer Willow had no subdivisions or Enforcement Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER & WATER AUTH. Councilman Feikles was absent; Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the November 12, 2015 Meeting and the monthly Flow Report.

EDINBORO LIASISON Councilman Feikles was absent: no report.

FIRE DEPT. Councilman Pernisek gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

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WATERSHED ASSOC. Councilwoman Campbell did not attend the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ERIE CO. RADIO AGREEMENT Manager Anthony brought back to Council the issue of the Erie County Inter-agency Radio Agreement for Council's consideration. Council had asked for more information from the Fire Department and the EMA Coordinator Bill Heald as to the effects on their perspective organizations. EMA Heald detailed Council of the radio system. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve said agreement as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MUNICIPAL BID Manager Anthony presented the final bid from Muncibid for the 2007 GMC 550 truck in the amount of \$31,100.00 from Bobby Gerhart. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve said bid as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICITOR'S PLANNING COMMENTS Solicitor Burroughs advised Council on the proposed ordinance changes recommended by the Planning Commission as to their legality. Council will send the recommendations back to Planning Commission for their review.

MEETING ADJOURN Council adjourned the regular meeting at 4:29 P.M. to hold a public hearing for a conditional use request from Ed Abdallah of 11851 Eureka Road, following a conditional use hearing wherein witnesses testified and other evidence was introduced by the applicant, the opponents and the Township. Council entered in to deliberations at 6:30 P.M. Council re-convened at 6:52 P.M.

ABADALLAH COND. USE REQUEST Manager Anthony presented the conditional use request by Ed Abdallah for an outdoor event venue located on 11851 Eureka Road, following a conditional use hearing wherein witnesses testified and other evidence was introduced by the applicant, the opponents and the Township. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to approve said request with the following conditions:

1. Hours of operation will be Sunday through Thursday, 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., music ceases at 9:00 P.M., Friday and Saturday operations from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M., with music ceasing at 10:00 P.M.;
2. No on-street parking;
3. Maximum number of guests limited to 500;
4. Place acoustic sound barriers on the east, south, and west sides of the pavilion;
5. Post signs clarifying the entrance, preventing turnarounds in neighboring driveways;
6. Place "drive carefully" signs at exit;
7. Monitor roadside trash at their first opportunity after each event and no later than 10:00 A.M. the following day;
8. Grant permission for Zoning Officer to access the property at any time during an event to monitor compliance with said Conditional Use;
9. No additional structures to be constructed, temporary or permanent, or be placed upon the property without prior approval from Washington Township;
10. No use of the facilities shall take place until all sewer and health permits are issued from Erie County Health Department and PA DEP.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPT. LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER Manager Anthony presented the application for the transfer of a liquor license to the Edinboro Fire Department for a social club proposed for a parcel behind the Township Administrative Building. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve said transfer as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn at 6:55 P.M. Motion carried unanimously