

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order November 3, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

Those present were Vice-Mayor Campbell, Councilmen Patterson, Stefano and Feikles. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Engineer Hamli, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Carcella. Visitors were Jamie Lutz, Mike Robel, Kahan Sablo, Adam Mabee, Gordon Hurst, Dennis Solensky, Art Kuholski, Thelmarie Dauson, and Park Mukina.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Agenda with the move up of 12C, street name request, after the Secretary's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2010 Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13179-13224, Water Fund#4821-4832 and manual check #4795, Sewer Fund #5951-5966 and manual check #5918, Developer's check #1008, CDBG check #627, and payroll checks #1000045, 1000170, #995681-995689. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

Considerable effort is being made by the staff and our Solicitor to make a serious attempt to recover a large amount of outstanding past due balances owed the Sewer Fund. In part, that has been successful, as one of the top three has finally paid the outstanding balance in full. Although that final payment was based on the sale of the property and the requirement of the owner to satisfy any liens against the property, nonetheless it did add some much-needed revenue to the Sewer Fund coffers. As for the other parties that owe the fund thousands of dollars, attempts are being made through several avenues to get those funds into the system as well. We shall continue to press hard to reach some sort of compromise that brings these people back in to compliance. If all else fails we will pursue the situation in court if need be.

The snowplowing team has been working hard to ready the equipment for the onslaught of winter. All the trucks have received a through going over and members have been assigned routes and giving the opportunity to perform dry runs to get comfortable with the program. At weekly meetings, we discuss any issues or concerns the drivers may have with the duties in order to minimize potential problems. Team members have also visited property owners on their routes to introduce themselves in an attempt keep them informed of how and where snow will be placed on or near their land. We are hoping that this preseason PR will reduce complaints this season. As we have said before, we have a green snowplowing team this year and we are trying to prepare ourselves as best as possible for the inevitable.

I will have a second draft copy of the proposed 2011 budget for Council at the mid November meeting for their review. Feel free to contact me prior that with any questions you may have. Our goal is to have Council approve the draft for public review and hopefully readied for adoption sometime in December, prior to the New Year.

Manager Anthony verbally addressed Council on the McLaughlin Road conditions. The Dirt and Gravel Roads Program funded this reclamation project that now has pothole issues. Manager Anthony informed Council of possible repair suggestions from PennDot, but Winter weather will exacerbate the situation. The Road Crew will use cold patch to help with the potholes.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a Washington Township Sewer Authority and Borough Sewer Authority resignation letter from Brian Zimmerman effective December 31, 2010 and an email from Jon Foulkrod informing Council of his interest to serve the remainder of Mr. Zimmerman's term. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Patterson to accept Mr. Zimmerman's resignation. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell to appoint Jon Foulkrod to the Township Sewer Authority to serve the remainder of Mr. Zimmerman's term that expires April 1, 2011, and to submit his name for consideration to the Borough for

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serving on the Borough's Sewer Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Mukina subdivision modifications and the sewage management plan for said subdivision, the Hecker re-plot #14-10, and the monthly Building Report. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Stefano, to approve the Mukina modification of the reduction of the setbacks from 100' to 50' of wetlands and waive the steep slope requirement of the Conservation Design of the Township's subdivision regulations. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Mukina sewage management plan with the exclusion of option #3 for an agreement between the developer and Washington Township, and require option #1 for bonding of building phases as set by the Township Engineer and required after building commences, and option #5 establishing a homeowners association. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Stefano, to approve the Hecker re-plot #16-10 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Feikles presented the Minutes of the October 26, 2010 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano presented the Minutes of the September 23, 2010 Meeting And discussed the annual Convention.

EDINBORO VFD No meeting.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the October 21, 2010 Meeting.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Vice-Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the September 9, 2010 Meeting.

EDINBORO LIAISON No meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Mayor Glass gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

VETS PARK No report.

OLD BUSINESS

RES. #14-10 JOINT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Feikles, to approve the amended **COMP PLAN** August 2010 Comprehensive Plan. **Motion carried unanimously.**

KINTER HILL SPEED LIMIT Manager Anthony presented a letter from PennDot concerning the speed limit traffic study on Kinter Hill Road. PennDot determined that no change in the speed limit is warranted at this time.

NEW BUSINES

RES. #15-10 EMTA DONATION Dennis Solensky, representing the Erie Metro Transit Authority (EMTA), addressed Council concerning the use of EMTA services within Washington Township and Edinboro University. Edinboro University's Student Government Association requested Washington Township to be the pass-through mechanism for funding earmarked for EMTA for Edinboro University students and personnel as well as Township resident use. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve said pass-through as presented. **Voting in favor** were Campbell, Feikles, Glass and Stefano. **Voting opposed** was Patterson. **Motion carried.**

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PORTO PRE-DEV. AGREE. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Sewage Pre-Developer's Agreement as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

STREET NAME REQUEST Council received a request from Thelmarie Dauson for a proposed subdivision street name of Thelmarie Strasse. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Feikles, to approve

said street name as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:40 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**