

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 5, 2008

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Foulkrod called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on November 5, 2008 at 7:00P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Stefano, Councilmen Glass and Patterson. Councilperson Campbell was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, Zoning Officer Carcella and Solicitor Burroughs. Visitors were Amber Wellington, George Alwes and Barbara Alwes.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Glass, to approve the Agenda with the addition of 11C, proposed Ordinance #6-08. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of October 21, 2008, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Glass, to approve the Agricultural Security Public Hearing of October 21, 2008, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #11333-11388 and manual check #11258, Water Fund #3975-3985, Sewer Fund #4658-4674, State check #1774, and payroll checks#10000021, 10000097-10000098,#995299-995308. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Councilman Glass questioned the amount of the Equipment Fund CD that was reported and asked Manager Anthony for further review.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Crew was faced with its first snowfall of the 2008/2009 season this past week. It was a good opportunity for breaking our new Road Crew member in on the proper procedure for snow plowing. All the equipment has been readied and the antiskid has been delivered for the onslaught of winter weather.

We are researching the possibility of performing small truck inspections in-house now that we have a new member with those capabilities and personal tools. It may be a possibility to do other municipality's state inspections as well. If this is plausible, it could help to defray the cost of this additional employee for future status to a permanent fulltime position.

We are also considering new accounting software. Our present package will no longer be offered support. The new Windows version is very expensive (\$15,000 +) and frankly far too advanced for the type of operation that we have. We are looking into using Quick Books which is a standard for most municipalities. I have asked for quotes and hope to present them to Council soon. It is important that we make this change starting January 1, 2009 in order to make the transition easier.

The Water Department performed their bi-annual hydrant flushing this past week. The only problem encountered was the drop in pressure at the new hotel near Route 6N/I-79. It appears that their booster pumps were not reset after the testing was done. Our Department head visited the site and corrected the situation. No other concerns were voiced and we are now prepared for the ISO testing that the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department has requested.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a thank you letter from the First Baptist Church for the driveway entrance signs on Edinboro Road and an open house notification from the Edinboro Historical Society honoring Veterans.

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

Also presented was an appeal for Steven Hurley, owner of Majestic Heights Mobile Home Park, to the enforcement of a nuisance complaint filed by Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department concerning an unpermitted demolition that caused a fire during the demolition of a mobile home. Present were George and Barbara Alwes, managers of said Park, to represent Mr. Hurley.

It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Stefano, to uphold the enforcement actions of the Zoning Officer and support the collection of said incurred fees for Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department. A lengthy discussion ensued. Voting in favor were Foulkrod and Stefano. Voting opposed were

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Patterson and Glass. Motion failed due to a tie vote. Mayor Foulkrod It was voted on motion to uphold the enforcement actions of the Zoning Officer and rescinding of Township's violations fines

contingent upon the clean-up of said refuse in a timely manner and weather permitting. **Voting in favor** were Foulkrod, Patterson and Glass. **Voting opposed** was Stefano. **Motion carried.** There was discussion that normally a Zoning Officer's notice of a violation is heard before the Zoning Hearing Board, but nuisance violations are not and the Township Code requires the matter to come before Council instead of a District Justice. Council may consider addressing this section of the Code at a future meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the October 28, 2008 Meeting. Also discussed were additional essential services and accessory dwelling units. Council sent the essential services language back to Planning Commission for further review. No action was taken on the accessory dwelling language.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Vice-Mayor Stefano presented the Minutes of the September 23rd and the October 23, 200 Meetings.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY Minutes were unavailable. Manager reported on the ISO hydrant testing.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON Councilperson Campbell was absent; no report.

WATERSHED ASSOC. No report.

VETS PARK Councilman Patterson presented the resignation of Marilyn Free. The Committee will submit names to Council to fill the position.

OLD BUSINESS

ROAD SALT PURCHASE Manager Anthony presented Council with a letter from the Council of Governments concerning a one-time bulk purchase of road salt in which every municipality must agree to purchase at least 75% of their previous year's amount of salt used. Manager Anthony informed Council that he had already purchased road salt from American Salt in the amount of \$75.00 per ton, delivered.

RES. #18-08 PENNDOT/ PERRY LANE AGREEMENT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve Resolution #18-08, the PennDot Reimbursement Agreement for the Perry Lane Bridge design phase costs as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

P.H. AD ORD. #6-08 **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Glass, to advertise proposed Ordinance #6-08 for Public Hearing and possible adoption, amending the Sewer authority's Lease Agreement terminology from 'bond' to 'note'. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPT. COSTS ORD. Manager Anthony presented a draft ordinance treatment request for Council's consideration in which Washington Township would be responsible for billing and collection of fees associated with
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the Fire Department's emergency responses within Washington Township. Mayor Foulkrod suggested the Fire Department consider accepting the insurance companies' payments as paid in full for said services. No action was taken. Chief Seagren will be invited to a future Council Meeting to provide additional information to Council.

AUTHORITY LOAN REQUEST Council was asked to consider a loan to the Township Sewer Authority in the amount of \$484,541.91 to cover their expenditures until the Penn Vest loan funds would be available.

It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Stefano, to execute a short-term, 45-day loan in the amount of \$484, 542.00, to be executed by note no later than November 13, 2008, with an interest rate equal to that of Penn Vest's rate, compounded daily, advancing monies contingent upon the Penn Vest loan closing occurring on November 20, 2008. A lengthy discussion ensued about the ramifications of said loans to the Township's finances. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:43 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.