

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 5, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on November 5, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Pernisek, Councilmen Feikles, Glass and Patterson. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were William Kuhn, Mary Hassel, Janice Heasley, Shane Wills, Daryl Parker, and Abbey Hudson.

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

APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of October 21, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15558-15601, Water Fund #5367-5379, Sewer Fund #6809-6825, Developer's check #1069, and payroll checks 10037 (Sewer), and #15412-15421. It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT The Road Crew is busy preparing for the winter season and catching up on some overdue garage work. Preventative maintenance is the key to having a safe plowing season. Breakdowns are inevitable, but we strive to be ready for the worse that Mother Nature will toss at us. Each truck will be thoroughly gone over and fine-tuned. We will have one green plow jockey this year but I suspect that he will easily fit into the routine with a few early winter blasts to season him. In the meantime, we continue cutting back with the boom mower and may still replace a pipe or two depending on the weather. Our salt supply will be ordered the first of this month.

Hydrant flushing went well once again this fall, although a main valve that was not completely open caused for a small search and rescue in order to allow for full volume of water release. The remote valve was located and restored to its appropriate position. As suspected, the system is in good working condition and we have no complaints at this time.

Drilling for the installation of the pressurized sewer system on Route 99 has finally begun. We are anxious to see this project completed as many of those required to connect have indicated they want to utilize it as soon as possible.

The storm siren located near the water tank is now complete. The final step of connecting via radio signal with the County was completed last week and we are now working with them on activation during emergency situations.

Manager Anthony presented visuals of how far the sirens can be heard and site options for the installation of the second siren next spring.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Preservation Erie concerning the promotion of historic buildings within Erie County and a grand opening notice from Palma's Sweet Treats. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had presented the Kuhn minor subdivision, Resolution #16-14, Yovich small flow treatment plant, and the monthly Building Report. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve Resolution #16-14 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve the Kuhn subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve the Heasley subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the October 28, 2014 Meeting.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the September 25, 2014 Meeting.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Vice-Mayor Pernisek presented the Minutes of the October 9, 2014 Meeting.

VETERANS PARK COMM. Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the September 9th and October 14th, 2014 Meeting.

EMA Minutes were unavailable.

OLD BUSINESS

SIGNS & SEASONAL SPEED BUMPS Manager Anthony presented an email from PennDOT advising Council in the use of speed bumps during spring through summer to slow traffic down in the residential areas. Manager Anthony informed Council that proper signage is needed, and also suggested a portable speed limit sign may be more effective and would be able to use throughout the Township. Manager Anthony will research the possibility of purchasing a used sign unit. Council also discussed the trimming of shrubbery located at Lay and Angling Roads to improve sight distance.

NEW BUSINESS

VISITORS Daryl Parker, President of the Edinboro Fire Department, and Shane Wills, Treasurer of the Edinboro Fire Department, addressed Council on the Fire Department's proposed social club and costs associated with the State and Federal mandates concerning their equipment. The department's call-out volume has increased, but insurance reimbursements have decreased. Membership has also decreased. The intent of the social club is to increase revenues and memberships.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Feikles, seconded by Pernisek, to adjourn the Meeting at 8: 10 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.