

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 6, 2013

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on November 6, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Pernisek, Glass, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Bunny Bucho, Paul Ditmore, Mike Dudenhoefer, Jim Potter, David Catanzarite, Bob Santos, Laurie Santos, Leah Therasse Nagy, Merrill Smith, Virginia Wettich, Marge Gigliotti, Chris Roth, Ruth Shoemaker, Ed Minch, Sara Mitchell, Gary Rilling, Mary Anne Strand, Gail Swank, and Tyler Travis.

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

APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of October 15, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund 14930-14978, Water Fund #5228-5244, Sewer Fund #6597-6617, Developer's check #1047, and payroll checks #15199-15206, #10008 (Water) and #10013(Sewer). It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to approve the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

Some last minute attention is being given to the berms in the Lakeside area. Particularly troublesome are the short areas where the mail carriers pull in to the boxes to deliver the mail. These typically get run in and soon capture water, which allows them to further degrade. Using the rear mounted berming machine, the crew has been filling in these areas and building them back up. This helps to keep the edges tight and allows water to run off the roadways better and not get trapped. You may have noticed some of the roads appear wider now. This is due to the boom mower being used judiciously to trim back significant brush and overhang that not only shades the road, but ends up in the ditches or on the road due to storms. By allowing additional sunlight to gain access to the road surface, you promote earlier melt off in the winter and drier paved surfaces in the summer. It may seem like a small reward for our efforts but it is a good practice that has long-term benefits in future road maintenance. The Road Crew is prepared for winter's revenge. Although we have some novice members, we are confident that they can step up to the task and continue to build upon our reputation as diligent snow fighters. With over 73 miles of road, it is a daunting task at times, but with the new equipment Council has allowed us to purchase, we shall succeed.

The Water Department completed the hydrant-flushing program with little problems. Both the Water and Sewer Department heads worked three graveyard shifts to complete the detailed process. A resident did experience some rattling of pipes with in their home, but upon the experienced investigation by the department head, the problem was located within the home itself and was not caused by the flushing. Just another example of the dedicated work our staff performs on a regular basis. We encourage all of our staff to go the extra mile when possible and provide the best service we can with the resources we are provided.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: Letters from Gail Swank, Mike Dudenhoefer, James Potter, Julia Johnson, Paul Johnson, Virginia Wettich, Cheri Catanzarite, Carrie Crow, Thomas & Karen Bihler, David Catanzarite, Mrs. George Shoemaker, Paul Ditmore, Annette & Gary Rilling, Nathan Everhart, Dawn Costa, Lori Bearfield, Susan Packard, and Denise Kirby opposing the change of density in the R-2 zoning district and a letter from General McLane School District appointing Berkheimer as the EIT Tax collector. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions but presented the monthly Building Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report, Solicitor Burroughs was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 6, 2013

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Patterson presented the Minutes of the October 22, 2013 Meeting. It was reported that the Planning Commission took a vote at their last meeting to recommend to Council increasing the R-2 density from 5.4 units per acre to 8 units per acre, but the vote was tied at two for the increase and two opposed. The Planning Commission has one vacant seat which permitted a tie vote. Mayor Patterson stated that the residents deserved a Council decision concerning the density issue. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Feikles, to keep the density at 5.4 units per acre. **Voting in favor** were Feikles and Patterson. **Voting opposed** were Glass, Campbell, and Pernisek. **Motion failed.** A lengthy discussion ensued by Council. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, to increase the density at 6 units per acre, with 30% lot coverage. Planning Commission Chair Bunny Bucho asked Council for an opportunity to explore more options and a timeframe in which a recommendation would be forthcoming by the Planning Commission. Campbell **withdrew the motion**, seconded by Pernisek. **It was voted** by Campbell, seconded by Pernisek, to set a December 3, 2013 deadline for a recommendation from the Planning Commission. **Voting in favor** were Patterson, Campbell, Pernisek, and Glass. Voting opposed was Feikles. **Motion carried.**

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE CO. ASSOC. Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the September 26th and the October 24, 2013 Meetings and reported on the ECATO Convention held at Nick's Place on October 24, 2013.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the August 15th and the October 17, 2013 Meetings.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Councilman Pernisek did not attend the last meeting but presented the Minutes of the October 10, 2013 Meeting, in which the County's deteriorated bridges were discussed.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the October 8, 2012 Meeting.

EMA Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the October 11, 2013 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMM. Manager Anthony presented a memo for Council's review to fill the vacant seat on the **VACANCY** Planning Commission that expires April 1, 2017. Letters from those residents that are interested on serving were presented for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to appoint Ken Meyer to finish the term of the vacant seat. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ROUTE 99 SEWER UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a letter from Deiss Halmi Engineers detailing a study to be done by the PA Historic and Museum Commission of the sewer line installation site. The Engineer and Manager will look at all the options.

GMSD SEWER VIOLATION Manager Anthony presented a copy of the DEP notification concerning the exceeding effluent sewage discharge. Manager Anthony informed Council that the employees are diligent and working with the County and the Wastewater Outreach Program for help to remedy said violations.

2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET Manager Anthony presented the updated preliminary 2014 budget for Council's review. No action was taken.

DEP SITE SEWER UPDATE Manager Anthony presented correspondence with the DEP concerning the DEP Presque Isle chemical site sewer discharge into the Township's sewer lines. This discharge has not been regulated or charged a fee by the Township and the Township pays for the treatment of said discharge at the Borough's treatment plant. The Township Engineer and Manager are in negotiations with the DEP to ensure the discharge is properly disposed of. The DEP is concerned about a \$37,068.00 tap-in fee required by

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 6, 2013

Washington Township for disposal in to the Township's system. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to reduce the tap-in fee to \$17,000.00. **Voting in favor** were Campbell and Feikles. **Voting against** were Patterson, Pernisek, and Glass. **Motion failed.** A **motion was made** by Patterson to leave the tap-in fee as required. **Motion died** due to lack of a second.

ORD. #3-13 It was voted on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to approve Ordinance #3-13, the Route DCED REQUIRE. 99 Sewer Extension loan to meet the DCED requirements. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER CAMERA Manager Anthony presented a quote for a sewer line camera in the amount of \$8,768.00 **QUOTE** from POW-R Mole Sales. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve said purchase from the Sewer Fund. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RES. #14-13 RTE 99 It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to approve Resolution #14-13, **SEWER PLANNING MOD.** the Route 99 Sewer planning module as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Mike Dudenhofer addressed Council concerning their decision to send the density issue back to Planning Commission. He stated the public felt "handcuffed and slotted as to what the public can discuss." He said that a newly appointed member may not be informed about all the density issues and it would not be an educated recommendation. Planning Commission Chair Bunny Bucho stated that no recommendation would be made without all members being up to date with the issue.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:00 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**