

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 7, 2012

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on November 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Glass, Councilmen Pernisek and Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were Chuck Scalise, Kelley Coey, and Chris Kerns of PIRHL.

AGENDA **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the Agenda as presented.
APPROVAL **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2012 bi-monthly Council Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #14363-14410 and manual check #14300, Water Fund #5109-5119 and manual check #4958, Sewer Fund #6381-6398, State Fund check #2028, Developer's Fund checks #1024-1025, Veterans Park Fund check #1007, and payroll checks #100000701, 10000209, 996094-996102. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented the following report:
Hurricane Sandy made us aware of how important it is to be prepared. We are pleased to report that our crews made every effort to stand ready for this event. We experienced some downed trees, limbs, and limited power outages. Just to reiterate a standing policy, our crews have strict orders to never attempt to remove limbs or trees that are in contact with power lines. As much as we strive to keep our roads open, risking the life of an employee is not worth that effort. Many times residents cannot see the total situation and assume we are not aware, but safety has to come first.
All in all, the storm didn't have the impact for us that we planned for and that is a good thing. Others in the Commonwealth weren't so fortunate. We uncovered a few minor communication problems internally and will work to improve those in the future. We view these events as good learning tools no matter what the outcome.
We will now prepare for the Winter season as trucks have been slowly gearing up for plowing duties. Internally we will make adjustments to snow routes and duties to continually try to improve our plowing schedules. Please follow the proper chain of command and report your concerns to the Manager and he will contact the appropriate personnel to address them.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from General McLane School District concerning tax collection, a letter from General McLane School District concerning their intent to purchase sewer services from Washington Township when they are available, with the School District providing financing for said project.
It was voted by Glass, second by Pernisek, to direct Engineer Halmi submit an engineering proposal for the proposed Route 99 sewer extension project. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the monthly Building Report and a PIRHL project update on YMCA Drive. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the Township Code as pertaining to sidewalk installations.
It was voted by Glass, second by Campbell, to grant preliminary approval of PIRHL's Highland Village preliminary development plans pending compliance with Engineer Hamli's comments as stated in his October 23, 2012 letter and when the parcel south is developed that PIRHL must add sidewalks at that time. A lengthy discussion ensued and the motion was amended to include the maintenance of said sidewalks will be the PIRHL's responsibility and the proposed trees in the right-of-way be removed from the plans. **Voting in favor** were Glass, Campbell, Pernisek, and Feikles. **Voting opposed** was Patterson. **Motion carried.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs was absent.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Vice-Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the October 23, 2012 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the September 27th and the October 25th, 2012 Meetings.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the October 18, 2012 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMM. Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of October 11, 2012 Meeting.

VETS PARK Vice-Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the September 11th and September 25th, 2012 Meetings.

EMERG. MGT. ASSOC. Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the October 5, 2012 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER AUTHORITY Manager Anthony presented a information for a Water Authority position that is expiring **APPT.** December 31, 2012. **A motion was made** by Campbell to ask authorities to merge due to the inability to find members. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the merger of the Water and Sewer Authorities. **Motion was withdrawn.** Council directed Manager Anthony to ask the two authorities to reconsider merger.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION Manager Anthony presented an Emergency Declaration that was prepared in anticipation Hurricane Sandy damages. No action was required.

NEW BUSINES

RES. #11-12 **It was voted** by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve Resolution #11-12, the Bogda **BOGDA SFT** small flow treatment plant as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Pernisek, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:11 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**