

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 15, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on December 15, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Councilmen Foulkrod, Stefano, Patterson and Councilperson Campbell. Councilman and Zoning Officer Carcella. Also present were Manager David Anthony, Engineer Steve Halmi, Zoning Officer Carcella and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitors were Chuck and Shirley Berchtold, Mike Feikles, and Amber Wellington.

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

**APPROVAL** Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2009 Council Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund checks #12651-12653 and manual check #12554, Water Fund check #4685, Sewer Fund check #5754, Vets Park check #993, CDBG checks #583-585 and ADP Payroll checks #995,504-995,507, and 10000149. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve all Fund checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Manager Anthony gave a verbal report on sewer back-up at Camboro Vet Clinic and the CDBG project update on Oliver Road.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: letters from Ron and Carol Klonicki and Dennis and Sandra Gilbert concerning a proposed junkyard on Fry Road, a support letter request from the Northwest Commission pursuing high-speed internet for townships, a request from Erie County Dept. of Safety for snowplowing to a cell tower located on Fry Road, and a letter from Greg Krautter regarding snowplowing on Sherrod Hill Road.

It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to send a letter of support for high-speed internet in rural areas. Voting in favor were Foulkrod, Glass, Campbell, and Stefano. Voting opposed was Patterson. Motion carried.

It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to deny the snowplowing request for the cell tower access on Fry Road because the access road is located on private property. Motion carried unanimously.

Concerning the snowplowing letter from Mr. Krautter, Council directed the staff to continue upholding Township Ordinance that addresses plowing snow from private property onto the Township roads.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Mukina subdivision #7-09 and gave the monthly Enforcement Report including the DEP inspection report from the Fry Road property that has proposed a junkyard and a dog complaint from Edinboro Mobile Home Village.

It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the Mukina subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** Engineer Halmi updated Council on the Conneauttee Bridge reports have been submitted to PennDot, but have not been reviewed to date. Engineer Halmi asked for an 6-month extension to provide the engineering services for the Township on this project. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to extend the engineering services agreement to July 1, 2010, as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SEWER AUTHORITY** Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> and the November 12, 2009 meetings and the monthly Flow Report. Councilman Stefano questioned Engineer Halmi if the flow meter calibrations have been completed and the readings coinciding between the Borough's meter and the Township's meter.

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**EDINBORO LIASION** Councilwoman Campbell gave a verbal report on the last meeting.

**EVFD** Vice-Mayor Foulkrod gave a verbal report of the meeting.

**VETS PARK** Councilman Patterson presented a resignation letter from John Allen and the Minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting. Manager Anthony will send a letter to Mr. Allen thanking him for all his years of service to Washington Township.

### OLD BUSINESS

**WYLIE RE-APP. TO WATER AUTH.** It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to re-appointment Colin Wylie to The Water Authority for a 4-year term commencing January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

**RES. #1-10 2010 BUDGET** It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the 2010 Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**RES. #2-10 2010 TAX LEVY** It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to set the 2010 tax levy at .81 mills, amending the stated levy of .81 to .0081 per \$100 on the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

**PMRS UPDATE** Manager Anthony presented a letter from PA municipal Retirement System concerning proposed changes to the employees' retirement plans. No action required at this time.

**PROPOSED ORD. #1-10 WIND/ SOLAR ENERGY** Manager Anthony presented a draft copy of proposed Ordinance #1-10, regulating wind and solar energy systems within Washington Township. Council sent the proposed ordinance back to the Planning Commission for further review.

**VISITORS** None.

**COUNCIL'S COMMENTS** This is the last meeting for Vice-Mayor Foulkrod, who addressed Council on his tenure, noting the Council of the past eight years has been diverse but functional, bringing different views and perspectives to the issues at hand. He stated his term has been rewarding and a learning experience. Mayor Glass thanked Vice-Mayor Foulkrod for his service, time and dedication to the Township Council over the past eight years.

**ADJOURNMENT** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:25 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.