

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on December 3, 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 Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Bunny Bucho, Paul Ditmore, Mike Dudenhofer, Kathy Pernisek, Michael Bond, Peter Gauriloff, Chris Roth, Dennis Porto, Bill Heald, Tyler Travis, Sallie Mitchell, Mary Minch, Annette Rilling, Gary Rilling, Ken Meyer, Sam Kim, Virginia Wettich, Darren Williams, Dennis Wisniewski, Virginia Wisniewski, Mary Anne Strand, Sara Strand, Jessica Strand, Carrie Crow, David Catanzarite, Chris Catanzarite, Jack Crow, Brian Pitzer, Bob Santos, Barb Petrusky, Paul Petrusky, and Dawn Costa.

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 November 19, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund 14983-15022, Water Fund #5245-5255, Sewer Fund #6619-6633, Developer's check #1048, and payroll checks #15214-15222, #10009 (Water) and #10015(Sewer). It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, to approve the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

With the arrival of some winter weather, the newer members of the Road Crew have been indoctrinated into the difficult ritual of plowing snow for Washington Township. We are happy to report that the initial comments have been good and that we are prepared at this point for a long winter plowing program. I remind Council that if you get calls or inquiries as to winter road management, please report those directly to me and I will forward them to the appropriate personnel. We look forward to a safe winter season.

The office staff has been meeting with vendors that offer a way to scan current documents and allow them to become searchable via the computer. We find that we sometimes miss items of concerns and or changes that may have occurred years ago that don't get carried forward; perhaps a notation on a map, or a concern by the Sewer Authority that has long been forgotten. If we can search by key components like address, date, name, parcel number, etc., we can be better prepared and do a better job of keeping a handle on the accumulation of paper storage. If you recall, we have done several major overhauls of the archives and still it continues to be a daunting task. We predict that the governing agencies will sometime in the distant future eliminate the need to keep paper copies and allow for all digital storage. We can slowly prepare for that event now by beginning the process. We will keep you informed and look forward to being able to access historical information more efficiently.

Neither the Sewer nor Water Departments report an major concerns at this time. Sewer will be updating two more lift stations so that the portable generator can be utilized in power outages to pump them down. Remember that our water system has a backup generator, so that during a power outage public water users maintain pressure, therefore lift stations without backup power could be compromised if not checked regularly.

Manager Anthony presented a video from the new sewer camera showing I & I in a sewer lateral. This inflow and infiltration is ground water that Washington Township is charged to treat as sewage by the Borough's Sewage Treatment Plant. Washington Township is aggressive in finding said I & I and having the property owners repair their lines to decrease the Township's treatment costs.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: Letters from Robert Hanson, Jr., Amy Eisert, Jeremy Dylewski, Dawn Costa, Gail Dylewski opposing the change of density in the R-2 zoning district. No action required.

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

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Patterson did not attend the meeting; Zoning Officer willow presented the Minutes of the November 26, 2013 Meeting. Each Council member made a statement concerning their views of the density issue prior to a vote. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Pernisek, to increase the density from 5.4 units to 8 units in the R-2 zoning district. **Voting in favor** were Campbell and Pernisek. **Voting against** were Patterson, Feikles, and Glass. **Motion failed.**

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE CO. ASSOC. Minutes were unavailable.

WATER AUTHORITY No meeting.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the November 14, 2013 Meeting.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the November 12, 2013 Meeting.

EMA Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the November 1, 2013 Meeting. EMC Bill Heald was present and updated Council on their request for a tornado warning siren. Heald suggested the Township and surrounding municipalities apply to the ECGRA for a grant for said siren.

OLD BUSINESS

BORO WATER AGREE. Manager Anthony presented the draft Water Agreement between Washington Township and the borough of Edinboro for Council's comments. Council directed Manager to counter-offer a 10% Borough surcharge to recover the Borough's cost for the draft agreement, but to cease the surcharge once the agreement cost amount has been recovered.

DEP SITE SEWER UPDATE Manager Anthony presented information concerning the DEP Presque Isle chemical site sewer request for sewer service to discharge into the Township's sewer lines. Vice-Mayor Feikles requested this issue re-opened for discussion. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the revenue for the Township's sewer account. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to re-open negotiations with the DEP and waive the EDU tap-in fee of \$37,000.00. **Voting in favor** were Campbell and Feikles. **Voting against** were Patterson, Pernisek, and Glass. **Motion failed.**

GMSD SEWER VIOLATIONS UPDATE Manager Anthony presented the steps taken to improve the discharge of the General McLane School District sewer plant operations that are overseen by a Township employee. No action required.

ROUTE 99 SEWER UPDATE Manager Anthony informed Council of the Task Activity Report approval for updating the Township's Act 537 Plan to include the Route 99 Sewer Extension project. The study cost \$16,477.50, and the Township may be able to recoup 50% of the costs for said report.

NEW BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE GIFT CARDS Manager Anthony presented the annual request for gift cards for the Township employees. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve \$100 Wal-Mart gift cards for each employee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS

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ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:59 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.