

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2018

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on December 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Campbell, Councilmen Pernisek, Glass and Patterson. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Alex Topor, Kathy Berger, Bill Berger, Lydia Laythe, and Kathy Pernisek.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2018 monthly Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #18108-18151, Water Fund #5945-5953, Sewer Fund #7679-7697, State Fund #2218, State Fund #2117, Developer's Fund #1095, and payroll checks #16348-16358, (Water) 16357 and (Sewer)10153. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to approve all checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

We are pleased to announce the return of Clayton Cifelli. He has been off for a couple of months due to injury that occurred while working a pipe placement on Koman Road. We have been fortunate to not have had many heavy snow events while he was off. His return was fortuitous with the snow storm we received this past week. We are now fully staffed again and well prepared for whatever Mother Nature has in store for us this winter season. We do have concerns about the wet weather and its effect on the antiskid pile. Although we keep the pile domed as much as possible, water still seeps into it and freezes with plummeting temperatures. The crew then has to dig in deeper to find loose material. Sometime in the future we need to give serious consideration to constructing an antiskid storage facility so that it can dry out. This will reduce the material freezing in the spreaders out on the job too. It is frustrating for the crews to have to hammer out these frozen clogs or worse yet, try to drain the water off overnight to allow for dispersal the next day. During very cold periods it is not uncommon to have a truck bed freeze nearly solid.

As a reminder, we do not repair or replace mailboxes damaged by snow coming off of the plows. If a plow has directly hit a box due to driver error, we will consider that on a case by case basis. Blowing snow at 3:00 am can making seeing very difficult, our dedicated team tries very hard to get the roads cleared as quickly and as safely as possible. If you have never experienced an Edinboro snow storm at 3:00 am, we encourage you to ride with one of the drivers and get a firsthand experience in the skill set required to keep over 73 miles of road passable. Please remember too, that someone has to be at the beginning of the route and someone has to be at the end, it's just the way it is.

The Sewer Department has been working with the contractor on the improvements on several lift stations approved by Council earlier this year. A faulty shut-off valve that wouldn't close forced us to bring in a vacuum truck to clear the station before work could continue, but we are happy to report that the valve now functions. This will be added to our valve-exercising list to avoid future similar situations. We responded to a backup concern that turned out to be in the downspouts of the homeowner and were not connected in any way to the public sewer system. The homeowner will be responsible to correct the situation on their own.

Nate Latimer has offered to use his cross country ski grooming equipment to prepare and maintain some trails in Wainer Park area. This will hopefully create some additional use of the Park and offer a new source of winter recreation for the Municipality. If successful we may be able to expand this activity in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the Williams minor subdivision, the Burger minor subdivision, and the Chernicky minor subdivision and the monthly Building Report. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Williams subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Feikles, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Burger subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Chernicky subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass presented the minutes of the November 20, 2018 meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Vice-Mayor Campbell gave a verbal report of the last meeting.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the November 2, 2018 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

V-SPREADER Manager Anthony presented bids for the V-spreader as advertised on Municibid. **It was voted SALE** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Patterson, to approve sale of the V-spreader in the amount of \$415.00 to Mike Ford of Nickelson, Pennsylvania. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE XMAS **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve gift cards for the **GIFT CARDS** employees in the amount of \$100 each from Walmart. **Motion carried unanimously.**

AUDIT UPDATE Manager Anthony presented an email notifying Council that Monahan and Monahan, the present auditors, will no longer conduct municipal audits. No action required. The Manager will find a replacement and bring back to Council for approval.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:28 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**