

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 5, 2017

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on December 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilwoman Campbell, and Councilmen Patterson. Councilman Pernisek was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Ted Scarlett, Ed Murdzak, Nancy Weil, James Hall and Wyatt Hall.

AGENDA APPROVAL **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Agenda with the addition of 8 A 1, the Graham-Murdzak minor subdivision. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of November 21, 2017. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #17511-17543, Water Fund #5816-5823, Sewer Fund #7464-7478, and payroll checks #16118-16129 and 10055 (Water) and 10129 (Sewer). **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

November is when a lot of the Road Crew take extended vacation time in order to have it used up prior to the mandatory overtime anticipated with the winter season. This leaves skeleton crews but the work continues regardless. Attention has been put to trimming trees and brush in the ROW of various Township roads. As always, the Beavers on McLaughlin and Neyland Roads have challenged our tempers. This is an ongoing battle and one that most likely neither side will ever win. We open up the pipes and they close them, a game that goes on almost weekly and if one side gets out of sync, the other takes advantage of it. At least each side knows what they are up against. November saw next to nothing for the plows to work, so our salt and sand reserves are in excellent amounts starting into the true winter season.

The Water Department experienced several different malfunctions this past month. A worn piston on closure valve will have to be rebuilt. Premature closure and incomplete closure was the indicator. The computer that records the activities of the plants internal operation had to have the video card updated and we chose to do the hard drive at the same time as a preventative measure while the equipment was down.

The Sewer Department is getting quotes for the installation of some used generators that we may consider purchasing in 2018. The cost the used generators is very attractive, but we want an accurate cost for installation as transfer switches and the like will need to be installed to make the systems full functional. As always, we keep trying to modernize the sewer system as cheaply as possible. Considering the magnitude of this system and its importance to the community, it operates extremely lean.

Council should be aware that an error occurred on the last billing statement generated for our sewer/water customers. The due date was mistakenly made December 1st when in actuality it is the 15th as it has always been. We have had a few calls about this and alerted them it was a mistake. It was also posted on the Township's website in an effort calm any concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the Scarlett minor subdivision, the Murdzak-Graham minor subdivision, and the monthly Building Report. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Scarlett subdivision as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Scarlett subdivision as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMM Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the November 21, 2017 Meeting.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the October 26, 2017 Meeting.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the November 10, 2017 Meeting.

EMA Councilman Pernisek was absent; Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the November 3, 2017 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

REDISTRICTING REQUEST Manager Anthony brought back to Council the redistricting request by Loraine Dolan concerning gerrymandering within the Commonwealth's voting districts. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, not to take any action on the resolution. **Voting in favor** were Patterson, Feikles, and Glass. **Voting opposed** was Campbell. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

2018 TRACTOR QUOTE **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the quote from Walsh Equipment, via the Costars Program, in the amount of \$117,832.36 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2018 WATER TRUCK QUOTE **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to approve the quote from Penske Buick GMC, via the Costars Program, in the amount of \$35,547.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Nancy Weil informed Council that with the clean-up under way at the Werth property on Fry Road, her renters next door were experiencing rats in their rental unit. Zoning Officer Willow will inform District Justice Stuck-Lewis of this concerning the property owner's hoarding issues.

LEADERSHIP AWARD Councilwoman Campbell informed Council of her recent application for the Pennsylvania Leadership Award for Manager Anthony.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:33 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**