

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on December 6, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilman Patterson, and Councilwoman Campbell. Councilman Stefano was absent. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were Al Pernisek, Chris Roth, Kathy Pernisek, Bill Olczak, Billie Fitzsimmons, and Brenda Scheuer.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting of October 18, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13815-13851 and manual check #13671, Water Fund #4982-4992, Sewer Fund #6193-6208, Developer's Fund check #1018, Un-appropriated Fund check #97, Equipment Fund check #100, and payroll checks #10000060, 10000196, #995908-995916. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the fund checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

November's weather has been kind to the Road Department as far as plowing snow is concerned. We only took the trucks out twice and those were minimal runs, requiring very little antiskid and no overtime. It did give the crew additional opportunities to fine-tune their routes in anticipation of the upcoming Winter storm season. The equipment stands ready and the crews are cutting brush in more rural areas and filling small holes in the road with leftover materials from this past year. We are now discussing a few winter projects that the road crew and do between plowing duties. This includes painting and rehabilitation of some mechanical equipment in the garage and others like preparing the old ditching bucket for retrofitting by a local welding company, so that it will fit on our new backhoe. I do anticipate a busy ditching season in the Spring. This has been somewhat overlooked in the past and is an important duty that we need to do a better job of.

During the yearly walk thru inspection of the discharge line of the sewer system to the Boro facility, we once again located some large stones that had been intentionally placed in remote manholes between Gibson Hill Road and the treatment plant. Those were removed, but the crew installed stainless steel bolts on one major one to discourage any more types of this vandalism. The consequences of a major blockage in this crucial discharge line would be monumental and potentially very costly. In addition, they will be placing cups in several manholes to reduce any chance of I & I entering via the manhole lid in low-lying areas on this same stretch of sewer line. Flows at the Sewage Plant have been slightly down and no major concerns have been noted at this time.

Manager Anthony verbally updated Council on West County's decision to no longer offer a non-emergency call-out service. Manager Anthony is searching for a solution to cover the Township for said calls.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: 4 letters in favor of the of Henneous Road maintenance by Washington Township's Road Crew,

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs updated Council on the Kranick sewer construction settlement and presented an invoice from Del Sole Cavanaugh Stroyd LLC for mediation of a settlement between Kranick Construction, Washington Township and the Washington Township Sewer Authority. The Sewer Authority will pay \$250,000.00 in settlement to Kranick. Also presented was a Memorandum of Understanding detailing the settlement. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to direct Manager Anthony to sign said MOU when it is completed by the attorneys. Motion carried unanimously. Manager Anthony complimented Solicitor Burroughs for his excellent handling of said litigation.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION No Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ECATO Councilman Stefano was absent; Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the October 27th and November 7, 2011 Meetings.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the October 13, 2011 Meeting.

VETS PARK No report.

OLD BUSINESS

DRAFT ORD. #1-12 **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to advertise for public hearing **LERTA** for proposed Ordinance #1-12, defining residential LERTA districts in Washington Township in conjunction with the General McLane School District's residential LERTA designations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADVERTISE **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to advertise for public viewing the 2012 **PROPOSED BUDGET** Budget as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PRESS RELEASE Manager Anthony presented a press release announcing a property tax increase from .81 mills to 1 mills commencing January 2012. Council directed the Manager to send said release to the newspaper for publishing.

NEW BUSINESS

EDINBORO MOBILE HOME VILLAGE Bill Olczak, owner of the Edinboro Mobile Home Village, addressed Council requesting consideration for a sewer connection tap-in fee reduction for said mobile home park. **REQUEST** Council will conduct a Workshop on December 28, 2012 to discuss the request.

EMPLOYEE GIFT CARDS **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Patterson, to approve the purchase of Wal-Mart Christmas gift cards in the amount of \$100.00 for each employee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS

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