

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on December 6, 2016 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, Patterson and Glass. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Bill Correll, Abbey Hudson, Kathy Pernisek, and Donald Hobbs.

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 Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of November 15, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16867-16907 and manual check #16817, Water Fund #5670-5683, Sewer Fund #7231-7250, Developer's Fund #1085, and payroll checks #15888-15898, #10043 (Water), and (Sewer) 10105. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

Our first snowplowing experience for the year revealed several small issues that have been or will be addressed. First, we found that we did not correctly adjust the used plow we bought for the new truck. This didn't allow for the blade to adequately blade the snow close enough to the surface of the road, thus leaving some snow remaining. This then became frozen and hard which rutted. We received a couple calls with this concern. Adjustment of the plow and warmer weather allowed its quick removal. The next was similar as the plow for one of the tandems wasn't set correctly and experienced similar results. This truck also had some issues with its antiskid spreading system. Again, this has been corrected. As we typically see, several complaints of yards getting turfed by the wing plows were received. Unless the area is damaged due to the driving having to leave the road etc., we do not do lawn repairs. These areas are well within the ROW and the ground is always soft off the edges even though the snow must be removed entirely off the surface of the road. The problem is one that we don't like, but one that unfortunately we must relive each year. In addition, we have ongoing stakes in the yard that are placed right on the edge of the road. Those stakes WILL BE HIT and are in the ROW. The snow has to be removed beyond the edge of the road due to the large amount we receive on a regular basis. Lastly is the unpopular mail box problem. We only repair or replace those boxes hit by the plows due to being forced off the road or in an accident situation. Those damaged by snow casting off the plow WILL NOT BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED. Mailboxes that are not properly installed and damaged by plowing will be treated the same way. We will gladly provide residents with a diagrams for installations that are snowplow friendly.

We know that these problems will repeat themselves throughout the snow season, but we want to be sure that all involved are understanding the process and the results of these difficult conundrums we deal with regularly. Council's support is always appreciated when we must inform a resident of an unpopular situation. Manager Anthony verbally updated Council on the proposed Fire Department's Social Club.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

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

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Meeting which contained the recommendations of conditions for the Abdallah conditional use request.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Vice-Mayor Campbell informed Council of an upcoming ECATO meeting with Governor Wolf.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Mayor Feikles did not attend the last meeting but presented the Minutes of the November 10, 2016 Meeting and an acknowledgment of a generous donation of \$2500 from Gae Fuller to the Veterans Park Committee.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the November 4, 2016 Meeting and informed Council that two other communities are considering joining said association.

OLD BUSINESS

SET PUBLIC HEARING Manager Anthony presented a request from Rick Showman for inclusion into the Agricultural Security Program for parcel #45-9-16-9. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to **AG SEC.** set the public hearing for January 17, 2017 at 4:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to approve \$100 gift cards from Walmart for each employee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

I & I REPORT Manager Anthony presented an I & I Report by Kevin Taylor on recent investigations. No action required.

VISITORS Bill Correll, owner of Fat Willie's Bar, addressed Council on tavern gaming in Pennsylvania. He is concerned about the proposed Fire Department Social Club to be located on Township property. He explained the costs and revenues associated with gaming and is concerned that the Edinboro area could have too many gaming locations and is concerned that the Fire Department may be counting too much on the gaming revenue to sustain their social club.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:40 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**