

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Vice-Mayor Pernisek called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 18, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were, Councilmen Patterson, Glass, and Feikles. Mayor Campbell was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Zoning Administrator Norman Willow and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitors were Kathy Pernisek, John Allen, Steve O'Neill, and James Schneider.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve the Agenda as presented.

APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve the Council Minutes of February 4, 2014 Reorganization meeting. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve the Council Minutes of the January 6, 2014 regular Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15135-15140 and manual check #15081, Sewer Fund #6675, and payroll #15258-15263 and 10020 (Sewer). A motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, was made to not approve the pass through of the EMTA checks for bus service. A discussion ensued concerning where the EMTA funds are appropriated from and Patterson questioned the bus usage versus the cost financed from college students. Voting in favor were Patterson and Pernisek. Voting opposed were Glass and Feikles. Motion died due to lack of a majority vote. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve all checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave a verbal report on the following: With the predicted warmer temperatures, Washington Township may experience flooding. The Township has been notified that if the Township mitigates any flooding that could cause flooding downstream; the Township may be liable for the downstream's damages. Manager Anthony informed Council that the Road Crew have been informed and will be watching for any flooding. Their anti-skid materials are frozen, making it difficult for the Road Crew to spread; the Township has used some of the anti-skid allotted for the 2014-2015 Winter season already. Plow trucks have experienced some minor repairs.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: an ECATO Schools notice. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the monthly Subdivision Report, Schneider minor subdivision, the Enforcement Report, and an update on the Edinboro Fire Department's policy regarding dilapidated structures. The Fire Department will do a controlled burn for practice exercises for their volunteers, which helps remove dilapidated structures to safety. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Schneider subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER AUTH. No meeting.

EDINBORO LIASISON Councilman Patterson informed Council that the Borough has adopted the FEMA Floodplain Ordinance, on Wesbury development sidewalk requirements, the purchase of a police dog, and generator purchases to operate the traffic lights during power outages.

FIRE DEPT. Vice-Mayor Pernisek informed Council of several options being considered by the Fire Department to cover their costs for emergency calls. Three options being considered are continue as now operating, taxing residents, or requesting communities split the costs. Council discussed the issue and noted that the Township already donates \$20,000 per year to the Fire Department. No action was taken.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Mayor Campbell was not in attendance.

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OLD BUSINESS

COMBINING AUTHORITIES Manager Anthony presented a memo concerning the combination of the Township's Water and Sewer Authorities for Council's review. A discussion ensued concerning costs, Authority members, and procedures. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to direct Manager Anthony to proceed with the process of conveying the Water Authority's property to the Sewer Authority, and renaming the Sewer Authority as the Water And Sewer Authority. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

EDINBORO TRIATHLON **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve the Edinboro Triathlon request for use of the Township roads on May 31, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RES. #6-14 **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, to approve the 2014 County Aid Application as presented in the amount of \$17,050.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manager Anthony informed Council that the costs for plowing and anti-skid are over \$25,000.00 to date due the harsh winter.

COND. USE **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to set a conditional use hearing for March 18, 2014 at 4:30 P.M. for a request from Robert Estok for relief of setbacks for a mini-storage units to be located at the Leone Plaza on Edinboro Road. **Motion carried unanimously.**

WATER PLANT INSPECTION REPORT Manager Anthony presented a copy of the Water Plant's recent DEP inspection report. No action required.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to adjourn at 4:48 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**