

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 2, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 2, 2010 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 Stefano and Patterson, and Feikles. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Carcella. Visitors were Amber Wellington, Jim Vanstone, Harry Glaser and Harry Glunt.

**AGENDA** It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to amend the Agenda, moving #9 **APPROVAL** Solicitor's Report, to Executive Session following #13, Visitors. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL** It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-**MINUTES** monthly Council Meeting of January 4, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12714-12768 Water Fund #4701-4713, Sewer Fund #5781-5801, and payroll checks #1000036, 10000153, #995523-995532. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Manager Anthony presented following report:

Due to concerns raised during the month of January in relation to snowplowing of Township roads, I have been discussing alternatives with the Roadmaster. Rather than base each plow driver's route on actual miles plowed, it was decided try changing the routes according to the time it takes to complete each of them. The effort is to coordinate each driver's route so that each will arrive back at the garage at approximately the same time. We have been having discrepancy of nearly an hour difference between arrival times; various factors contribute to the differences. Some routes have longer straight stretches that are much easier to negotiate, while others have steep hills with many curves that slow them down. We will be monitoring this in order to tweak it some as we get a better feel for the changes that we have made. Early indications show that it will make a difference in our response time to the bus routes as well. This is based on our continuing effort to improve our performance during the winter season.

A fire in Franklin Township on January 31st offered us the opportunity to witness first hand the performance of our fire hydrants and water system near the I-79 interchange. As you may recall this was a topic of discussion about a year ago when the ISO study was performed. I happy to report that our system was more than capable of handling the Fire Departments needs in this particular situation. The improved communication with the emergency program also made for a better outcome as well. Almost immediately, our water plant operator was on the job monitoring the system making sure that adequate levels of water were available during the fire and afterwards in case of additional occurrences.

The yearly audit will be completed during the month of February, using the firm of Monahan & Monahan as Council directed in 2009. A complete report, outlining last year's activities, will then be forthcoming.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Carol Klonicki concerning the proposed junk yard on Fry Road, an ECATO notice of upcoming officials seminars, and a notice of the upcoming Firemen's Banquet. No action was required.

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Solicitor Burroughs updates were moved to Executive Session.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Feikles presented the Reorganization Minutes of the January 26, 2010 Meeting.

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**ZONING HEARING BOARD** Mayor Glass presented the Reorganization Minutes of January 19, 2010 Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Councilman Stefano reported on the ECATO Meeting held at the Washington Township Administration Building on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

**EDINBORO VFD** No report.

**WATER AUTHORITY** Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the January 21, 2010 Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** No report.

**EDINBORO LIAISON** No Meeting.

**WATERSHED ASSOC.** No report.

**VETS PARK** Mayor Glass presented a donation notification made to the Vets Park Committee by the Quinn Firm in the name of former Council member Jon Foulkrod.

### OLD BUSINESS

**2009 REAL ESTATE** Manager Anthony presented the 2009 Real Estate Tax close-out for Council's consideration.

**TAX CLOSE-OUT** It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to accept the close-out as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**RES. #6-10 CONNEAUTTEE** It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve Resolution **REIMBURSE.** #6-10, amending the Conneauttee Bridge Agreement with PennDot, as presented. A discussion ensued concerning the costs in said resolution, and Council asked for clarification. Motion and second were withdrawn until the Resolution could be amended to stipulate actual costs.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**VISITORS** Harry Glunt and Jim Vanstone addressed Council to clarify the American Legion's request for tax exempt status for the property located at 5661 Route 6N, tax parcel #21-45-5.

It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, not to challenge the tax exempt status request of said property. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Council convened in Executive Session at 8:09 P.M. to discuss pending litigation with Kranick Construction. Council re-convened at 8:40 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:41 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.