

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 2, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 2, 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 Kathy Pernisek, Nathan Latimer, Daryl Parker, Abbey Hudson, Dale Huntley, John Huff, Christine Simonian, Rebecca Moelk, and Tina Caldwell.

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

**APPROVAL** **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of January 19, 2016. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16356-16405 and manual checks #16349 and 16351, Water Fund #5544-5555, Sewer Fund #7052-7067, Developer's check #1076, payroll checks #15693-15702, #10032 (Water), and (Sewer) 10077-10078. **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:

A couple of strong snowstorms in January tested our plowing abilities. Complaints were few and the crew worked to correct those problems for the future. Of course during events such as this, the compliant sometimes is ill prepared for the type of weather we are experiencing and looks to the Township to make right for their lack of foresight. We don't supply four-wheel drive vehicles to residents nor do we install free snow tires. The inability to see what's under two feet of snow can be a bit of a problem at times. This has been an ongoing issue for years and rears its ugly head each spring. If it's in the right-of-way, it will most likely be hit or effected by snow leaving a plow. All an all, the winter so far has been somewhat kind to us. We continue to find a cost effective repair for the hydraulic pump on the 1997 Ford truck, as we know it will be replaced very soon.

The Auditors have begun their process and we hope that it will be more timely than in the past. We have tried to be better prepared for their needs now that we have updated some of our computer programs. We do not anticipate any problems and feel comfortable moving forward into 2016. We do have couple of more expensive items to update this year that were budgeted for. One example is the replacement of the copier in the Administration building. Parts now have become difficult to locate and it has served us well, we have begun the process of getting quotes for an updated model. The cost to operate our facility in a manner to which the residents and governmental bodies have grown accustomed continues to challenge us to improve but remain cost effective.

We are still waiting on the rebuild pump for the main lift station of our sewage facility. As of this report, we have not found a suitable yet affordable alternative for this critical piece of the operation. The local distributors are looking for options to meet our needs. Some difficult and expensive decisions may have to be made in the not too distant future. As always, the Sewer Department continues to operate on a slim margin but rates remain the same for a number of years due to savvy spending and operating.

Manager Anthony verbally informed Council the sewer pumps are repaired and the transducer is installed.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from Coax Cable notifying Council that New Media will own Coax Cable but no changes will affect the franchise agreement, and a letter from Erie County Health Department listing the small flow treatment plants in Washington Township that are in compliance. No action required.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Willow presented the Washington Township/ EVFD subdivision and the monthly Building Report. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the Washington Township/ EVFD subdivision as presented. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve the Washington Township/ EVFD land development plan as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** Council discussed a proposed lease agreement and caveats to be considered concerning the development

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should the Fire Department's social club end in default. Dale Huntley, the Fire Department's solicitor, addressed Council stating he is already in discussions with the Township's solicitor, Paul Burroughs, to draft a proposed lease agreement and present it to Council for their consideration at the February 16, 2016 Council meeting.

**SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT** No report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the January 26, 2016 Reorganization Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the January 19, 2016 Reorganization meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Minutes were unavailable. Vice-Mayor Campbell informed Council of ECATO meeting held at the Township Administration Building on January 28, 2016, and upcoming classes available for Council members.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** No Meeting.

**VERTERAN PARK COMM.** No Meeting.

**EMA** Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the January 8, 2016 Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**UPCOMING ZHB FOR BRACE FLOODPLAIN** Manager Anthony informed Council of the upcoming Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for February 23, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. concerning the Brace Floodplain issue. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to have Solicitor Burroughs attend the ZHB meeting to represent the Township. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW PLOW TRUCK BID** Manager Anthony presented a bid for a 2016 International 7500 single-axle plow truck in the total amount of \$136,671.00 for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the truck purchase from Zacherl Motors in the amount of \$82,998.98. **Motion carried unanimously.** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the purchase of the truck dump box and hydraulics from Walsh Equipment in the amount of \$53,673.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**AG SEC REQUEST FOR P.H.** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to set a public hearing for an Agricultural Security request on parcel #45-19-39-1 on February 16, 2016 at 4:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**VISITORS** Rebecca Moelk of the American Cancer Society addressed Council on the upcoming Relay for Life event at General McLane High School seeking volunteers and sponsorship.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:10 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**