

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Foulkrod, Councilmen Stefano and Patterson, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Carcella. Visitor was Amber Wellington.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of January 20, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12055-12104 and manual checks #11438-11439 and #11440-11446, Water Fund #4508-4524 (#4523 Void), Sewer Fund #5521-5541 and manual check #4694, State check#2001, Developer's check #336 and payroll checks #1000024, 10000109-10000110, #995341-995351. 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:

Even though the Snowplowing Crew has been very successful in keeping the roads open during the majority of snow events this year, we have been plagued with a number of smaller repairs to the snow-fighting equipment. The list includes a tire replacement due to foreign objects puncturing it, air brake chambers, plow frame repairs and replacement of spinners and augers. These all are minor problems but seem to be continuous this year due to the constant use by the Public Works Department. The extreme cold is particularly hard on equipment, especially during continual use. Any shortfall in staffing has been handled with on-call part-time help. The repairs to the garage door opening system in the Public Works garage has been started and should be completed soon.

Both the Parks Department and Sewage Department are researching the capital purchases scheduled in this and without additional cost due to advertising and bidding restrictions. The Sewage Department will be replacing the old one-ton dump truck and the Parks Department will be replacing the large tractor mower.

The contracted Auditors are due to start the yearly process of review the week of February 13th. This will be in preparation of the required yearly submittals to the DCED and other agencies. The transition to Quick Books has been completed and we anticipate the accounting process to be more efficient for our needs.

The Water Department reports nothing out of the ordinary during the last month and is preparing plans for the yearly projects as required.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a banquet notice from Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department, a letter from the Borough of Edinboro concerning the spraying of Edinboro Lake, a letter from William and Martha Benoit concerning the street light tax.

It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Stefano, to approve \$2,400.00 funding that is 1/3 of the total cost of the Lake spraying for 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Stefano and Foulkrod and their guests will attend the Fireman's Banquet. Council directed Manager Anthony to review the street light placements in conjunction to the property owners. Zoning Officer Carcella will check the foot candles on the properties effected by the street light assessment.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs discussed the property easements for the Perry Lane Bridge project. Two agreements have been signed and two outstanding due to lack of agreement on cost of replacement pasture fencing for one of the two parcels owned by the same people. A new estimate has been provided by the property owner which will be added to the agreement and forwarded to PennDot for approval and the agreement should be signed soon. Manager Anthony advised Council he received notification that PennDot has rejected the final design agreement for the Conneauttee Bridge and will come back to

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Council for further review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Glass presented the Reorganizational Minutes of the January 27, 2009 Meeting. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to send the request for changes to the Township Code defining setbacks in the R-2 zoning district back to the Planning Commission to further review. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING HEARING BOARD Mayor Glass presented the Reorganizational Minutes of the January 20, 2009 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Minutes were unavailable; Councilman Stefano gave a verbal report of the last meeting.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilman Patterson presented the reorganizational Minutes of the January 15, 2009 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No meeting.

EDINBORO LIAISON Councilwoman Campbell gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. No report.

VETS PARK No report.

OLD BUSINESS

YEAR-END REIMBURSEMENTS It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to approve the General Fund reimbursements from the Water and Sewer accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

PENNDOT REST STOP UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a timeline submitted by Engineer Halmi for the PennDot Rest Stop Project and projected completion dates.

TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a letter from HRG Engineering concerning construction issues that have come up at the Borough's Treatment Plant Upgrade Project because the contractor is behind schedule. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Foulkrod, to direct Manager Anthony to send a letter to the Borough of Edinboro with their concerns regarding the contractor's May 3, 2009 completion deadline for the connection to the Township's plant. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

WINDSHIELD DAMAGE REQUEST Manager Anthony presented a request from Tim Moreland for repair of his windshield purportedly broken by a Township plow truck. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to deny the request, because it should be turned in to the complainant's insurance company. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. #1-09 COUNTY AID It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Liquid Fuels County Aid Application as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS DEPT. TRACTOR REPLACE. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve the purchase of a John Deere 2520 tractor, including attachments of a 200CX CP loader, and a 62" mower deck

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in the amount of \$16,031.25, with a \$5,000.00 trade-in value of the Township's John Deere 855, with a final balance due of \$11,031.25. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:08 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

P.M. Motion carried unanimously.