

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 3, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

Those present were Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Vice-Mayor Feikles was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Kathy Pernisek, Daryl Parker, Anush Bruno, Nicholas Bruno, Mike Fisher, Steve O'Neill, Gary Decker, Scott Faulkner, Abbey Hudson, Judi Gardner, Chuck Gardner, Norris Pace, Stephanie Gelik, and Jeremy Gabriel.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of January 20, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2015 Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15700-15751, Water Fund #5403-5412, Sewer Fund #6854-6868, Developer's checks #1071, payroll checks #15465-15474, (Water)10020 and (Sewer)10043. Councilman Patterson questioned the EMTA check and is concerned that the Township should not be the pass-through municipality for the EMTA funding, but rather the Borough of Edinboro should have that responsibility because the riders are from the Borough. There are no EMTA stops within Washington Township. Council directed Manager Anthony to review the situation and gather more information for a report at the next Council meeting. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Pernisek, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:
snowplowing, overall has been going well. Ice is always a challenge and the buildup of snow pack on our roads always causes concern. We did borrow Franklin Township's grader in order to remove some of the thick material that traffic had packed on the roads. Due to our limited amount of salt we use, it is difficult keep the snow and ice from building up in extremely cold weather situations. Truck repairs have been minimal, but we have been researching alternative repair facilities as we have not been pleased with the out-of-warranty service that Five Star International has provided us. In our line of work, when a truck is down for service, it makes for unhappy residents, particularly during the winter months. Fast efficient service is absolutely required to keep our operations working correctly.
We are pricing out the replacement truck for the 5500 plow truck that was approved in the budget. We anticipate that coming to Council for approval via the State contract pricing in mid-February.
Nothing of major concern to report from the Sewer or Water Departments at this time, but the installation of the grinder pumps by the residents for the Rte 99 Project can commence once the weather allows.
The office staff is preparing for the annual audit. Hopefully we have better prepared ourselves from last year's internal problems in book keeping.
Manager Anthony verbally added kudos to the Road Crew for their excellent job of plowing the Township roads. We have had a huge amount of snowfall and the crew has worked diligently around the clock to keep the roads open. Councilwoman Campbell also added she has received good comments concerning the Road Crew.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented a letter from DCED concerning the change from entitlement communities receiving BDBG funds to the County overseeing all CDBG funds. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the Kennedy minor subdivision, the Faulkner minor subdivision, and the monthly Building Report. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Kennedy subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Faulkner subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the January 27, 2015 Reorganization Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the January 20, 2015 Reorganization Meeting.

ECATO Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting and a list committee members and ECATO delegates to the State Convention.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Minutes were unavailable.

VERTERAN PARK COMM. No Meeting.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the January 2, 2015 Meeting and a renewal contract for Council's review. No action required.

OLD BUSINESS

RTE 99 SEWER INSTALL WORKSHOP Manager Anthony presented a press release that was published in the Edinboro News for those contractors interested in learning proper installation of the grinder pumps for the Route 99 sewer line connection. The Workshop is scheduled for February 3, 2015 at 10:00 AM with E-One Company representative.

SIGN REQUEST Manager Anthony presented a request for two deer crossing signs for Route 6N. Council previously voted to no longer charge residents for requested signs. The cost of the deer crossing signs would be \$190 with no labor charges for installation by Township employees. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to rescind the previous vote that residents do not pay for signs and charge for the first requested signs, to be paid by the requestor. Washington Township is responsible for all said signage once it is in place and would maintain all signage for perpetuity. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINES

EVFD CLUB & SATELLITE LOCATION Fire Chief Daryl Parker presented a request to Council for a parcel of Township land to be donated to The EVFD for the use of a satellite emergency station and social club. The EVFD has seen declining revenue over the past several years and hopes a social club will benefit income for the department. An emergency station location would benefit the area north of Edinboro and aid the General McLane School District as its location is directly across Route 99 from the proposed emergency location. Washington Township would subdivide their property to accommodate the EFVD location. **It was voted** on motion by Pernisek, seconded by Campbell, to begin the subdivision and land development procedures and the formal process of obtaining the liquor license, for the establishment of a club and satellite emergency station, to be located on current Washington Township property. **Motion carried unanimously.**

KELLY PROBATION PERIOD Manager Anthony informed Council Ted Kelly has completed his probationary period as per the Township Employee Handbook and is recommending Mr. Kelly's pay rate be increased to \$16.90 per hour. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Campbell, to approve the permanent hiring of Mr. Kelly at the recommended pay rate. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

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ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:56 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.