

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 7, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Glass, Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Engineer Halmi, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitor was Chris Roth,

**AGENDA APPROVAL** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the Agenda with the addition of 11D, Fee Schedule Amendments. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of January 17, 2012. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of the January 17, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13907-13953 and manual check #13904, Water Fund #5004-5018, Sewer Fund #6227-6245, Developer's check #1019 and payroll checks #10000062, 10000200, #995939-995947. **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:

This past month as been relatively uneventful for all of the departments. The mild winter weather hasn't commanded a large amount of overtime and crews have had the opportunity to stay well ahead of any maintenance needs that are needed. Repairs have been minimal, the typical hydraulic hose replacements, cutting edges and lighting have been the bulk of the work. The crew has been out cutting brush in rural areas where the chipper can blow the material into the woods rather than being hauled back to a stockpile. This is helpful as the trucks are equipped for snow plowing and not for hauling. In addition, we are preparing the tractor for springtime brooming of intersections to remove leftover anti-skid. Mowers are being gone over and readied for springtime as well. We fully anticipate the replacement of the zero turn mower as was indicated in the 2012 approved budget.

The Water department had an extensive visit from the source water department of the DEP in January. I happy to report that he felt we were far ahead most in this area, but much is left to be done. The Well-head Protection Committee has been idle for the last few years and in order to keep the plan updated, it will need to reconvene.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Parker re-plot #1-12 and the monthly Building Report. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Parker re-plot #1-12 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Solicitor Burroughs updated Council on the Hurley civil trial action to recoup sewer user fees at Majestic Heights Mobile Home Park that are in arrears. The Court will likely enter judgment in the amount of approximately \$63,000.00, including penalty and interest plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$8,500.00. The defendants have the option to appeal said award.

Also discussed was a request to waive a conflict of interest with the Quinn Firm. This request is filed by a Township resident whom is in arrears with sewer fees and wishes to use another attorney from the Quinn Firm to handle a new business matter. Solicitor Burroughs stated he would not be involved with this other matter at all.

**It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve the to direct Manager Anthony to sign said waiver form to allow said representation to occur via the Quinn Firm. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION** Vice-Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the January 24, 2012 Reorganization Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the January 17, 2012 Reorganization Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of January 19, 2012 Meeting and the upcoming ECATO schools.

**WATER AUTHORITY** Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the January 12, 2012 Reorganization Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes for the December 18, 2011 Meeting.

**VERTERAN PARK COMM.** No Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**EMA MINUTES** Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the January 6, 2012 Meeting. No action required.

**FRY RD.** Manager Anthony presented a copy of the draft amendment to the Fry Road Agreement of 1990. A **AGREE.** lengthy discussion ensued concerning to Fry and Koman Roads as per this draft agreement. Council directed Manager Anthony to return draft agreement to Franklin Township noting Council's concerns of said agreement to reach a compromise for future signing of said agreement.

**WATER ST.** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to set a public hearing during the March **SPEED LIMIT** 20, 2012 Council Meeting for a proposed ordinance amendment to set the speed limit on Water Street at 35 mph. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**FEE** Councilman Patterson asked Council to review his suggestions to the current fee schedule and to bring back **SCHEDULE** their comments to the March 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for further discussion.

### NEW BUSINESS

**COMM. LERTA** Manager Anthony informed Council of a needed ordinance change to amend the Code for the **AMEND.** Commerical zoning districts to reflect the proposed LERTA changes of the General McLane School District. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to set a public hearing during the March 20, 2012 Council meeting for said ordinance change. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**EDINBORO** Manager Anthony presented a letter concerning the spraying of Edinboro Lake and the costs to the **LAKE SPRAYING** Township to spray designated areas to control plant growth while maintaining the ecosystem in Edinboro Lake. **It was voted** on motion by glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the spraying in the amount of \$2,369.80 for 2012. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PENSION AUDIT** Manager Anthony presented a notification from the Pension Fund informing Washington **UPDATE** Township that it had received an overpayment of \$598.00. Washington Township will remit a check for \$598.00 to the State Pension Fund.

**VISITORS** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**