

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 7, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson and Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Dave Cummings, Daryl Parker, Judi Gardner, Chuck Gardner, Park Mukina, Christina Huff, John Huff, Janet Orr, Rebecca Cochran, Jacki Adams, Corey Blood, Patrick Davis, Lucas Deutsch, Norris Pace, Trish Parker, Dale Huntley, Ed Abdallah, Kathy Pernisek and Abbey Hudson.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of January 17, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Feikles, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2017 Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16972-17028 and manual checks #16970-16971, Water Fund #5699-5710, Sewer Fund #7273-7297, Developer's check #1087, and payroll checks #15926-15936, 10044 (Water) and (Sewer)10109. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

A January thaw allowed the Road Crew to perform some long overdue preventative maintenance on our fleet of equipment. The cost for just replacing the necessary filters alone exceeds \$2,000 per year. Of course, all of this is completed in house and we seek competitive prices on filters that are not manufacturer specific when at all possible. We are currently waiting on replacement parts for the JCB roller. This unit has been down for a few months but not a priority repair. We now are pushing to get it ready for springtime roadwork. It appears that the parts that operate the vibratory action are the culprits, and it will be necessary to have a complete flush of the hydraulic system to safeguard against any further contamination from metal flaking.

We are awaiting the return of the rebuilt main pump for the sewer system. It is anticipated to be available in the very near future. It will be immediately installed and when the newly purchased spare pump arrives, it will replace the older unit that is still in operation. This will allow us to have that unit rebuilt and on the shelf for the future. Our appreciation goes out to the Sewer Authority for footing the bill for the spare pump. This will insure the operation will continue without fear of complete loss of pumping abilities.

We have corrected some electrical problems with the Lakeview lift station. This can always be a challenge as these systems can become quite complicated and does require the assistance of professionals in the electrical field. We are fortunate to have them in our area during this potentially crisis situations.

The Auditors have begun the process for the review of 2016. This process takes a while to complete, but we strive to provide them the required information in a timely manner in order to meet state requirements. We don't foresee any problems, but it can be time consuming.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony the following correspondence: An update on Edinboro University's State funding, a letter from Patrick Avery concerning Whispering Pines Manor, a letter from Erie County Council Chairman Jay Breneman, and a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Sundean concerning recycling. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the Rea and Mukina subdivisions, the monthly Building Report, and the State Health Department's requirements pertaining to medical marijuana facilities. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Rea subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Mukina subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to send the medical marijuana issue to the Planning Commission to review. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMM Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the January 17, 2017 Reorganization Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the January 24, 2017 Reorganization Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilwoman Campbell did not attend the last meeting; no report.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No meeting.

VERTERAN PARK COMM. No Meeting.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the January 6, 2017 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET LIGHT COST UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a street light cost update for using LED lighting for Council's review, showing an increase in rates instead of any reductions as previously reported by the electric provider.

ABDALLAH COND. USE CLARIFICATION REQUEST Manager Anthony presented a letter from Ed Abdallah, owner of the Whispering Trees Manor, requesting clarification of the conditional use requirements as set by Council at the January 17, 2016 meeting, in particular, the use of live bands. Mr. Abdallah asked Council to strike Condition #2 completely. He is bound to meeting the decibel level requirements no matter what activity takes place. Manager Anthony cautioned Council that such a request would require another Conditional Use public hearing. Manager Anthony reminded Mr. Abdallah that with his initial conditional use application, he voluntarily he stated there would be no use of live bands. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to send the definition request to the Planning Commission for review. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EVFD LEASE Manager Anthony presented a draft amended lease of the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department's lease with Washington Township to locate a social club and satellite emergency location. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the amended lease agreement as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

PUPPY MILL RESOLUTION Manager Anthony presented a resolution passed by Erie County Council concerning puppy mills and information provided by an AKC PAC committee member's response to said resolution. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to not support the County's resolution as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:47 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**