

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 1, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on March 1, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, , Patterson, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Councilmen Stefano and Solicitor Burroughs were absent. Visitors were Chris Roth, Joseph Fendone, Jessica Strand, Al Pernisek, Kathy Pernisek, Sean Maiolo, Bunny Bucho, Cindy Purvis, Arthur Wainer, and Dennis Porto.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Agenda with the move-up of 13, Visitors, after the Secretary's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of February 16, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13377-13408, Water Fund #4870 -488 and manual check #4845, Sewer Fund #6015-6032 and manual checks #6009-6010, Developer's check #1010, CDBG check #634 and payroll checks #10000050, 10000178, #995747-995756. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

A number of repairs were made to the single axle plow truck this past month. After a complete review by the repair garage, we choose those items that could be completed in house and purchased the appropriate parts. The remainder had to be done by the International dealership. These repairs evolved around the main compressor, air dryer and the clutch, among other smaller items. The clutch was an afterthought as it was not completely gone but the age of the truck and the opportunity to have it replaced at no additional labor charge by the dealership seemed a logical process at this time.

We have received the grind box for the Asphalt Zipper. As the Spring season approaches, we are making plans to utilize this piece of equipment extensively for road repairs and improvements. If the spring thaw is kind to us, we will be able to spend a majority of our road money on improvements verses repairs. Let us hope for a slow and consistent thaw. It is the quick thaw and freeze cycles that cause us the most damage to our roadways.

Plowing has remained steady this year and overtime is being used a little more due to weekend storms. I won't have a final number until May, once the winter wage line item of the budget is finalized for the beginning of the year.

The Sewer and Water Department have made significant strides and our level of confidence in the system has increased. By this we mean that due to budget cuts we cannot afford to keep a physical eye on the system as much as we would like to. The alternate is to make sure that all electronic security devices are fully operational and that we take full advantage of their capabilities. A phone dialing system was installed at one lift station to alert us to possible problems, while others were repaired and made functional once again. The crew deserves credit for correcting a long standing high-temperature problem on one of the main pumps at the Angling Road lift station. A thorough investigation revealed a lack of coolant fluid internally surrounding this pump. This has been a major concern and now is no longer a problem. This could have been a very expensive repair had it burned out. These pumps are over \$20,000 each.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager presented the following correspondence: a notice of the Borough of Edinboro Sewer Authority appointment of Lorie Bearfield as the Township representative of said authority and a follow-up letter from Harry Krot of DCED, concerning the joint operations plan with Franklin Township. Council directed Manager Anthony to contact Lori Bearfield and request a written monthly report of the Borough's Sewer Authority meetings.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Engh Minor subdivision #21-10 and a verbal monthly Building Report.

It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Engh subdivision #21-10, as

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presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the of February 22, 2011 Meeting and proposed code changes as recommended by the Planning Commission for Council's review. The proposed changes as recommended by The Planning Commission amends the Code in §150-32C by adding oil and gas extraction as a conditional use in the A-,1 RC-1, I-1 zoning districts; amending §150-9 definitions, §150-14 and §150-14.1, §150-17, §150-19 use districts; §150-31 manufactured home parks, deleting §150-34 in its entirety, delete §150-51 campgrounds and amend §150-70, deleting 5 and amending 7 from three to two dwellings as presented. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to send the proposed changes to the Solicitor for comment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano was absent; no report.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 20th and February 17, 2011 Meetings.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the February 10, 2011 Meeting.

EDINBORO LIAISON No Meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. No Meeting.

VETS PARK No Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

EXPIRING TERMS Manager Anthony presented a list of members' terms that are about to expire. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to re-appoint Jon Foulkrod to the Sewer Authority for a 5-year term expiring April 1, 2016, re-appoint Laura Tighe to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term expiring April 1, 2014 and re-appoint Chuck Weiss to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term expiring April 1, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HOUSE BILL Cindy Purvis presented to Council information regarding House Bill #1660, for State-proposed healthcare. No action required.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. #9-11 TAX EXONERATION **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve the tax exoneration list of parcels deleted from the Washington Township tax rolls provided by Erie County. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY Manager Anthony addressed Council on a recent meeting of residents and business owners along Route 99 north concerning sewer and water infrastructure, and future possibilities of water and sewer line extension. Addressing Council in favor of proposed study were Arthur Wainer, Dennis Porto and Jessica Strand. Al Pernisek suggested the residents and business owners help with proposed costs. Voicing concerns for said proposal was Bunny Bucho. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by

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Campbell, to study and to meet with the General McLane School Board and request the funding or a portion thereof for the Township Engineer's costs to perform a feasibility study for public water and sewer services along Route 99 north of Edinboro. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2011 TAX WARRANT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the 2011 Tax Warrant as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Joseph Fendone addressed Council concerning a warning letter he received from Washington Township Zoning Officer about alleged plowing snow from his driveway into the street and Township right-of-way. Mr. Fendone stated the letter sent to him had the wrong street name, Louise Dr, and should have been Skyview Drive, and the letter was offensive and lacked follow-through, and requested the warning be rescinded. Zoning Officer Carcella defined the Township's policy, determinations, and notification process. Mr. Fendone stated he would seek legal counsel on this matter. Mayor Glass apologized to Mr. Fendone for the mistake and a discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:44 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**