

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 15, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on March 15, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Councilmen Glass, Pernisek, and Patterson. Vice-Mayor Campbell was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Norman Willow. Visitors were Nate Latimer, John Huff, and Abbey Hudson.

**AGENDA** It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the agenda with the move of **APPROVAL** 11C, Executive Session, to the end of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the March 1, 2016 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16456-16460, Sewer Fund #7085-7086, and payroll #15721-15728 and (Sewer) 10082. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Manager Anthony gave the following verbal report: The Township has had significant issues with the March utility mailing. Manager Anthony has been in contact with the Post Office on several occasions to rectify this issue as the Township has complied with the changes instituted by the Post Office which requires the billing be mailed as 1<sup>st</sup> class postage, but the billing is not being delivered to the residents. Erie County Recycling Coordinator Brittany Prischak will spend time here at the site to monitor where recyclers are coming from and what they are recycling to curb trash dumping. The 2008 GMC sewer truck needs its motor replaced at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00. This is a huge expense, but this truck will be sent to the Parks Department next year when the Water truck is replaced. The controller at the I-79 Lift Station needed replaced at a cost of \$200.00. Several email inquiries about snow plowing issues have been received concerning lawn damage, but the damage is well within the Township's right-of-way. The Township does not repair damage to residents' lawns in the right of way. Photos were presented to Council showing the installation of beaver cones along McLaughlin Road to deter damage to the Township's road. The Township is demoing copiers to replace the current copier that no longer has parts available.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A CDBG update concerning the need for the Township to consider another 3-year moratorium for the CDBG Program as the Township's LMI is only 25% of the Township's population, a website update change, and the ECATO Firemen's Dinner notice. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve another 3-year moratorium for the CDBG Program commencing in 2016 through 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Enforcement Report and Resolution #7-16, Ponsoll small flow treatment plant. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve Resolution #7-16 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** None.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SEWER & WATER AUTH.** Minutes were unavailable but presented and the monthly Flow Report.

**EDINBORO LIASISON** Mayor Feikles gave a verbal report of the last meeting.

**FIRE DEPT.** Councilman Pernisek gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

**WATERSHED ASSOC.** Vice-Mayor Campbell was absent; no report.

### OLD BUSINESS

**SEWER PUMP UPDATE** Manager Anthony presented a quote for a substitute replacement pump for the sewer plant. To change the pump style will require major piping changes. No suitable replacement pump is available,

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but repair parts are and will cost \$3,750.00, to have parts available in the event of a pump failure.

**EVFD LEASE AGREE. & PAYMENT** Manager Anthony presented a copy of the \$1.00 lease fee paid by Fred Langil of the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of said lease and the final draft said lease agreement as presented. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the EVFD Lease agreement as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**BOARD & COMM APPOINTMENTS** Manager Anthony presented a list of those serving on various Boards, Commissions, and Committees with terms that expire April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 that wish to be re-appointed for another term: Becky Travis' 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, Noelle Kim's 3-year term Zoning Hearing Board as 1<sup>st</sup> alternate, Sean Kineston's 4-year term on the Planning Commission, and Jon Foulkrod's 5-year term on the Sewer & Water Authority. Paul Lloyd and Mike Dudenhoefer also have submitted their names for consideration to serve on the Planning Commission when there is a vacancy. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to approve all appointments as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**DISTRICT JUSTICE AUDIT** Manager Anthony presented the audit of the District Justice Denise Stuck-Lewis for Council's review. No action required.

**TWP AUDIT REPORT** Manager Anthony presented the yearly audit report by Monahan & Monahan.

**MUNICIPAL LOAN PROGRAM** Manager Anthony presented a copy of a Municipal Loan Program for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to proceed with the application process for a possible loan to pave all remaining Township gravel roads except those shared with other Townships. Some low-volume traveled roads will receive millings and tar & chip. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Council entered in to Executive Session at 4:38 P.M. to discuss possible litigation concerning a floodplain issue. Council re-convened in regular session at 4:56 P.M. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to proceed with legal action of the floodplain issue. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**VISITORS** Nate Latimer of the Edinboro Borough Council addressed Council to see if there is a possibility of Washington Township and the Borough to meet and seek cooperation between the two municipalities.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to adjourn at 4:58 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**