

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on March 18, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were, Councilmen Patterson and Glass. Councilman Feikles was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Zoning Administrator Norman Willow and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitors were John Allen, Rob Estok, Harry Glunt, Caradawn Mitulski, Dennis Mitulski, Bob Ekelund, Mark Soboleski, Jessica Strand, MaryAnne Strand, Dennis Porto, Abbey Hudson, and James Strand.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Council Minutes of March 4, 2014 Reorganization meeting. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve the Council Minutes of the January 6, 2014 regular Council meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15181-15184 and manual checks #15179-15180 (replacing previously voided checks), Sewer Fund #6690, State Fund check #2046, and payroll #15274-15279 and 10022 (Sewer). It was voted on motion by Pernisek, second by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave a verbal report on the following: The Township staff entertained two classes from General McLane High School for Career Day. A purchase of 80 tons of cold patch has been made under the current bid contract that expires April 1, 2104. By purchasing said materials now, the Township pays current prices, as opposed to increased prices after April 1, 2014. The Edinboro News weekly newspaper has stopped printing and the 2014 budgeted advertising costs will increase with advertising in the Erie Times. The Road Crew is trimming brush and are looking into the possibility of reclaiming anti-skid for future use.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a FEMA Floodplain update, and a closing notice from Edinboro News. FEMA has accepted the Township's Floodplain Ordinance as submitted. Abbey Hudson, representing the Edinboro News Journal, was present and informed Council that their weekly publication intends to cover news from the Edinboro area. Manager questioned Ms. Hudson about the paper's circulation to see if it would cover the State's advertising requirements.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Enforcement Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER AUTH. Councilman Feikles was absent; Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting and the flow report.

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FIRE DEPT. Vice-Mayor Pernisek informed Council of the Fire Department's issues with the inspection of a fire truck costs that are approximately \$1,000.00.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Mayor Campbell gave a verbal report of the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

SCARLETT EASEMENT Manager Anthony presented a letter from Attorney David Devine concerning the Scarlett easement. Mr. Scarlett's original request is for free sewer for a period of 50 years for the home located at 12570

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UPDATE Edinboro Road and free installation of the pressurized sewer line to said home, ten (10) EDU's for a period of twenty (20) years, attorney's fees not to exceed \$400, and 4 tri-axle loads of riprap installed at the backside of his property for erosion control. Mr. Scarlett did not negotiate his requests to allow for the sewer line easement across his property to the Township's Peninsula Park; after negotiations with Manager Anthony, Mr. Scarlett stated he wanted ten EDU's placed in reserve for twenty (20) years, without the waiver of fees for said EDU's. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve the easement with Mr. Scarlett with said amendments for the EDU's. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

INVOICE Manager Anthony presented a copy of a torn Township utility billing statement and a response letter to **CONCERNS** the concerned resident about the condition of the billing when residents receive them. Manager Anthony informed the resident that the Post Office was responsible for the damaged billing.

YRLY Manager Anthony presented a list of interested residents wishing to serve on Committees, Commission, **APPTS.** etc., because Darrell Brannon does not wish to be re-appointed to the Planning Commission. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to appoint John Allen to the Planning Commission seat for a 4-year term that expires April 1, 2018. **Motion carried unanimously.** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to re-appoint Laura Tighe to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term ending on April 1, 2017. **Motion carried unanimously.** **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to re-appoint Karl Nordberg to the Sewer Authority for a 5-year term ending April 1, 2019. **Motion carried unanimously.** Once the Water and Sewer Authorities are combined, Mr. Stemmler of the Water Authority will be asked to serve on the newly-formed Water and Sewer Authority.

VISITORS Harry Glunt, Secretary for the American Legion, addressed Council concerning a possible zoning change to C-2 district to allow the American Legion to have a club on a portion of parcel 45-14-22-16, located on Edinboro Road. Manager Anthony recommended the Legion's request be a Conditional Use for said C-2 zoning, to allow a "club" to be located in a C-2 district. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to direct the Planning Commission to investigate the options and bring said options back to Council. James Strand stated that he and his wife, MaryAnne, hold the mortgage on said property owned by Land Ventures and Council should not make any zoning changes at this time until the property in question is sold at Sheriff's Sale to determine ownership. MaryAnne Strand asked why there was a need to "speed" this decision to a vote at this time. Mayor Campbell informed the Strands that ownership of said property did not have bearing on a proposed zoning change, as a change would be district-wide. The **motion was amended** by Glass to draft a proposed ordinance and advertise for public hearing for the April 15, 2014 Council meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to adjourn at 4:48 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**