

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on March 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Foulkrod, Councilmen Stefano and Patterson. Absent was Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, Zoning Officer Carcella, Engineer Halmi and Solicitor Paul Burroughs. Visitor was Amber Wellington.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Foulkrod, to amend the Agenda as presented.

APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of February 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of the February 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12105-12154, Water Fund checks #4525-4538 and manual check #3998, Sewer Fund #5542-5554 and manual checks #4676 and 4694, State check #2001, State check #2002 and payroll checks #10000025, 10000113-10000114, #995356-995365. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Foulkrod, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The winter has been tough on the Township in several different avenues. We are now watching the roads to see what the freeze-thaw cycle may have done to their condition, the budget has been hit hard with significant overtime, cost of repairs and materials to accomplish the removal of the winters onslaught. Some pothole patching has begun as the weather has allowed just a couple of breaks in the action. So far things don't look to bad, but as we have learned in the past, it can literally change overnight. March and April are the months that the true problems rear up. I contracted a local tree service to remove a dangerous situation near Cussewago Circle. A large beech tree that was hollow and in danger of falling on several houses had to be removed professionally due to its location. I will also have the remaining stump ground away. A concerned citizen brought this to my attention.

The Water Department now has internet capabilities. This was a necessity, as the required reporting for water testing has to be electronically submitted by to the State the operator himself. Therefore, we have taken another step towards the electronic age in that department. We still need to install that service to the Public Works Garage in order to allow for record keeping and storm watch abilities. The budget allows for this and the purchase of a new computer for the Garage. I will be making that purchase and installation in the near future.

Sewer Department Operator Tom Swan has informed me that he will be off on sick leave starting March 16th due to some minor surgery on this knee. Mr. Swan feels that he will not be off for an extended period, but I wanted Council to be aware of this situation due to growing concerns about the operation of the plant. Although we have had a couple of snowmelts, the Sewer Department has been able to handle all conditions at the plant without any problems.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Edinboro University concerning the upcoming triathlon, a letter from Bellagio Builders concerning occupancy permits, a letter from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History concerning the natural habitat of Edinboro Lake, and the Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Kutz's resignation.

It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Stefano, to approve the Edinboro Triathlon as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Patterson, to deny the request from Cleveland Museum of Natural History to introduce the Eurasian beetles to control the purple loosestrife; the motion died due to lack of a second.

It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Foulkrod, to table any Cleveland Museum of Natural History decision until more information could be presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report, but presented the Building

Report.

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT No reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the February 24, 2009 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano gave a verbal report of the last meeting.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON No report.

WATERSHED ASSOC. No meeting.

VETS PARK Council Patterson presented a letter from Veterans Park Committee Chair Bunny Bucho thanking Council for all their considerations for the Park.

OLD BUSINESS

ROBINSON It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve Ernie Robinson as a **PROBATIONARY** permanent, part-time employee with a \$.50 increase in wages to \$13.50 per hour.

PERIOD Motion carried unanimously.

STORMWATER REPAIR COST Manager Anthony presented the Deiss Halmi cost estimate for the Conneauttee Heights stormwater upgrades. A lengthy discussion ensued. Council directed Manager Anthony to send letters to the homeowners in the affected stormwater area to see what comments they have concerning the issues and the possible assessed costs.

BRIDGE UPDATE Engineer Halmi presented an update on the Perry Lane and Conneauttee Bridge projects.

UPCOMING APPT. Manager Anthony presented a list of residents interested on serving on the Township's Boards, Authorities, and Committees. It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Patterson, to re-appoint Sue Busse and Karl Nordberg to the Sewer Authority for five-year terms commencing April 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Patterson, to re-appoint Gary Grant and Pearl Bartelt to the Planning Commission for four-year terms commencing April 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Stefano, to appoint David Karrfalt to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term commencing April 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

REST STOP INSP. PROPOSAL It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to accept the proposal from Deiss Halmi in the amount of \$35,211.00 for inspection services for the PennDot Rest Stop Project. Motion carried unanimously.

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6N/ WASH. TOWNE BLVD. ADA Manager Anthony presented a cost estimate in the amount of \$57,470.00 for the ADA compliance of the 6N/ I-79 intersection for Council's review. Manager Anthony informed Council the CDBG funds may be available for this project. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Stefano to pursue the use of CDBG funds for said project. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINES

RES. #6-09 **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Foulkrod, to authorize Manager Anthony for **ELEC. BIDDING** electronic bidding for future purchases or sale of Township items. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RES. #7-09 **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Glass, to approve the right-of-way **R-O-W AGREE.** agreements for the Perry Lane Bridge project as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2009 TAX **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Foulkrod, to approve the 2009 Tax **WARRANT** Warrant as submitted by Tax Collector Laurie Showman. **Motion carried unanimously.**

REPOSITORY **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve the repository sale of a **PROPERTY SALE** trailer identified as tax #45-31-47.3-1.31 located at 11 Boone Drive, to purchaser Shannon Reynolds in the amount of \$250.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Foulkrod, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:43 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**