

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 4, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER** Vice-Mayor Stefano called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on March 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Councilmen Glass and Patterson, and Councilperson Campbell. Mayor Foulkrod was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Carcella. Visitor was Meghan Moeslein.

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

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of February 19, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #10849-10901 and manual checks #10784-10785, and 10842-10843, Water Fund #3830-3846, Sewer Fund #4508-4524, payroll checks #10000013, 10000065-10000066, #995181-995190, and Developer's checks #313-314. It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Manager Anthony presented following report:

Twice this season the tandem plow truck has had a problem with wheels breaking on the rear of the vehicle. Investigation has shown that the original truck was supplied with lighter duty wheels than it probably should have had. The vehicle was purchased via the state contract and of course any warranty for the wheels has long since expired. We are looking at options to replace the wheels on the rear of the vehicle with heavy-duty models. Damage to the rear wheel of the GMC 5500 plow truck also occurred this past weekend, due to the driver cutting too close to a decorative boulder in a lawn at the Lakeside area. The wheel must be replaced. We received three plowing complaints this past month. All were responded to by the Roadmaster personally. Please remember that all Township roads are now posted with 10-ton weight limit signs and will be in affect until May 15. This only allows for local delivery vehicles like garbage and farm-related trucks to utilize the roads. Of course, if we see the possibility of damage from those vehicles we can choose to keep them off as well. Washington Township's policy has been to work with contractors, etc., in an effort to keep them working as much as possible, but not at a risk of damage to the roads. I personally monitor the activities of those requests. The Water and Sewer Departments report nothing of major concern for the past months activities. The Spring thaw will bring forth challenges for the departments as it always does, but I am confident that our experienced staff will be prepared to meet those challenges as they have in the past.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Building Permit Report. Council discussed proposed amendments to Ordinance #2-08. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to set a Public Hearing for the proposed changes on April 14, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** No report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the February 26, 2008 Meeting and an update on proposed Ordinance #2-08, amending zoning changes. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve advertise for Public Hearing the zoning amendments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2008

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Vice-Mayor Stefano gave a verbal report on the last meeting.

**EDINBORO VFD** Mayor Foulkrod was absent.

**WATER AUTHORITY** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** Vice-Mayor Stefano did not attend the last meeting.

**EDINBORO LIAISON** No report.

**VETS PARK** No meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**RESECHEDULED** Manager Anthony presented a copy of the advertisement rescheduling the April 15, 2008 **APRIL MTG** bi-monthly Council Meeting to Monday, April 14, 2008. Council approved this date change at the last meeting.

**DRAFT NEWSLETTER** Manager Anthony presented a draft of the Township newsletter for Council's consideration. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the distribution of the newsletter as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SNOW PLOW UPDATE** Manager Anthony presented a memo advising Council of the snow plowing costs and revenue associated with the Franklin Township agreement to plow their roads for \$15,000.00. No action was required.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MATERIALS BIDS** **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to advertise for bid the road materials as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**OPEN POSITIONS** Manager Anthony presented a list of positions on various Township Boards, Committees, and Authorities that Council will need to consider filling. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to Re-appointment Laura Tighe to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term commencing April 1, 2008. **Motion carried unanimously.** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to re-appointment Tom Torti to the Planning Commission for a four-year term commencing April 1, 2008. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RES. #7-08 PMRS FUNDS** **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve Resolution #7-08, reallocation of municipal retirement contributions among participating pension members, amended on the recommendation of Solicitor Burroughs. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**YMCA MOD. REQUEST** **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the YMCA request to modify YMCA Drive from a 5-lane private drive to a 2-lane road that meets the specifications of a designated Township road. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**VISITORS** None.

**DESIGN STDS.** Council discussed maintenance issues pertaining to 'big box retail' developments and building design concepts. Council directed Zoning Offer Carcella to research alternatives and report back to Planning Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:11 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**