

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on March 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Pernisek, Councilmen Feikles, Glass, and Patterson. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Kathy Pernisek, John Allen, Allan Montgomery, Stephen O'Neill, David Catanzarite, and Lisa Brinker-Cacchione.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was voted on motion by Pernisek, second by Glass, to approve the Agenda with the move up of 13A, Visitors, after Secretary's Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of February 18, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15141-15178, Water Fund #5274-5283, Sewer Fund #6676-6689, Developer's checks #1060, State check #2045, and payroll checks #10012 (Water), 10021 (Sewer), #15264-15273. It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Pernisek, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

February continued with heavy snows and extremely low temperatures that make road maintenance difficult at best. Fortunately, we have had very little problems with equipment but the roads themselves are experiencing a tough season. Once Spring has settled in we will be able to evaluate the winter damage and make a plan of attack to address the situation. We continually monitor the roads, but until they finally thaw, we can only guess as to the repairs that will be needed. We have had several driveway pipes that have frozen in the middle, thereby forcing storm water to divert around them and sometimes onto the road surface. Salt was placed in the entrance of the pipe to try to elevate the problem.

The Water Department continues its fine work by notifying users if we suspect their usage is up from prior months. It can be a leaky pipe, open faucet, or toilet running through, but quite often left unnoticed by the homeowners. One customer remarked that their former supplier would have never offered such personal service; one more thing that we do to offer the best service we can to all our customers.

The Sewer Department continues to bird-dog I & I and found a bad lateral at a home on Skyview Drive, which was immediately repaired by the notified homeowner. Every drop counts in the ongoing battle to remove clean water from our sanitary system. We appreciate the continual search for these never-ending sources of infiltration.

In March we will be advertising for our yearly cold patch supply and fuel service. With the increase in fuel cost and our usage of diesel and gasoline in general up, this will be a major portion of budget.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: An update on the PSATS By-laws and an ECATO Firemen's Dinner notice.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the February 25, 2014 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Mayor Campbell did not attend but presented the Minutes of the January 25, 2014 Meeting.

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WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Minutes were unavailable.

VERTERAN PARK COMM. No Meeting.

EMA Manager Anthony did not attend but presented the Minutes of the February 7, 2014 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

DRAFT SCARLETT PROP. EASEMENT Manager Anthony presented a draft easement with T. Scarlett for the Route 99 Sewer Project line. A lengthy discussion ensued. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to direct Manager Anthony to send the draft easement back for review, deleting #6, waiving all connection fees associated with connecting the sewer system of 10 single-family homes or their equivalent for a period of up to twenty (20) years or the termination of the construction easement. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ROUTE 99 SEWER EXT. PROJECT UPDATE Manager Anthony updated Council on the progression of the Route 99 Sewer Project.

2014 BORO SEWER CHARGES Manager Anthony presented a letter from Engineer Halmi concerning the 2014 Boro sewer calculations the Township will pay for sewage treatment at the Boro plant. The projected charges for 2014 are \$60,605.59 per month.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 TAX DUPLICATE **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Glass, to approve the 2014 Tax Duplicate in the amount of \$324,945.29, of which the Township will receive \$266,455.14 in tax revenue. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UNPAID SEWER ACCOUNTS Manager Anthony presented a list of unpaid sewer accounts for Council's review. No action required.

RES. #7-14 DELINQUENT TAX EXONERATION **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to approve Resolution #7-14, the delinquent tax exoneration, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Lisa Brinker addressed Council on the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Edinboro and asked Council for a \$15,000 donation towards the proposed year-long celebration and to waive zoning fees for businesses to improve their facades for said celebration. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:28 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**