

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 5, 2013

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on March 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Pernisek, Glass, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were Chuck Scalise, Chris Kerns, Kelly Coey, and Denny Porto.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Pernisek, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of February 19, 2013. Voting in favor were Patterson, Pernisek and Feikles. Abstaining were Glass and Campbell due to their absence of said meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #14560-14600, Water Fund #5148-5155, Sewer Fund #6459-6470, Developer's checks #1034-1037 and payroll checks #10000 (Water), 10001 (Sewer), 10002, #15032-15040. Mayor Patterson questioned the EMTA matching fund grant monies that the Township passes through from the Edinboro University Student Government to the EMTA for bus service. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve all the checks as presented. Voting in favor were Campbell, Pernisek, Glass, and Feikles. Voting opposed was Patterson. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

March begins the "frost law" that we implement to keep heavy trucks etc. off our roads as much as possible. All roads are posted at a 10-ton weight limit and it helps to allow the roads to settle slowly during this crucial time. As the frost leaves the roads that have had it driven into them deeply, it is important to allow for a slow thawing without the burden of heavy vehicles traveling over them. The clay composition of our roads causes them to break up very easily in the springtime and causes us considerable financial burden to repair them. Although local delivery traffic such as garbage and milk trucks can continue, we will not allow things like logging, trucking of heavy equipment to travel our roads until May 15th based on our current ordinance. This is a nervous time for the Road Department as we monitor the Spring thaw closely. This dictates the roads program for the summer based on priority of road damage and upkeep from the winter weather, an ongoing process that can seriously impact our budget if we have a tough spring as has occurred in the past.

The Water Department has seen a dramatic decrease in pump times now that the suspected leak has been found and corrected. It appears that the leak was on-going for much longer than originally suspected. The leak apparently started very small and grew substantially over a long period of time. This slow progression went unnoticed for a long time and was confused with normal water usage until the department noticed a disparage between usage and normal pumping. The diligent efforts of our Water Department helped to reduce the impact to our system.

The Sewer Department notes no major problems at this time, although the spring weather will bring about opportunities to seek out sources of I & I and take steps to correct this ongoing financial menace to our system. We have made serious strides ahead but this is an ongoing project that must be at the forefront of the operations goals.

Manager Anthony informed Council of a traffic accident involving a Township plow truck driven by Hank Wescoat that was hit by a pickup on March 1, 2013. The accident is under investigation and Mr. Wescoat is on Worker's Compensation leave.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A Firemen's Dinner notice from ECATO, the dinner sponsor. Council members Campbell, Feikles, and Glass will attend said dinner on April 30, 2013.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Building Report and the Highland Village Senior Housing final development approval. It was voted on

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motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Highland Village request contingent upon the easement agreement between the YMCA and Highland Village for access to the stormwater retention basin with an attached agreement to the Stormwater O & M Plan and all easements being approved by the Water and Sewer Authorities for the extension of service lines from Route 6N to the project site. The zoning permit will not be issued until all contingencies are met. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Patterson presented the Minutes of the February 26, 2013 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilwoman Campbell gave a verbal report of the last meeting that involved a discussion with waste haulers and options for municipalities in Erie County to contract with haulers in order to reduce customer's rates.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Meeting.

VERTERAN PARK COMM. No Meeting.

EMA Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the February 1, 2013 Meeting. Anthony informed Council the EMA has received a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 via the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority for electronic equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2013 TAX DUPLICATE **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to accept the 2013 tax duplicate as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

BOARD VACANCIES & REAPPT. Manager Anthony presented a list of names for consideration to various Boards and Commissions. Manager Anthony informed Council that Planning Commission members Grant and Segal do not want re-appointed to the Planning Commission. Samuel Kim does not want re-appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board, but wishes to be considered for a Planning Commission position. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to re-appoint Becky Travis to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term commencing April 1, 2013 and expiring on March 31, 2016; to not re-appoint Samuel Kim to the Zoning Hearing Board but to appoint Mr. Kim to a Planning Commission position commencing April 1, 2013 and expiring March 31, 2017 for a 5-year term; and to appoint Shaun Fuller to the remainder of Mr. Sayer's Sewer Authority term expiring April 1, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.** Two positions remain vacant: the Zoning Hearing Board second alternate and one on the Planning Commission.

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:59 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**