

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 15, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Vice-Mayor Pernisek called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on April 15, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Councilmen Feikles, Patterson and Glass. Mayor Campbell was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Zoning Administrator Norman Willow and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitors were John Allen, Harry Glunt, Bob Ekelund, Jessica Strand, Abbey Hudson, Paul Ditmore, Steven O'Neill, Shirley Berchtold, Steven Renick, and James Strand.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Council Minutes of April 1, 2014 Council meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15235-15239, Sewer Fund #6710, and payroll #15293-15299 and 10024 (Sewer). It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave a verbal report on the following: Fascia was stolen from the Peninsula Park pavilions and a roof vent was also damaged. Cement blocks and landscape rocks were removed from Wainer Park. Photos of a hopper fabricated by the Road Crew were shown, as well as videos of sewer line I & I. There are five roads with frost damage in need of maintenance: Timber Drive, and Neyland, Fry, Florek, and Hamilton Roads. The Road Crew will commence 9-hour days next week, weather permitting, to repair said conditions. Erie County Recycling has notified the Township that 90% of materials in the recycling bins is trash; the situation must be corrected or the recycling site will be eliminated. Manager Anthony explained some of the abuse may be due to Waste Management's recent cost increase, and informed Council that many commercial businesses in the Township use the bins for their recyclables. Commercial businesses are required to have recyclable bins located on their own properties so as not to overload the public bins. Business owner James Strand questioned this requirement as he uses the public bins as well.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Enforcement Report. A discussion ensued concerning hoarders. Manager Anthony commended Zoning Officer Willow for working with the Edinboro Fire Department concerning dilapidated buildings in Washington Township, in an effort to remove said buildings for public safety. Willow is also working with owners to recycle items on the properties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER AUTH. Councilman Feikles did not attend the last meeting but presented the Minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting and the flow report.

EDINBORO LIASISON Councilman Patterson gave a verbal report of the Borough's last meeting, informing Council of the Borough's zoning requirement for sidewalks to be added to the Wesbury development. The Borough held a public hearing for Wesbury, requesting a variance for relief from sidewalk installation. The Borough Council voted against said developer who stated the project may be in jeopardy due to costs of sidewalk installations. The Borough is considering installing sidewalks to the Giant Eagle store, north of the Borough center. The Food Pantry is moving from the Borough Building to the Edinboro campus; the Senior Center is also moving to the Methodist Church.

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FIRE DEPT. Vice-Mayor Pernisek informed Council of recent costs for fire truck repairs.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Mayor Campbell was absent; no report.

OLD BUSINESS

I & I UPDATE Manager Anthony presented an I & I Report of recent inspections by the Sewer Department.

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a copy of a letter Engineer Halmi sent to the DEP concerning a recent water system inspection. Engineer Halmi requested the DEP changed the total number of copulation served by the Washington Township Water Department to 765 served. This number affects the system monitoring and reporting requirements, which also costs the Township more for water treatment.

ORD. #2-14 **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve Ordinance #2-14, amending **ADDING 'CLUB'** the Washington Township Code §150-18.1.B by adding the word 'club' to the C-2 zoning district. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

TRACTOR SUPPLY DEVELOPERS AGREE. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to accept the Developer's Agreement with Tractor Supply as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Shirley Berchtold addressed Council concerning the ongoing issue of supposed hoarders on Fry Road. Councilman Glass informed Council that hoarders may now be protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and should be aware of the legal rights of the residents when taking action according to the Township Code. Manager Anthony informed Council of several violent confrontations with the Fry Road property owners and precautions are taken when Township employees are involved.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn at 4:42 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**