WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 5, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on April 5, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Patterson, Stefano and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were William Dilla, Betty Dilla, Chris Roth, Dennis Baker, and Mary Anne Strand.

AGENDA APPROVAL **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Agenda with the move of 9A, Executive Session, to follow 13, Visitors. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of March 15, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13416-13461, Water Fund #4883-4897 and manual check #4855, Sewer Fund #6037-6057 and manual check #6014, Developer's check #1011, and payroll checks #10000051, 10000180, #995763-995775. Also presented was a list of proposed General and Sewer Fund manual checks for pre-approval because Council will not meet for a bi-monthly meeting due to lack of a quorum; Council members will be attending the PSATS convention in Harrisburg, PA on April 19, 2011. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to approve all the presented checks and proposed manual checks. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

We are hopeful that the winter plow season is near its end! Upon evaluation of the current snow fighting equipment, we find that the Ford 550 will no longer be able to be use for plowing as the custom built plow frame is beyond repair and far to expensive to replace on such an old truck. It will be used the parks crew to tow the trailer/mowers with. We are investigating a plow for the Water Department truck to utilize for plowing of Water/Sewer locations, relieving the workload on the plow crews and their equipment. The aged Mack tri-axle is in need of major structural work as the springs and trunion maintenance must be completed prior to inspection. We getting several quotes but anticipate the cost to be in excess of $6,000 to complete. The truck is scheduled for replacement, but no money exists at this time for that. We will probably make the repairs then park the truck until this winter for plow use again. This is the next scheduled piece of plow equipment that needs replaced. We continue to prolong the replacement of smaller trucks until this is completed.

Pothole repairs are being made daily and sweeping of roads will commence very soon. It is this time of year that we closely monitor the all roads for damage from the long winter. So far the damage is not overwhelming as has been the case in prior spring thaws, but we will seen continual change until sometime in May as the frost slowly emerges. We have purchased geo-textile for a larger repair on Wetsell Ridge Road, as the base appears to be gone and this type of repair is best for this area. Additional gravel will be hauled in for this repair. As has been the practice in the past, we will determine those areas in most need and plan accordingly.

The Sewer/Water Department deserves recognition for the extra effort they have put forth in search of I & I. using less than optimum equipment, these men have diligently sought out these sources and have mapped them accordingly for future repairs. Many of the simple repairs have been fixed in-house and others will be completed as time and money allows. The information has been passed onto the Engineer so that the I & I Program that the Sewer Authority will be doing this year can focus on the areas that will give us the best value for our money spent on slip- lining and repairs. The push camera will need to be repaired at a cost of about $4,000, but in comparison to a full unit of about $75,000, this is a simple decision.

Manager Anthony informed Council of the need to sell a utility trailer and accessories to purchase an approximate 1,000 gallon tank for water hauling. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the sale of said trailer and accessories to purchase the large tank via Municibid. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE Manager presented the following correspondence: a letter from General McLane School District concerning the proposed feasibility study for public services along Route 99 stating their willingness to pay $2,000.00 of $4,500.00 cost of said study with the consideration that their $2,000.00 contribution will be for future partial payment to sewer tap-in fees if the project comes to fruition, a letter from Matt

Tighe concerning the March 16, 2011 General McLane School Board meeting, a letter from The Marsh Law Firm concerning the Dirt and Gravel Roads project for McLaughlin Road sponsored by the Erie County Conservation District, a Public Safety newsletter from Erie County Executive Barry Grossman, and a letter from Shirley Soth concerning winter snow plowing.
It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to approve $2,500.00 balance of payment portion for the public services feasibility study along Route 99. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the monthly Building Report and updated Council of the proposed Stormwater legislation for Erie County.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION No meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano presented the Minutes of the February 24, 2011 meeting.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the February 10, 2011 Meeting.

EDINBORO LIAISON Councilwoman Campbell gave a verbal report of the Borough's last Meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. No report.

VETS PARK Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting and a thank-you letter to Gae Fuller for her generous donation to the Vets Park Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

I & I UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a report compiled by Joe Yurcak and Norm Willow concerning inflow and infiltration to the Township's sewer lines located along Lay Road to Skyview Drive. The Manager informed Council of the aggressive action the Township is taking to locate I & I and repair said problems in order to reduce treatment costs via the Borough's sewage plant.

BUDGET UPDATE Manager Anthony presented the 2011 budget update for Council's review, and informed Council of the fact the Township is running on a lean budget in lieu of a tax increase for its residents.

NEW BUSINES

BID OPENINGS The following bids were received from vendors for fuel, emulsion, and cold-patch.

Fuel (rack price):	Erie Petroleum	Reed Oil
Unleaded plus gas/ delivered	$3.123 per gallon	$3.1758 per gallon
#2 blended diesel/ delivered	$3.3460 per gallon	$3.3416 per gallon

It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to accept the bid from Reed Oil for unleaded plus gas and diesel fuel. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Emulsion (MC-70):	Russell Standard	Suit-Kote

Delivered	$3.395 per gallon	$3.294 per gallon

It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to accept the bid from Suit-Kote for MC-70. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Cold-patch:	Russell Standard	Suit-Kote
Plant	$74.00 per ton	$74.00 per ton
Delivered	$78.00 per ton	$77.50 per ton

It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to accept the bid from Suit-Kote for cold-patch. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2011 TRIATHLON REQUEST **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to approve the use of Township roads for the Triathlon scheduled for June 4, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TRUCK PURCHASE/ SWAP **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to approve the swap/ purchase of the Township's 2004 Ford 550 and $1,000.00 for John Sweeney's 1995 Ford single- axle diesel dump truck with plow and wing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION Council convened in Executive Session at 8:14 P.M. to discuss litigation. Council re-convened in regular session at 8:32 P.M.
In regular session, **it was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to give instructions for litigation proceedings and to direct the Solicitor to enter into agreements with all defendants except HRG, to preserve cross claims against each other. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS William Dilla addressed Council concerning dog waste at Peninsula Park and the problem of neighborhood dogs allowed to run off-leash and on to others property. Betty Dilla addressed Council concerning the fluctuation of sewer rates and asked what actions were being taken to control costs.

PSATS CONVENTION Councilman Stefano informed Council he would not be able to attend the 2011 PSATS Convention. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to have the Manager and CDBG Specialist attend the PSATS Convention if possible in place of Stefano. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:33 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**