

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 7, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on April 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Councilmen Stefano and Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Vice-Mayor Foulkrod was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, Zoning Officer Carcella, Engineer Halmi and Solicitor Paul Burroughs. Visitors were Amber Wellington, Ted Scarlett, Alissa Roach, William Jacobson, and Renee Handran.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to amend the Agenda with the move-up **APPROVAL** of 11A, T. Scarlett, & 11A, Audit Report, to after the Secretary's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of March 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the CDBG Public Hearing Minutes of the March 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12159-12213 and manual check #11453, Water Fund checks #4540-4553 and manual check #3908, Sewer Fund #5557-5577 and manual checks #4696-4697, State checks #2003-2005, Developer's checks #337-338, CDBG check #552 and payroll checks #10000026, 10000117-10000118, #995370-995380. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously. There will be no bi-monthly Council meeting because three Council members will be attending the PSATS Conference. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the April 21, 2009 payroll as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

them. As expected, we have the normal amount of potholes and erosion on them. The top layer of Arneman Road, south of Kline Road is breaking up. No doubt, we will be doing a lot of spot paving and seal coating again this year. By the first of May I will be able to report to you my recommendations for this year's road projects. I have ordered pipe for the Henneous Road project and additional pieces as needed throughout the Township. The total amount purchased is less than \$10,000 and to avoid additional costs, I piggy-backed off of the Erie COG contract in order to receive the best price. Crews have begun street sweeping and ditching as time and weather permits. We noticed a tear in the cover for the dome building used to store antiskid. The Road Foreman contacted the vendor and they have supplied a replacement cover at no additional cost other than shipping. We will store it until necessary to replace. Also we have ordered in more antiskid to take advantage of last year's price before a new contract is required. As always, we have plenty of work to be completed this year.

The Water Department has been experiencing problems with the telemetry unit that continuously reads the water level in the storage tank near Wal-Mart. After a lengthy process of elimination, it was determined to be in the hard-wire installed by the telephone company. They have now repaired that and all is functioning. This system is connected to a call-out function that alerts the operator to high or low water levels. Obviously, this is crucial for continuous oversight for possible major leaks, fire fighting, or overflows.

The Sewer Department experienced problems with the Decker lift station. It appears that someone is flushing items that will not pass through the large pumps. The crew worked overtime to temporarily correct the problem. The pumps will be pulled to inspect them for damage. No backups occurred, as the local residents are conscientious about calling when the warning lights are activated.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: an appreciation letter from the Miller family for snowplowing, a health care cost report from Cindy Purvis, and letters from Mr. McMullen, Ms. Kline, R. Handran and an anonymous letter concerning the stormwater issues on Woodlawn Drive, a recycling program flyer and a notice from the Liquor Control Board concerning the transfer of a liquor license to Washington Township. Mrs. Handran addressed Council concerning the stormwater issues on Woodlawn Drive. She felt no further action was needed at this time as inspection and cleaning of the system should be sufficient. No action was taken.

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ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Woods subdivision #1-09 and the Building

Report. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Glass, to approve the Woods subdivision #1-09 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs had no report. Engineer Halmi informed Council the Perry Bridge should be ready to go to bid soon and the change agreement for the Conneauttee Bridge has not been completed yet due to an issue with PennDot's software not completing the final drawings. Engineer Halmi also informed Council the PennDot Rest Project construction should be underway anytime. Engineer Halmi updated Council on the Borough's sewer plant project that the contractor will not meet the May 3rd deadline, and a time extension will have to be applied for with the DEP.

It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to authorize Manager Anthony and Engineer Halmi to request said extension from the DEP. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion ensued between Council, Manager Anthony, Solicitor Burroughs and Engineer Halmi concerning possible damages that could be incurred by the Township and the Sewer Authority due to the necessity to seek an extension of the Consent Order and Agreement with the DEP. The failure of the Edinboro contractor to make the substantial completion date for the improvements to the Edinboro Waste Water Treatment plant jeopardizes the timely completion of the upgrades to the Angling Road plant and the extension of the outfall line to the Edinboro plant. Manager Anthony, Solicitor Burroughs and Engineer Halmi will get together to discuss the potential filing of a third party claim against the appropriate entities for these anticipated additional costs due to the contractors poor performance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the March 24, 2009 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION No report.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the March 19, 2009 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON No report.

WATERSHED ASSOC. No report.

VETS PARK No report.

OLD BUSINESS

SCARLETT/ EDINBORO LAKE Manager Anthony presented an email from Brian Zimmerman concerning the proposed introduction of weevils to eliminate certain varieties of weeds in Edinboro Lake. Mr. Zimmerman expounded on the attributes of using weevils, but requested more information concerning the targeted loosestrife plants.

It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to support the Asian weevil introduction on Edinboro Lake as previously presented, as long as all state and federal requirements are met. After a lengthy discussion, the **motion was tabled** until further studies could be reviewed.

EMC POSITION Manager Anthony informed Council of his concerns filling the EMC position. Manager Anthony and Engineer Halmi met with Erie County Emergency Management Coordinator to come up with a solution to ensure Washington Township is compliant with emergency management requirements. Manager Anthony suggested Council consider joining with other municipalities to hire an EMC through the County. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to direct Manager Anthony to initiate the process for

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multiple municipalities to contract one EMC for all the involved municipalities and share to cost of this position. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CDBG ARRA **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to make application for \$34,000 ARRA **PROJECT** funds towards the purchase of a replacement sewage treatment package plant for Lovett's Mobile Home Park, that meets the Township's LMI criteria. **Voting in favor** were Glass, Campbell and Stefano. **Voting opposed** was Patterson. **Motion carried.**

MATERIALS BIDS OPENING Bids for the following materials were received:

Fuel @ rack price March 31st:

Erie Petroleum	\$1.4952 gasoline	\$1.4780 diesel
Harned Oil Products	\$1.5029 gasoline	\$1.5929 diesel
Urraro Oil	\$1.4981 gasoline	\$1.4625 diesel

After conferring with the Solicitor and determining more diesel fuel is consumed than gasoline, the bid was awarded based on diesel bids. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to approve the bid from Urraro Oil. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Emulsion (MC-70):

Russell Std.	\$2.733/gal applied
Suit-Cote	<u>\$2.807/ gal applied</u>

It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve the bid from Russell Standard. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Cold patch: 3,000 Ton

Russell Std.	\$65.00/ton FOB	\$68.25 delivered
Suit-Cote	\$64.00/ton FOB	\$66.50 delivered \$2.99/ gal

It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the bid from Suit Kote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Brine:

Seneca mineral	\$0.20/ gal	(only bid)
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It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the bid from Seneca Mineral. **Motion carried unanimously.**

AUDIT REPORT Greg Ruban of Felix & Gloeckner presented the 2008 Audit Report for Council's review. No action was required.

NEW BUSINES

DRAFT SPRING NEWSLETTER Manager Anthony presented a the draft newsletter for Council's review. No action was required.

RECYCLING NEWSLETTER Manager Anthony presented the Erie County Recycling newsletter for Council's review. No action was required.

PROPOSED PSATS RES. & BY-LAWS CHANGES Manager Anthony presented proposed resolutions and by-law changes that will be presented for Council's vote at the upcoming PSATS Convention. No action was required.

BERMER QUOTES Council reviewed three quotes for a bermer: \$6,044.00 from Chemung Supply; \$6,020.00 from Walsh equipment; \$7,171.00 from U.S. Municipal Supply. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to approve the quote from Walsh Equipment as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 9:10 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

